

# Te Kakara

o te Hinu Raukawa



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## South Waikato Youth Strategy Launched!



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New CEO Appointed

# RST Chair Message

Welcome to the Winter edition of Te Kakara. It is a pleasure to introduce this edition of our Raukawa pānui which shares some of the progress and developments achieved by our iwi in the previous three months.

In July we farewelled acting Chief Executive Grant Berghan who has returned to the North to work for his people after a very positive and constructive two year contract working for Raukawa. Grant was originally engaged on a six month contract while we consolidated our tribal operations and completed our settlement negotiations. In July there was a well-attended farewell for Grant, where we also were able to introduce new Chief Executive Mahanga Maru.

Mahanga has transitioned smoothly into the role and has continued the momentum Raukawa has achieved in recent years. A more detailed introduction to Mahanga sits in the adjacent page.

I however, would like to say it was a testament to the progress and momentum achieved by Raukawa in recent years that we had such a high calibre of applicants who applied as Chief Executive for Raukawa. Mahanga was the successful applicant and brings a range of skills and experience which will complement our strong and enthusiastic team and the governance that you, our people, have appointed to ensure our iwi is achieving our potential and nurturing and protecting the legacy now and into the future.

Enjoy this edition of Te Kakara, your pānui, and take in the achievement and progress of our iwi.

**Nā Vanessa Eparaima**  
Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson



## Special Resolution Vote 2013 Results

As mentioned in our previous pānui, we began the process towards implementing the special resolution vote required to approve three proposed amendments to the Raukawa Settlement Trust Deed.

On Friday September 13th, 2013, voting closed on three special resolutions which eligible registered RST members were asked to support or to oppose via a postal ballot. The vote followed three consultation hui held through August and a mail-out to eligible registered Raukawa members with information to inform voters, as well as voting packs. Each resolution required at least 75 per cent of all eligible votes to be passed and accepted.

The Raukawa Settlement Trust would like to thank all voters for their participation in the special resolution process.

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	Resolution to be voted on	Agree	Disagree	Result
1	Approve the inclusion of Te Omeka Marae as a "Raukawa Marae" within the Raukawa Settlement Trust Deed	66%	34%	Failed
2	Approve the disestablishment of the "Hapū Representative" Trustee positions	83%	17%	Passed
3	Approve that other technical amendments (which do not relate to the resolutions above) be made to the Raukawa Settlement Trust Deed.	89%	11%	Passed



# Meet our New CEO



Raukawa Staff members welcome our new CEO, Mahanga Maru, during his welcoming pōwhiri at the Tokoroa Head Office

*Whāia te iti kahurangi;  
ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei  
Nā Tā Āpirana Ngata*

To make sure he was fully up to speed with the operations of Raukawa, new Chief Executive Mahanga Maru (Ngāti Porou) moved into the flat of out-going acting-CEO Grant Berghan for his first week in Tokoroa. Mahanga said the time spent together provided a crucial introduction to the business and the Raukawa team to help ensure he would ‘hit the ground running’.

*“I am delighted to join the Raukawa team. Raukawa have made significant gains in recent years and the future for the iwi is exciting...I want to acknowledge Grant as the out-going CEO for his contribution and leadership during a period of change and development for the organisation.” Mahanga Maru, CEO.*

Originally from the heart of Ngāti Porou, Mahanga is formerly from Wellington, the father of two boys, Arani and Sachin and married to Samantha Naidoo. He brings more than 25 years in leadership, corporate and business management positions across the private and public sector.

Raukawa Settlement Trust Chair Vanessa Eparaima said she was pleased to be able to appoint someone of Mahanga’s experience to lead the Raukawa management team and staff in the next phase of the tribe’s development.

