



TE KURA REO A TE TAURA WHIRI I TŪ KI ROTO O TARANAKI, KI TE MARAE O TAIPOROHENUI

He mihi tuatahi ki te reo pōwhiri nāna nei te karanga kia haria atu tēnei o ngā kura ki roto i a ia, ki roto i tana rahi. Kei te rangatira Huirangi, koutou ko tō hunga i kaha nei te whakapau i ō koutou kaha e tutuki pai ai tēnei whāinga a tātou i tō tātou reo, i runga anō hoki i te whakapono e kore ia e riro i te mata o te whenua, e kore hoki tātou e whakaae kia wharengaro. Me pēhea rā he kōrero hei whakaahua i te pai o te noho atu ki a koutou, nā koutou rā hoki i rangatira ai ko Te Taura Whiri me te hunga i whītikiria ki ngā kākahu mahana o Taiporohenui. Kia whāia haerehia te mahana nei. Atu i te mahana o ngā manaakitanga i uhia ki runga i te hunga i takahi i te mata o te whenua kia tae ake ki tēnei o ngā kura, anō nei ko te kōanga te āhua o ngā rangi. I te taenga atu o te hunga i haere ake i Te Taura Whiri, he tarau poto kē te haere. Ehara, i paku tuku roimata a Rangi, engari he ua tohu i te aroha, he ua kōnehunehu. Kātahi nā te ātaahua ko te tirohanga atu o te karu ki a Taranaki maunga e noho rangatira mai ana i tana pae, me tana paku whakangeingei mai i tētahi o ngā rangi, inā hoki i kitea atu te rae, me tana paku whātaretare mai i ana pūeru manawarangi. He rā anō hoki i whakamaua ko tana korowai mōtea.

Kei te mokopuna i katohia e te ringa kaha o aitūā. Kātahi anō nei koe ka ruia mai i Rangiātea, kua whakahokia atu anō koe ki te poho o Rehua. Tē aro i a au he aha rawa i pēnei ai. Tēnā he wahangū te tangata nei a Tirairaka, kei konei tonu koe hei waka kawē i tō tātou reo ki roto noa atu i te tau rua mano. E te pihinga, te piripoho. Ahakoa koinei te āhua i whakaritea ki a koe, ahakoa kua kāhakina koe i te aroaro tangata, kei konei tonu koe e taukapokapo ana i roto i te mahana o te whakaaro o tō whānau. Ko tai ata ki a koe, waiho mai a tai ahiahi ki te hunga i tangi i a koe. Kātirawhe ki a koe.

Atu i tēnei kapua pōuri i tau mai ki runga i te hui, ka nui ngā manawareka i rongo te ngākau, i kitea e te karu. Kei ngā wāhine kairangi, Matarena kōrua ko Whero, ko kōrua tēnā. Haere ake nei, haere ake nei, ka mau tonu te kite ōku i te ātaahua o tōu whakareanga e poi ana i tā te tohunga ki te poi. Ahakoa kua riro haere te rehe o te ringa, kātahi nei au ka kite i te rere o te poi, me te rere o te wairua ki te kawē i ngā kupu e poia ana, e rere ngātahi ana. Anō i kawea e kōrua māua ko wairua ki tō kōrua taiohinga, ki reira mātaki atu ai i te māia, i te kaha me te ātaahua o te wahine Māori o tō kōrua whakatipuranga. Me te rongo atu anō hoki i ō kōrua mamae me tō kōrua whakangākau ki ō kōrua tūpuna, ki a Te Whiti rāua ko Tohu. Mokori rā te hunga i tae atu ki tēnei o ngā kura, i kite ai mātou i tēnei mea te mana Māori e kawea ana i runga i te wairua māhaki. Ahakoa kāore kōrua i tāia ki te moko, ko te kauae tehe tō kōrua ritenga.