

Students capture 40-hour famine fun

OPOTIKI College students are not just working on their education - they're working to make the world a better place.

With this year's 40-Hour Famine just a few weeks away college students will be out and about gathering sponsorship for the event, with proceeds going to support World Vision charities.

Teacher Jared Lynn said last year's hair-raising antics - which saw students bidding in an auction for the right to shave teachers' heads - were so successful that as well as the usual famine on the weekend of May 23 and 24, the school would hold other events to raise funds.

World Vision is trying to raise the stakes because of the global food crisis - the situation is dire for a lot of people in third world countries.

"Opotiki people need to be aware that students will be going around looking for sponsorship, and we

would really appreciate a generous response to this worthy cause."

Mr Lynn said he would appreciate donations of fun prizes to be used as incentives for students to work hard at gaining sponsorship.

He said the college was wanting to offer three prizes for the students who raised the most money; as well as prizes for two competitions - a song-writing competition and an art competition, based on the theme of making a difference for those less fortunate.

And rather than the auction being merely to shave the heads of teachers, students would be bidding for the right to create the craziest haircuts imaginable, with a prize going to the best hairstyle.

People wishing to donate prizes or offer other assistance towards the fundraising efforts can call Jared Lynn at Opotiki College on 07 3157022 or email jare3dl@opotikicol.school.nz



►LAST year's 40-hour famine fundraising was a hair-raising time for college teacher Gareth Cass.

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