*“Mahanga brings experience to the role in senior management positions, governance and also in leading his own company, his experience spans across a range of sectors including health services, energy, aviation, oil and gas. He has also provided advice to government agencies and private sector companies both in New Zealand and off shore.” Vanessa Eparaima, RST Chairperson.*



Mahanga leading discussions at the Executive Management hui

His appointment followed a robust recruitment process that began in February and concluded in May this year. Mrs Eparaima acknowledged the work of the recruitment panel which was made up of independent recruitment advisors - Tumanako Wereta, Ruakawa Charitable Trust Deputy Chair Kataraina Hodge, employment specialist Michelle De Beer, and Grant Berghan.

For Mahanga it is early days and he is focused on coming up to speed with the business and ensuring Raukawa continues to achieve its objectives. When asked about who he is and his goals in life, Mahanga says that:

*“Who I am, was and is informed by my whānau and hapū in a little place called Ruatōria. My goal has always been to help our people to achieve their potential. The famous Ngāti Porou whakatauki “Whāia te iti kahurangi; ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei” is about setting goals, to strive, to persevere and reminds me of what the future holds.”*

Finally, Mahanga says that he is very fortunate and excited to be given the opportunity to lead this organisation with a bold vision and to do the best job he can, working with his management team and staff.

**Nā Jon Stokes**  
**Communications Advisor**

# Sports Challenge

## Raukawa vs Council!



Preparing for battle - Raukawa Staff members issue a challenge to their Council counterparts with a light hearted skit



After months of building anticipation for our first Sports and Cultural Exchange with the South Waikato District Council, the day finally arrived on Friday 19th April. We had already beaten the Council in two key events, “Bike to Work” and the “Walk to Work” challenges, which were featured in our last pānui.

We met after work at the Events Centre and began the evening with a sausage sizzle. This was a tactical move on our part, to wear them down by filling their puku’s. The first event was the performance challenge, and I must say that they did very well with their pony tails and pom poms. The next event was the obstacle course which thanks to our rangatahi, we narrowly won.



Volleyball and basketball was next on the programme, and it was interesting to see Council bring on their basketball hot shots against our rangatahi. We weren’t the slightest bit intimidated by their ring-ins because we’d paid off the umpires and rigged the rules. That brought the game to a level playing ground but I think they may have won overall.

Tug of War came next and Council took cheating to a whole new level. The rules were clear that it was the best of 3 with the first being a match between our rangatahi. After our kids won their match, our big guns stepped up to the mark, and after a well fought tussle of toing and froing, we were victorious. But they were not happy and asked for another match.



Te Paea Riki-Hamana headed our cake decorating team in the next event, and led us to another victory. We decided to be fair and give them a win for the “dress the CEO” event which brought us to a draw.

The last event of the evening was the decider, which was table tennis between the CEO’s, former Raukawa CEO, Grant Berghan, and SWDC CEO, David Hall. That was befitting considering it was them that had started it all. Thanks to some fancy moves by our leader, we were triumphant but decided to give them the trophy to continue our excellent relationship with our Council brethren.

Nā Vikki Hayes

Executive Assistant: Chief Executive Office





Raukawa and five District Councils sign JMAs at Ngātira Marae: Photo by Chris Williams

## Historic Joint Management Agreements

**On Thursday 5th September Raukawa joined with the Taupō, South Waikato, Waipa, Otorohanga and Rotorua District Councils to sign five historic Joint Management Agreements (JMAs) at Ngātira Marae.**

The day was a great success with the Mayors (or their deputies) of each council signing the agreements alongside our Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Trustees of the Raukawa Charitable Trust. The fundamental purpose of the JMAs is to restore and protect the health and wellbeing of the river for present and future generations and firmly cement each party's commitment to enter into a new era of co-management and governance over the Waikato and Waipa Rivers. The JMAs provide a platform for Raukawa to be involved at the front end of the Resource Management Act processes and influence decisions affecting these two significant awa.

