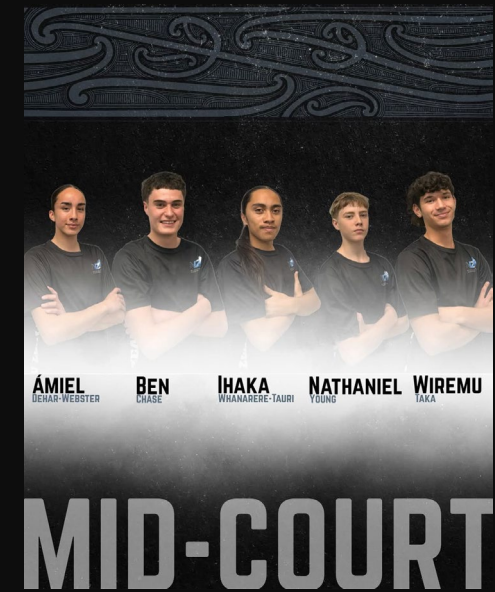
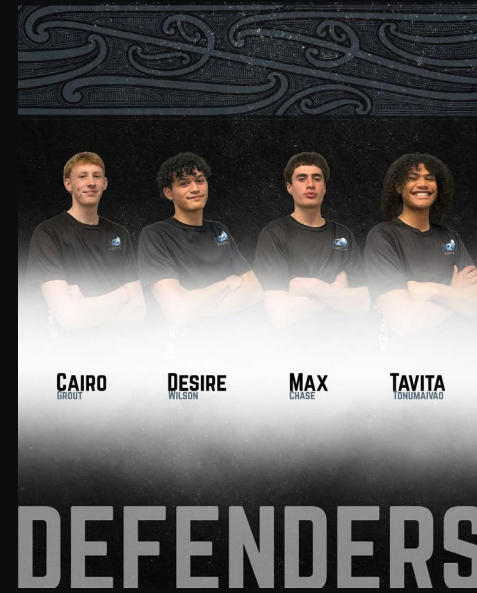




2026 New Zealand 17 & Under Men's Netball Team

Ben and Max Chase (twins)

Y1 to Y8 were completed locally. Their netball journey began in their primary school years, representing Halcombe School in the Feilding Saturday Morning Netball competition.



The pathway for males in the Manawatū is for them to play in a mixed team at primary school, through to the end of Year 8; until this year, though efforts have been made, there hasn't been a pathway for males to continue in the game locally.

This year however, Manawatū took two teams to the NZMMNA National Men's Tournament. The Manawatū U20 Men's Team went through the tournament unbeaten, winning the B Grade and earning promotion to the A Grade for 2027.

Selection to the NZ U17 Men's Team followed.



Being named to the 2026 New Zealand 17 and Under Men's Netball Team was an exciting time and the experience has been truly rewarding.

- Getting to know players that they've played against, and being able to now count them as friends.
- Learning new skills on the court, and implementing them alongside the best players in their age group, in the country.
- Honouring the national anthem and taking in that moment.
- Playing against Australia and seeing the skill level and intensity that they bring.
- Experiencing a high performance team environment.
- Representing New Zealand, together (*note, there were three sets of twins at the Trans Tasman Series – two from NZ and one from Australia*).



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As a family, we're extremely grateful for the support.

Thank you!

