



**Taking orders:** Kahu Youth group members (clockwise from bottom left) youth worker Angie Griffiths, Bradley Mathews (14), Callum Rennie (12), Amber Makeham (12) and Emma Stalker (11) were a colourful attraction at Wanaka restaurant Amigoes on Tuesday night. *PHOTO: CRIS JOHNSTON*

## Youth group works at Mexican restaurant to raise money

**By CRIS JOHNSTON**

A WANAKA restaurant was running on kid power this week as teenagers from the Kahu Youth Group began their annual stint in the hospitality world on Tuesday night.

For the fourth consecutive year, the owners of Mexican outlet Amigoes, Nicki and Warren Bradley, are giving young people a hands-on opportunity to “run” the restaurant and gain experience in everything from plating up to serving guests, cash-handling and of course washing dishes.

“We have around six young people over five nights and give 50 percent of

the take to the youth group,” Mrs Bradley said.

“Each year they have probably earned from \$1000 to \$1200. Last year they were able to buy a computer. We really love being able to support them and our customers really enjoy them, too.”

Youth worker Angie Griffiths said the young restaurateurs, aged 11 to 19 years, worked in different groups of five to six over five nights until May 31.

“They get a full-on look at the hospitality business and an opportunity to engage with members of their community. They love it,” Ms Griffiths said.