Raukawa have previously signed a co-management agreement with the Waikato Regional Council for the length of the river which flows through the

Raukawa rohe from Te Toka a Tia near Taupō through to Karāpiro. Raukawa Settlement Trust Chairperson Vanessa Eparaima said Raukawa is passionate about restoring the Waikato River to its former pristine glory. "For many years our people have been forced to sit as silent observers to the degradation of the river's sacred nurturing waters. I applaud the commitment and shared vision of local councils who are working constructively with iwi to halt the decline and turn the tide on the pollution of the river's waters". Raukawa continues to work with central and local government and other agencies to ensure that the restoration of the Waikato River remains a key priority, and that it is protected for the future benefit of all New Zealanders.

The signing of the JMAs marks a significant milestone for Raukawa and we would like to express our thanks to each of the district councils and staff for their hard work in the development of the JMAs. We would also like to thank Kaumātua Hori Deane and the whānau of Ngātira Marae for hosting this significant occasion.

**Nā Environment Group**

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# Returning to Mōkai Marae

*26 years later we reflect*

**T**he Raukawa Settlement Trust provides an annual marae distribution designed to boost marae development. Along with the annual grant, we support our people with a wide range of iwi-led services and endowments. As we move into our post-settlement phase, it is important to remember not only our humble beginnings as an iwi organisation, but also the dedication of our tūpuna who rose to the challenge to create a better future for our tamariki. Our story begins in December 1986 at Mōkai Marae.

Mōkai is our southernmost marae, and is located just north of Taupō, in Te Pae-o-Raukawa. Mōkai has strong affiliations, not only to Raukawa, but Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Te Arawa also. The whare tūpuna is called *Pakaketaiari*, and was commissioned in 1886 by Hitiri Paerata, who was the Rangatira of seven hapū in the area; Ngāti Parekawa, Ngāti Te Kohera, Ngāti Whaita, Ngāti Tarakaiahi, Ngāti Haa, Ngāti Wairangi and Ngāti Moekino.

*“...Te Piwa Te Tomo selected the trees from Ngā Uru Rakau ki Tuaro to construct the building started in late 1896. In 1900 Motu Heta began carving and by 1903 Pakaketaiari was completed and the house opened by Prime Minister Hon Richard Seddon. Pakaketaiari is the parliament of the 7 hapū who associate to Mōkai Marae with Ngāti Te Kohera being the principal hapū.”*

*Extract: Tūwharetoa Cultural Knowledge Project 2010*

The whare tūpuna is adorned with rich carvings, where the tekoteko represents the apical ancestor *Pakaketaiari* and the left amo depicts, at the top, *Te Rangipumamao* and at the bottom *Kahura-a-Tai*. The right amo depicts, at the top, *Huatanga* and at the bottom *Ngamotu*. The whare kai is named *Parehingaawatea*, the wife of *Pakaketaiari*.

The area is famous for the geothermal activity that vents up from the ground and provides not only economic benefits to local hapū, but reminds us of our kōrero tuku iho. The geothermal activity is said to come from two taniwha, *Te Pupu* and *Te Hoata*, who were sent by the sisters of *Ngātoro-i-rangi* to bring him fire and warmth while climbing *Tongariro*. Embers fell from the sacred kete that *Te Pupu* and *Te Hoata* brought from *Hawaiki*, and formed the line of geothermal fire which extends from the Pacific Ocean and beneath the *Taupō Volcanic Zone*. The journey is seen in the many volcanoes and



*Mōkai Marae: photo by Dennis Tohovaka*

hot-springs extending from *Whakaari* (White Island) to *Tokaanu* and up to the *Tongariro* massif.

Rich in history and natural resources, Mōkai also holds a special place in the history of modern Raukawa. In December 1986, a hui-a-iwi was held at Mōkai Marae, where it was agreed that Raukawa should establish a tribal forum, as a means of enhancing the social, welfare, and economic prosperity of the iwi. A Steering Committee was established and the Ngāti Raukawa Trust Board was incorporated on 25 March 1987 under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957. The Trust held the princely sum of ten dollars and its office sat on *Thompson Street* in *Tokoroa*.

