

TE WHAKATERENGA O HE TAONGA TE REO

Nō te 1 o Here-turi-kōkā ka eke te pakeke o Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori ki te tekau mā tahi tau, nō te mea, nō te 1 o Here-turi-kōkā 1987 i kīia ai tō tātou reo he reo mana nō tēnei whenua e te Ture Reo Māori, ā, i raro anō i taua ture ka tū ko Te Taura Whiri e tū tonu nei.

Ahakoa ko te pepeha o te wā ko tērā i pepehatia rā i te tau 1995 te tau i kīia ko 'Te Tau o Te Reo Māori arā, 'He Taonga te Reo', i whakaarotia ake e ōna tāngata me tiki atu anō koirā hei kupu arataki i ngā mahi o te wā.

Hei whakanui i te tau, i whakaritea e te Taura Whiri kia tukuna he pūtea, ā-karahipi nei, hei whakamānawa i te tau. I roto i ngā whiriwhiri whakatauhia ana me whakawhiwhi ki tētahi e whai ana i Te Tohu Kairangi ka tahi, me reo Māori ka rua, me pā te kaupapa ki te reo Māori ka toru.

Whakarārangi ana ngā kaitono, ā, i roto i te wā ka whakaitihia iho ki te tokorua, ā, nō muri mai i tētahi tirohanga, i tētahi patapataitanga i te tokorua nei ka whakatauhia e te hunga whiriwhiri me whakawhiwhi ki a Mere White o Te Arawa me Ngāti Maniopotō.

Ka nui te whakamihī me te whakamiharo ki a Mere mōna e kaha nei ahakoa he wahine moe tāne, ā, tokorima rawa ā rāua tamariki. Ko tana tāne ko Tahu, e whai ana i te reo i Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato, ā, katoa ā rāua tamariki he mea whāngai e rāua ki te reo Māori kia noho ai ko tērā hei reo mātua mō ā rāua tamariki.

I tua atu i tērā he mihi anō ki a Quinton Hita, kei roto nei i ngā mahi pāho reo i te reo irirangi. Ko tana tino mahi he whakatītina i te hunga o tōna whakatipuranga, tamaiti ake rānei kia whai mai i te reo. He tangata matatau ki te reo, ā, ka noho hei tauira ki te hunga ako i te reo, whakaaro nui rānei ki te reo.

He nui ngā kōpaepae kua oti mai hei whakatairanga i te āhua o te pūoru Māori o ēnei rā tonu nei, o nanahi tonu ake nei rānei, onamata rā anō rānei. Kua kaha ake te putaputa o te kōpaepae engari ko te wawata kia nui kē noa ake.

I puta anō he mihi ki a Brendan Smyth, kaiwhakarite hōtaka o Irirangi te Motu mōna i kaha ki ngā kōpaepae nei.

I whakaotihia te ata ki te reo o Hori Chapman me āna waiata i tito ai. He kōpaepae hou tāna kua puta ko 'Tōku Reo' te ingoa. Nāna ētahi o ana waiata i waiata, ā, ko te whakamiharo atu nō ēnei tau noa iho nei ia i tauri ai ki te ako i te reo, ā, ko tēnei kōpaepae āna kei te reo Māori te katoa o ngā waiata o runga.



Ko Mīria Simpson tētahi o ngā kaiwhiri me Mere White te kaiwhiwhi i Te Karahipi Ngahurutanga a Te Taura Whiri

Ko te kōrero i puta i te Toihau o te Taura Whiri i roto i ana mihi ko te tono kia whakaarotia ake kia kotahi noa te reo irirangi reo Māori mō te motu. Ko te hunga pāho me matatau ki te reo me matatau anō hoki ki te taha pāho me ōna āhuatanga katoa. I tua atu i tēnei me āhei te motu whānui ki te rongo, ki te whakarongo anō hoki ki tēnei wāhi pāho ahakoa kei hea te kāinga noho o te hunga whakarongo. Ko te tino whai hua o tēnei whakaaro he whakawhāiti mai i tēnei hunga ki te wāhi kotahi, ā, ka noho ko te hunga pāho nei hei tauira atu anō mā te hunga e whai ana, e ako ana i te reo. Kei hea te hua i tua atu i tērā?

Kia mārama mai – kāore i te kīia kia kaua ngā reo irirangi ā-iwi me ō rātou ake reo, engari ko tēnei e whakaarotia ake hei tāpiri atu ki ērā. Ko te hunga pāho me tino matatau koirā te whāinga matua, ko te iwitanga o te hunga pāho ehara i te mea nui, ko te matatau kē.

Kāti, koinei noa ake rā ngā kōrero mō te rā i whakaterea anō ai te whakaaro, He Taonga te Reo.

