



**TEAM WORK:** Nathan Topia (left), Jason Rossiter, Arnold Lawrence and Arapeta Hough bagged themselves a pig and three deer.



**TOP SHOT:** Te Turi Tamakehu, 7, shows off the magpie she shot down.

# They're back from the hunt

The hunters came home from the hills with plenty of game yesterday as teams competing in the Whanganui River Hunting and Wild Food Festival entered the weigh-in at Parikino Marae. Before the big game could be weighed, children brought their possums, rabbits and magpies to the scales and little ones were also dominating the sound stage. Te Roopu o Parikino "midgies" kapa haka group showed why they were winners at the Hui Aranga Easter gathering this year while other tamariki lined up for their first ta moko temporary tattoos or colourful face-painting. Adults got their turn when band Celsius took to the stage and the big game hit the scales. *Wanganui Chronicle* photographer **BEVAN CONLEY** and reporter **LIZ WYLIE** went along and met some hunters and stallholders.



**FAMILY AFFAIR:** Louise Lett 12 with her brothers Korban 11, and Mitchell 7, entered possums in the best-dressed and weigh-in competitions.

**GOOD CATCH:** There were plenty of possums to be weighed in at the event.



**SWEET TREATS:** Akere Tamakehu and her River Road Brownies were a popular attraction.



**LITTLE WINNERS:** Parakino's young kapa haka winners, Te Roopu o Parikino "midgies", performed for the crowd.



**TA MOKO:** Jarvis Whenuaroa, 6, gets his first design from Medz Nepia while his cousin Liseyus 4, waits his turn.