

Ag students head into workforce

By Celeste Lodewyk

After 42 weeks of study, five Marlborough Onsite Education graduates have received their level two NZQA national certificates in Agriculture.

Darren Fowke, James Johnston, Andre Groenewald, Jayden Ave-Drew and Tamati Ranguiaia were congratulated by staff on Monday and were presented their certificates by National Kaikoura MP Colin King.

The course is conducted in and out of the classroom, placing students in practical, hands on learning environments, says practical tutor Brett Billingsley.

“Students are taken to Marlborough farms where they spend four days a week gaining skills and knowledge in fencing, stock handling, use of farm machinery and vehicles.

The fifth day is then spent working on theory at the Onsite Education classroom,” he says.

Now that they have received their certificates, they are now heading out into the workforce and apply their new knowledge and skills, while Darren plans to carry on and gain his level four certificate.



PASSED: (Back) James Johnston, Jayden Ave-Drew, Tamati Ranguiaia, (front) Darren Fowke and Andre Groenewald were thrilled to receive their level two certificates in Agriculture from Onsite Education.

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