



*Ko ngā “kaipara” o ngā Kura Whakapakari Reo i te Marae o Ihenga i Rotorua i tērā tau, (mai i te taha mauī): Ko Te Wharehuia Milroy, ko Wayne Ngata, ko Te Waihoroi Shortland, ko Mate Kaiwai, ko Anita Moke, ko Timoti Kāretu.*

Ko ngā kura reo o roto i te wā nei, ki ahu mai i te whakaaro o ngā kaitiaki o Te Poari o Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori. I toko ake te whakaaro nā te mea i kite mātou, i te kaha o te raru ā-reo nei o ētahi o ngā kaiwhakaako o ngā kura kaupapa o taua wā. Mohoa nei koirā tonu te raru nui, engari mā te aha, i te āhua pai ake o ngā kaiwhakaako ā-reo, ā-whakaako i roto i te wā.

Ko ngā kaipara i te huarahi ko ngā kaitiaki tonu, ā, nā reira anō i whakatau ko te aha kia whakaakona i ngā kura nei, engari, ahakoa pēhea, ko tōna tino whāinga nui ko te reo kia kōrerotia i ngā wā katoa, i ngā wāhi katoa, ā, ko taua reo rā kia tika, kia eke.

Ko te kura tuatahi i tū ki Waimārama, rohe o Ngāti Kahungunu, i te tau 1990, ā, kua noho tonu ko tō reira te kura o te arawheu, me te huri haere ki ngā rohe o te motu e tono mai ana mā reira e whakatū, tae rawa atu ki roto o Ngāi Tahu. Ko ō te tau e tū mai nei, e whakaarotia ake ana kia tū ki Waitangi, ki Waimārama me te awa o Whanganui, ko te wāhi kāore anō kia whakaritea mai. Ko te kura whakamutunga mō tēnei tau pūtea ka tu ki Tūranga-nui-a-Kiwa, ki te Kuratini o Te Tai Rāwhiti.

Nō te tau 1995 ka tae mai he tono ki a au mai i ngā tamariki pakeke o Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Hoani Waititi, menā ka whakaae anō au ki te haere ki te whakaako i a rātou mō tētahi wā

nei, nā te kore i taea e ngā kaiwhakaako o reira tā ngā tamariki nei i te whai. Nā tērā, ka toko ake te whakaaro kia whakapāhia atu tēnei take ki ētahi atu o ngā kura ko te reo Māori te reo whakaako, ā, eke mai ana a Rākaumanga rāua ko Rūātoki ki te waka i whakaterea nei i te marae o Hoani Waititi i te tau 1996. Mai i taua wā, e toru ngā kura i te tau e whakahaeretia ana, mō ngā tamariki o te tuaono me te tuawhitu o roto i ngā kura ko te reo Māori te reo whakaako.

Nō te arotakenga i Te Taura Whiri, ka takoto te whakamāherehere a te tira arotake, kia wehea mai te tūranga o te kaiwhakahaere i te tari i tō te heamana, e kotahi kē ana hoki te