Today, the Raukawa Group is one of the largest employers in the South Waikato and manages assets and investments in excess of \$100 million. The Group continues to grow and diversify its services and commercial portfolios for the benefit of its 6,000 registered tribal members.

And as if by coincidence or luck, our organisation is currently led by *Vanessa Eparaima*, from Mōkai Marae. So 26 years later, let us reflect upon the momentous decision made by our old people at the Mōkai hui, and let us honour the hard work and dedication of all our kaumātua, kaimahi, and whānau who have shaped a brighter future for our people.

**Nā Tōmai Smith**

**Communications Manager: Chief Executive Office**





## Treaty Team

### Supplementary Deed Signing

Before providing an update on the progress of our Treaty work I take this moment to reflect upon a great event that shaped the recent history of our people, that being, the signing of our Comprehensive Deed of Settlement in June 2012. Few will ever forget that crisp morning as the tendrils of winter retreated before the warm glow of the sun, and from the iwi that gathered below on the marae ātea of Aotearoa.

Old friends cajoled with each other, absent whānau were embraced, and children laughed and played oblivious to the importance of the event. Often our thoughts would turn fondly to George Rangitua, former RST Chair, as he lay in hospital, unable to attend the event. Little did he know that the Minister of Treaty Settlements, Hon Chris Finlayson, would travel to his bedside so that he could sign the document himself. When the motu and then the Crown came onto our marae they saw a united and powerful iwi.

A year on, Raukawa and the Crown gathered once more on June 27th, to sign a supplementary deed of settlement. Because many of our neighbouring iwi were yet to finalise their various settlements, it meant that some areas of redress for Raukawa needed to be settled at a later date. Now those areas have been negotiated by Crown and other iwi, we are now able to finish off the remaining balance of our treaty affairs. This supplementary deed sees the recognition by the Crown of Raukawa interests in Maungatautari and waterways such as the Puniu River. Due to its supplementary nature, our trustee's agreed that the signing at this stage should be a small, intimate event, held at the offices of the Raukawa Charitable Trust. The supplementary deed was signed by trustees and witnessed by kaumātua and Neil Sinclair - South Waikato District Council Mayor. Vanessa Eparaima, our Lead Negotiator, says that *"This completes a significant amount of work that will now translate into legislation in the form of the Raukawa Settlement Claims Bill."*

With both the comprehensive and supplementary deeds signed, the last steps in our reconciliation with our Treaty partner is the passage of our empowering legislation through Parliament. I am very pleased to announce that on July 2nd, the Raukawa Settlement Claims Bill was introduced into Parliament and on 7 August, received its first reading. This is again a significant milestone in the Treaty journey for the iwi and one which the team has been working on since that wonderful day in June 2012. From there the bill progresses through the parliamentary processes before it becomes law.

**Nā Nigel Te Hiko**  
Co-negotiator



# Environment Group

## Our Tiger Worm Solution



The RCT Recycling Group is made up of a number of staff who have a passion for waste reduction! The group has recently introduced some new initiatives at the head office to help us better manage our waste and ultimately look at ways we can reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

Firstly, the group undertook a waste audit to get a handle on what is currently being thrown away that could be recycled or composted. This involved physically sifting through over one and a half days of waste from bins at the head office which equalled 4 kilos of rubbish. This process was a real eye opener as staff discovered that over 77% of the waste in the bins could be recycled, composted or worm farmed, and ultimately diverted from land fill.

One of the ways to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill at the head office is to put in place composting systems. The recycling group built our very own RCT worm farm at the head office. Using cost effective materials and some bits and bobs that a lot of us had lying around the house (recycling in action), the group demonstrated to staff how easy it is to construct and care for a worm farm. Food waste bins and bilingual signage (thanks to Para Kore) have been put in the head office kitchens and staff are already finding that a lot of the waste that would normally go straight in the rubbish bin is now being feed to the worms. A big thank you to Pikitū Marae who donated some of their worms to kick off the RCT worm whānau!

