



Clever Students Open Windows to the Future of Learning

Congratulations to Glenbrook School and Owairoa Primary School, winners of the New Era and Microsoft New Zealand Windows to the Future Competition!

Organised by New Era and Microsoft, the competition opened in May and asked New Zealand students and their teachers: What does the school of the future look like? Schools from across New Zealand responded with ideas from 'homework helper lunch boxes' to 'learning helmets', using Microsoft technology to showcase their visions of the future.

Ambassadors from both schools were present at a prize giving held at the Microsoft New Zealand Headquarters. Managing Director of Microsoft New Zealand, Barrie Sheers presented the awards, commending students and teachers on their "incredible" work.

New Era Education and Client Services Manager, Tony Gilbert was thrilled with the quality and creativity demonstrated by the winning submissions.

"The appeal for us was the spectrum of innovation, forward thinking and practical application of the ideas. We thought the presentations were outstanding. Having the students talk confidently and authentically about their own inventions was the real icing on the cake. Special mention must also go to the teachers that have created an environment where these students can express their creativity and explore technology to create meaning – outstanding stuff!"

The enthusiasm and optimism of the presentations was catching. "We

can't wait to see what you create next," Tony said.

New Era and Microsoft New Zealand would like to thank all of the schools who participated in the competition.

