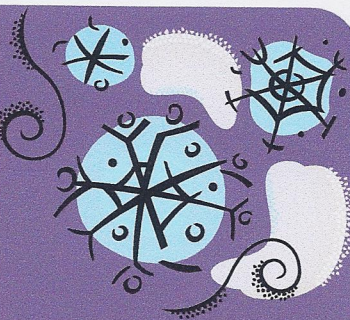




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- Customer Care
- Quality
- Innovation
- Team Work
- Communication

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Brrrrr It certainly is a chilly winter!!!!

Despite the cold the past few months have been really good. I went to my first PINZ conference where I furthered my knowledge in plastics and business practice within the industry and got to meet some great people.

The North Shore YES scheme showcased some fantastic business ideas. I really enjoyed the presentations and congratulate all students involved. I wish all the best to those attending the finals.

Steve Morrison spent some time in Japan with our

fantastic machinery supplier AOKI who are exhibiting new Machinery at the NPE in Chicago and their stand will feature LinkPlas Bottles.

Lastly, Nick Tienstra our factory Manager advised on unit standards for Plastics Engineering Training in NZ through Pampito during May.

Happy Reading ...

Regards

Deryn French

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## Y.E.S. what talent we have ...

This year LinkPlas were one of the sponsors for the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) run through **Enterprise North Shore (ENS)**.

**Steve Morrison** (Managing Director) and **Nick Tienstra** (Factory Manager) set aside time to guide and mentor teams that required it especially in the practicalities of manufacturing and innovation. Steve Morrison was even invited to the judging panel

where he scored the students business ideas on his areas of expertise, Innovation



future as a country of Inventive, Professional and Prosperous individuals in business looks like a force to be reckoned with" - **Steve Morrison**.

Westlake Boys High School took out first place with the company **Clean Ads** (print advertising on toilet paper) and we'd like to congratulate them and all students involved in the scheme.

[www.clean-ads.com](http://www.clean-ads.com)

## Steve's A-OK Time



In late May **Steve Morrison** visited our Machinery supplier **AOKI** in Japan. Steve spent time with **Mr Aoki**, a very philosophical man who enjoys discussing everything from general business to environmental issues. Steve finds these discussions very informative and leaves with a new level of motivation. The AOKI team also had the **500LL machine** (latest cutting edge enviro tech-

nology) running 330ml water bottles at 140,000 units a day, very impressive! This machine along with the Te Waihou, 420 and Waiwera Water bottles made here at LinkPlas were displayed by AOKI at the National Plastics Exhibition. [www.npe.org](http://www.npe.org)



## Plastic Fantastic

The Plastics Institute of New Zealand (PINZ) conference was held on 19th of June in Auckland. This was the first time I'd attended such an event and so early in my packaging career, but when an opportunity arises one must seize it. Information provided by Pampito about training, NZTE about Lean Manufacturing and PINZ work with plastics and the environment added considerably to my knowledge base and I met some great people.

Nick Tienstra spent some time at Pampito assisting with the training levels for the Injection stretch blow moulding review 2009. Nick advised on unit standard criteria to ensure the curriculum remains current and relevant to the advances made in moulding and tooling technology.

**Two Fantastic Plastics Events!!!**

Communication - "When people talk listen completely" - Ernest Hemingway