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LEARNING TIME: Piata Turnball, from Taneatua School, checks out the computer at the town's new cyber lounge. Photo Troy Baker D1340



Trickle down a failure

I WRITE in response to the letter by chamber of commerce chief executive Gerard Casey (*BEACON*, November 14) in which he addresses my criticism of his response to the Air New Zealand termination of services to and from Whakatane.

Mr Casey has a myopic view of business. He says, "As an organisation that represents business, we have to respect the decisions businesses make", and thereby tries to wash his hands, like Pontius Pilate, of the struggle between big business and working people that has seen public assets sold off at fire-sale prices, employment contract laws eviscerated, the state hollowed out, and a level of inequality created that has not been seen since before the 1929 Wall Street crash.

The mantra of the "free-market" is in fact not free at all but a means for the corpo-

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