The group also talked to staff about the types of packaging that cannot be recycled or composted and that it is ultimately up to us as consumers to buy products that are environmentally friendly. We need to think about what we purchase so that we don't have to deal with the rubbish at the end of it.

Nā RCT Recycling Group

## Fun Facts about Tiger Worms

- 1 Tiger worms get their name from the tiger-like stripes on their body
- 2 Free Fertilizer - worms can eat up to half their body weight in waste every day, their poop (castings) and run-off (worm tea) will make your garden bloom!
- 3 SAVE PINGAS! - around 45% of an average rubbish bag can be sent to the worm farm or get composted.
- 4 Worms can live for up to 15 years, and they have been on this earth for 120 million years.
- 5 Worms have five hearts, no teeth, no eyes, and if you cut them in two - THEY DIE! It's an "urban myth" that worms survive as two worms when cut into two bits.







Lulu Williams, Health & Social Services Manager

## Health & Social Services

*Providing Integrated Health for Whānau & Tamariki*

### A Very Busy Quarter!

It has indeed been a very busy three months here in the Health & Social Services Team, with new staff and broadening opportunities in multiple fields of the healthcare industry. I am very proud to say that our team continues to work diligently and provide great outcomes for our iwi and the wider community. In our last pānui we introduced you to our Home Based Support, and Māori Disability Services. In this edition of Te Kakara, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce three other services that centre on providing fantastic care for our tamariki and their whānau.

### Tamariki Ora/Well Child

Our Tamariki Ora/Well Child Service is provided to under 5 year olds and their whānau. Our free service aims to support whānau and caregivers by maximizing the development potential and wellbeing of their tamariki. Our service has wide coverage, and operates throughout Tokoroa, Tirau, Putaruru, Matamata, Cambridge and Te Awamutu.

Our qualified Well Child Nurse, Sandra Mentjox, provides great clinical care which includes the six core checks, clinical assessment, and recording. Our Well Child Kaiāwhina, Renēe Gage-Brown and Lynda Ormsby, support our nurse through weigh-ins, taking measurements, and providing education to whānau and caregivers as needed.

### Family Start

Family Start is a home visiting programme that focuses on improving children's growth and health, learning and relationships, family circumstance, environment and safety. Family Start helps families and whānau who are struggling with challenges or problems that make it harder for them to care for their baby or young child.

Our service focuses on under 5 year olds and their whānau and operates throughout Tokoroa, Tirau, Putaruru, Matamata, and Te Awamutu.

Our Family Start Supervisor, Angela Kitchener, and Whānau Worker's Marie Gallyer, Ihipera Joyce, Veronica Tiatoa, and Bernice Sissons make up our skilled and caring team who provide assessments, care plans, and a wide variety of programs based around parenting skills. Maxine Papara is the administrator of our Putaruru Branch Office, and assists the Family Start Service.

### Whānau Ora Services

The Raukawa Maniapoto Alliance collective is made up of four well-established organisations: Raukawa Charitable Trust, Ngāti Maniapoto Māori Trust Board, Ngāti Maniapoto Marae Pact Trust, and Taumarunui Community Kōkiri Trust. The collective offers a broad range of social support services and covers a large geographical area in the Waikato and King Country region.

Doreen Flavell is our Whānau Ora Provider Coordinator and works alongside the Project Manager Aisha Ross and the other Provider Coordinators to ensure quality improvement plans, policies and service delivery are provided as set out in our Whānau Ora foot print model.

Nicole Tairi and Megan Lepaio are our Whānau Ora Kaiārahi. They work alongside internal and external providers and the whānau to ensure assessments, care plans and hui are implemented to support whānau to the gateway of opportunity and assist whānau to grow, develop and reach their aspirations.

