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Walls That Talk: Ngā Pātū Kōrero, is a documentary theatre project with the heavy contribution of Unitec acting tutor **Pedro Ilgenfritz**. Led by applied theatre specialist Dr Rand Hazou, the theatre project provided a creative and therapeutic forum for prisoners to reflect on and better understand their life experiences both inside and beyond the prison walls. Dr Hazou says access to the arts in prison is a human rights issue. “We need to be supporting an engagement with the arts in prison because corrections is a system that often dehumanises people,” he says. Pictured below is Pedro Ilgenfritz (left) with Dr Rand Hazou preparing for a theatre performance with Auckland Prison inmates. Read more about the project here: <https://bit.ly/2RLJZye>



Unitec Acting graduate **Kruze Tangira** is also the New Zealand Men's Vice-Captain. Tangira debuted for the New Zealand men's open team in 2016 in a tri-series against Australia and Tonga in Wellington. He also played for the New Zealand under-23 men in 2009 and 2010. The multi-talented actor and star netballer played multiple games the past week against other men's netball teams, along with two public games against the renown Silver Ferns, leaving victorious on all rounds.



Robyn Paterson, a graduate of Unitec acting, has had high praise for her Edinburgh Fringe show *The South Afreakins* - with Robin playing 4 characters, switching between them an unbelievable 400 times. A reviewer commented saying, *'what an incredible show, pure comedic/acting genius!'* South African born actress Robyn Paterson has been a professional playwright and actress for over 14 years in theatre, film and television in Australia, New Zealand and London. Robyn also stars in globally released 2019 LGBTQ film *Same But Different* set in New Zealand. The Impi Theatre Company is comprised of recent graduates from London's top dramatic universities including Royal Holloway University, Kingston University, and London South Bank University.



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Student semester break