



Kia ora whānau

My name is Autumn Karatau-Te Kuru. Our Manawatū team recently competed in the NATIONALS U17 tournament in Pukekohe. It was a fantastic opportunity not only for ourselves as players but for Manawatū Softball as it has been a few years since Manawatū has participated in that age group at a national level.

“After the tourney Israel Nukunuku finalised the selection of the ISA New Zealand Boys U17 team to Europe (Prague and Copenhagen) in May 2017, based on nominations and performance in tournaments over the last two years”.

I was re-selected and named in the 2017 squad! In order to participate & attend, I need to fundraise \$4950 in a short few weeks.

I’ve been very fortunate to receive a sports funding grant from my iwi Ngāti Toarangatira. This covered the player contribution for nationals, a new catchers glove as well as securing my spot to participate on the Europe tour. A huge mihi of thanks to Ngāti Toarangatira for supporting me.

I'm looking forward to the next challenge as this will be a truly outstanding and exciting opportunity to not only compete at that level but to also have a rewarding and life enriching experience.

Ngā mihi, Autumn Karatau – Te Kuru



Manawatū vs Hawkes Bay, Tairāwhiti & Wellington