If you need any support from our services that we have highlighted today, please call us on 0800 RAUKAWA (0800 728 5292) or e-mail us at [info@rauakawa.org.nz](mailto:info@rauakawa.org.nz)

Nā Lulu Williams  
Health & Social Services Manager



# Youth Development Team

## South Waikato Youth Strategy Launched!



South Waikato Youth Strategy Launched!  
Reverend Timoti Turu addressing the audience alongside Akarere Henry (Manager of South Waikato Pacific Islands Community Services), Minister Chester Borrows, youth representative Yanis Mea, and Jade Hohaia (South Waikato Youth Services Manager for Raukawa).

On the 8th of July Minister Chester Borrows visited Tokoroa to tour the Youth Media and Music Hub, assist in the launch of the new South Waikato Youth Strategy and also to share insights relating to Aotearoa's best practise in preventing young people from entering into the Justice System.

About 90 Youth Justice staff, local Police, Community and Youth Workers gathered to hear the Minister speak. MP Louise Upston, SWDC Mayor and Raukawa leaders and kaumātua were also present for the occasion. Minister Borrows (who is currently in the process of developing the National Youth Crime Action Plan), noted that whilst Government are to be good stewards of tax-payers funds, the emphasis still needs to be on raising up the community to take the lead. He commented that,

*"In the Youth Justice space the world takes notice of what New Zealand is doing and what you are doing in Tokoroa with some of the Social Sector Trials initiatives is definitely worth taking notice of - what you have here is a village of people that are concerned about taking responsibility for their young people."*

The presentation concluded with the official blessing and launch of the new South Waikato Youth Strategy (an action plan made up of 34 grass roots community solutions to youth issues).

Nā Jade Hohaia  
South Waikato Youth  
Services Manager





## Raukawa's BMT Course is making waves!

In June 2012, Raukawa and Work and Income New Zealand under the Social Sector Trials embarked on a partnership to better assist young people to transition into further pathway options.

A major barrier for rangatahi in 2011 was that most tertiary institutes in our rohe provided year-long courses which excluded late enrolments and also there was nothing in the district for youth to indulge in that was media and music related. The pitch and design for the original structure and curriculum of a brand new work based training programme for rangatahi was born and a 16-week full-time course was established called "BMT" Broadcasting, Media and Music Technology.

Primarily targeting rangatahi who were not engaged in any form of education, training, or employment, this programme is now in its second year and the programme is generating huge interest for creative rangatahi who want to broaden their horizons in the media (photography, design and videography), music and radio industries.

*"In 2012 Apple's net worth was estimated at \$624 billion - a company built on creativity and innovation. We think that our local rangatahi should have the same opportunity to develop their*

*own world-stage creative thinking and innovative design in the context of media and music. At the time there was no such training programme available to rangatahi in our area - so Raukawa designed our own and 24 rangatahi have already gone through BMT and have now been launched into exciting career opportunities and creative pathways." - Jade Hohaia, South Waikato Youth Services Manager*

BMT student Hannah Tunupopo (17) says,

*"I originally wanted to train in midwifery, but since being on the BMT course and having time on the radio and in the media/youth culture area it has really opened up my options, this is exactly what youth need in our town; exposure to more opportunities."*

BMT is now taking new registrations for the 2013 second semester for an info pack e-mail Jade Hohaia on [jade.hohaia@rauakawa.org.nz](mailto:jade.hohaia@rauakawa.org.nz)



# Cultural Unit

## Kura Reo



*Te Kura Reo ki Raukawa 2013, kaumātua mai, pakeke mai, tamariki mai, mokopuna mai, tōna iti, tōna rahi e tū akunga nei ki mua i te aroaro o Ngā Matapihi-o-te-Rangi. Ko te katakata, te waiata, te reo me ōna tikanga e rere atu rā, e rere mai nei, pō te ao, ao te pō. Kātuarere te wānanga ngātahi i te tau nei. Nā Te Rawhitiroa Bosch te whakaahua.*

