

(mai i te whārangi o tua ake nei)

I tonoa mai au e ngā kaiwhakahaere kia whakaputa i ōku anō whakaaro mō te āhua ki te rūmaki ki te reo - ōna pai, ōna aha noa.

Ā whakahaere nei he hui tino koretake nei. He nui ngā tāngata i whiriwhiritia hei whakarongo mā mātou engari hei te taenga atu kua tangata kē, kua kaupapa kē. He nui ngā kaikōrero i whakaingoatia kāore i putaputa ake, ā, taupāraharaha ana tērā te kaupapa.

Ā kōrero, ā whakaaro nei kāore au i rongu i tētahi kōrero e hiki ai te manawa, e tere ai te kārohirohi ki mua ki tōku aroaro, e kī ai rānei ahau kātahi nā hoki te whakaaro pai ko tēnā. Tino auare ake nei, e hika e! Ko aua kōrero anō, ko aua wawata anō, ko aua komekome anō.

Ko tāku i tino aroha ai, ko te āhua ki te tangata whenua o Amerika me Kānata. Arā te kōrero i whiua, o ngā reo 117 e ora nei i tēnei wā, 2000 rawa ake te tau e 30 ngā reo ka ngaro i te rongonga taringa. Kotahi i tū mai nō te rohe o Montana, me te kī mai he reo tō reira tokowaru noa iho nei ōna kaikōrero. Koinei ngā momo kōrero i ngau ai te aroha, hoki atu, hoki atu, e hia kē nei te hunga i whakaputa pērā mai i te kōrero.

Ko te whakamataku kē mai i a au te mea nui i puta i te hui nei, ā, mā te aha he taonga anō rā hoki tō te hopo, arā, he whakatumatuma, he whakahau kia kaha kē noa ake te whakapau i te ngoi o te tangata ki tōna reo. Ka ngaro hoki tērā, ko hea atu hoki?

Ko tēnei o ngā hui a tēnei rōpū, a NALI, nā Hawai'i i karanga, nā reira ahakoa pēhea me hoki anō ngā mihi ki te mana kāinga, mauri kāinga tēnā rā koutou katoa.

HE HUI KI NGĀ KAITUHI, KAITĀ PUKAPUKA REO MĀORI

Nei rā te tōiri nei te reo tāwhiri o Ngā Paerangi o roto o Te Ati Hau-nui-a-Pāpārangi ki ngā kāwai tauranga-ā-uta, tauranga-ā-tai kia rāmemene ki raro i tō rātou kanoi, ki runga i te papa nekeneketanga, papa tapu o ō rātou tīpuna.

Ka tū tēnei hui mō te hunga tuhituhi kōrero ki te reo Māori me te hunga tā pukapuka kua tuhia ki te reo Māori ki te marae o Kaiwhāiki, i ngā tahatika o te awa o Whanganui, ā te 15-17 o Mahuru, 1993.

Ko tēnei hui e karangatia ana e te Hunga Taunaki Kaituhi Māori, ā, ko tōna kaupapa he whakahau i te hunga matatau ki te reo kia kaha ake te tuhi kōrero, ā, he whakahau anō hoki i te hunga tā pukapuka e tuhia ana ki te reo Māori.

I tua atu i ēnei whakaaro, he whakarite wāhi e taea ai te whakawhiti, te whakaputa, te whakatakoto whakaaro e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa.

Kei te kaha te āki mai a ngā kura kia nui noa ake ngā pukapuka e tuhia ki te reo Māori.

Mena he whakaaro, he hiahia ōu, he kōrero rānei āu, e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa, nau mai tātou ki te marae o Kaiwhāiki e takoto nei i raro i te maru o tōna tihi tapu o Ruapehu, i te taha anō hoki o tōna wai nui, o tōna wai roa, o tōna wai māreparepa o Whanganui e tere nei.

(Mena he pātai ā koutou mō tēnei hui, me whakapā atu ki a Morvin Simon, ki a Deirdre Gardner kē rānei, i te Kuratini o Te Whanganui.)

"Mua te whāia,
muri te taea."