

Legs stripped, coins gained

It goes without saying that it was the girls who dreamed up last Friday's unusual '40-Hour Famine/World Vision' fundraiser at Hutt Valley High School.

The hairy legs of 25 Year10-13 boys were to lose their manly hirsute look in the name of raising dollars for poor people in developing nations. Though dubbed 'Shaving Lives', the reality was more 'ripping out roots and all'.

No warm water to soften the waxing process. And a hall half full of gloating classmates looking on to laugh/wince at their discomfort.

The girls were doing the waxing and - along the lines of 'now you know what we put up with' - appeared to relish the task.

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Most boys struggled to stay staunch. But their yelps of pained surprise gave them away.

Alex Baker, school sports captain, who raised \$90 in sponsorship, reckoned it wasn't that bad. He rated the dentist's drill as more painful.

"My mum talked (the waxing) up to me as being worse than it is," he said.

A male teacher who looked on was having none of it. "Enough pain comes along in your life without submitting to this," he said.

The girls would have it that they suffered too. They had to handle all waxing strips bristling with long black hair. "Quite nasty," said one.

by Simon Edwards



HAIR RAISING: School sports captain Alex Baker looks like he'd rather be at the bottom of a scrum than suffer more leg waxing. His helpers (torturers?) are Lara Bolton and Jasmine Wikstrom.
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