**Nō te marama memenge rau o Paenga-whāwhā i Te Papa o te Aroha i tū ai te Kura Reo o Raukawa i te wao nui o Tokoroa, i te rohe o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere tonu, ā, ko te kaupapa e kāpunipuni ana i tōna 110 nei pea tāngata ki tēnei marae, ko te arero tūpuna, arā ko te reo.**

**K**o ngā āhuratanga matua i āta tātaritia, i āta whakatewhatewhangia ko te Kīwaha, ko te Reo Aumihi, ko Ngā Āhuratanga o Te Reo, ko te Aroā, ko te Whakamāori, ko te Reo Ōkawa, ko te Waihanga Kōrero me te Whakawhenumi Kōrero. Ko te tūmanako ia ka whakapeto ngoi ngā taura, ka ū ki te kaupapa, ā, ka tuhi i ngā kupu ki te rae me te whakapārāweranui i tōna kōrerotia i waenga i te hapori whānui.

Mātotoru ana tērā te pionga tāngata i whakaeke mai ki te tahua riringa o te marae nei, ā, ka uru tomokia ki Ngā Matapihi o te Rangi. Hāunga te hunga kua roa nei te wā e tutungi ana i te hatete o te reo, inā noa atu te ikapahitanga i tau tapu mai ai ki tā te Kura Reo wānanga. Kia toai noa ake au i ngā kōrero o te pae, “Hei ngā tikokekoke whakapupū e puhia mai nei e ngā hau maiangi rau nui, hei ngā au māreparepa e rere atu nei, e pari mai rā, tēnei ka mihi i roto i ngā āhuratanga e tū nei hei tāhū mō tā tātou wānanga, arā ko te whakaiti me te kotahitanga”.

Mutu kau ana te reo rāhiri he whakarite i ngā rōpū te mahi kia huri āmio ai i te whenua ki ngā kaiako. Ko wai ia nei te hunga kaiako e kōrerotia ake nei? He māri nō mātou i te waihāpetanga mai o ngā ringa tōhau nui o te ao reo Māori. Ko wai i tua atu i a Tīmoti Kāretu hei kanohi hōmiromiro mā ngā manu tāiko. Ko Pānia Papa, Te Pairi (Leon) Blake,

Pakake Winiata, Jarred Boon, Ngāringi Kātīpa, Paraone Gloyne rātou ko Tiare Tepana e noho ana ki tō Tīmoti taha. Heoi anō tā te taura, he whakarongo pīkari atu ki tā rātou i whakatakoto mai ai, i whāriki mai ai.

Ko te hua i puta mai ki te Iwi o Raukawa i tōna whakamanuwhiri, i tōna aroha ki a Tīmoti me tana apataki, ko te whakakoi ake, ko te whakakōrero mai anō i ōna huānga me te rahinga kua tau mai ki a ia, kei noho pōhara te rohe nei i te korenga o tōna reo Māori. Kia kore e kīia nei he iwi kore whai whakaaro nui ki a Tīmoti mā e whakapau ana i ō rātou anō kaha kia kōrero māori anō ai tēnei māra a Tane, kia kī noa atu au i konei, nau mai haere atu te reo hurō o aroha ki aku manu tīriori nei me te mōhio tonu me i kore ake koutou hei arataki nei i ngā taura o ngā hau e whā e pōkaikaha nei kia tika te reo, kia rere te reo, ka mutu kia māori te reo. Kāti anō aku kōkō tātākī kia tae mai i rangatira ai tō tātou Kura Reo.

Tēnei e whakamānawa atu ana ki te kaupapa o te Kura Reo, te kaupapa whakatairanga i te reo Māori e whāngai nei hoki i ētehi āhuratanga o te reo Māori ki te tokoiti e ngākau nei nei, e whakaaro nui nei ki te reo o tūnohunu mā. Ko koutou tēnā, ko au tēnei e whakaono ana he kākano puipuiaki kia puritia mohoa noa nei, ā haere ake nei, haere ake nei.

**Nā Louis Armstrong**  
**Kairuruku tikanga ā-Raukawa**

