Te Tāūnga Tohu i te Matatau ki te Reo Māori

Nā Rangi Pouwhare

Ko Maungapōhatu te maunga,
Ko Waikaremoana ngā waikaukau
o aku tūpuna,
Ko Tūhoe te iwi

Nō te marama o Haratua i oti ai te whakangungu, te whakapakari me te whakamātau i ngā kaitono e rua tekau mō te Tohu Kaiwhakamāori ā-tuhi, ā-waha a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori.

Tokoono mātou i whakawhiwhia ki ā mātou tohu i te Hui mō te Reo i tū ki Te Whanganui-a-Tara i te marama o Pipiri.

E toru aku mokopuna. Ko te reo Māori anake tō rātou reo.

Nā aku mokopuna i whai ai ahau i tēnei tohu. Ki ōku nei whakaaro mehemea ka tū ahau hei tauira mō rātou me mōhio tonu ahau ki ngā kupu hou, me whakapakari ahau i ahau ki ngā nekeneketanga hou e pā ana ki te reo.

I au e mahi ana i ngā hui whakangungu i āhua whakaaro anō ahau, te uaua o ngā mahi. Tēnā pea kaua noa iho ahau e mahi. Ahakoa i te āhua pōhēhē ōku whakaaro i mōhio tonu ahau mehemea kāore e tutuki i au, me hoki mai anō ki te mahi kia riro rā anō mai tēnei tohu.

Ko Rangi Pouwhare rāua ko Kāterina Mataira.

Te mahi uaua ko te mahi whakamātau ā-tuhi. Ki a au mehemea kei te whai tētahi i tēnei tohu me parakitihi ia i ngā wā katoa ki te whakamāori, whakapākehā rānei ā-tuhi. Mehemea ka taea tēnei te mahi i mua o te noho i te whakamātau ka āhua ngāwari ngā whakamātau.

Tētahi atu huarahi ki te whai kia āhua māmā ai te mahi, me ako ki te rapu haere i ngā kupu hou. Hei awhi i ahau, nāku i tuhituhi ngā kupu hou i whakaaro au ka puta mai i roto i te whakamātau, ana kāore i moumou tāima ki te rapu haere i roto i ngā papakupu.

Nā te mea kua riro mai i ahau i nāianei tēnei tohu kua huaki mai ētahi atu huarahi mōku ki te whai, pēnei i ngā mahi whakamāori, whakapākehā i roto i ngā tari kāwanatanga.

Ki a koutou katoa e whakaaro ana ki te whai i tēnei tohu kia kaha tonu te whai. Mā ēnei mahi ka ora ai tō tātou reo, ana ka ora anō ai hoki tātou te iwi Māori.

Kaua e pōturi, e māharahara rānei. Mahia ngā mahi kia whiwhi ai koe i tēnei tohu.

whakamarumaru! He aha hoki! Whakamutua atu! Taku whakapono, kāhore pea he reo whaiāipō i tua atu i te reo Māori. Arā ngā waiata me ngā mōteatea e whakatauira mai ana i ngā kōrero hei whakararata i tāu e kārangirangi mai nā!

Heoi, nā te mea i tū aku pihi mō te take nei, i haere atu ahau ki te Whare Whakangungu i te Reo Wīwī, kei te puku o te tāone nei o Pōneke. Kātahi nā ko te whare whai rawa!

E hia kē nei ngā rauemi reo Wīwī, ngā pukapuka me ēnā tū āhuatanga e kitea mai nā. Mea rawa ake, ka kite au i te maramataka e tohu mai ana i ngā ngohe, ngā mahi, ngā whakangahau e whakaterehia ana i te tau. E hoa mā, kōhaehae pai ahau ki te iwi Wīwī nei! Atu i tērā, nā te mahere rautaki i ngā mahi mō te tau, kua mōhio ngā iwi, he aha ngā mahi kei te haere ake hei whakarawe i a rātou ki tō rātou reo.

Ehara i te mea, he mea whakarite ngā ngohe ā-tau nei a Te Poitō Whakarewa hei whakapātaritari atu, hei whakatāuteute rainei ki te hunga manene nei o Wīwī, ki a wai ake iwi rainei.

Engari, mā te rautaki i ngā tohu, ngā mahi, ngā ngohe me ngā kaupapa i te tau, kātahi pea te tokomaha ka huri aroaro, hei ara whāinga pea mō rātou ā, mea rawa ake, kua wawae ake te ara.

Nā reira, ao kau ana te pupuhi o haumihi ki a koutou katoa, ki te hunga anō hoki kua roa nei e tautoko ana i ngā mahi a Te Poitō Whakarewa. Koinei ngā mahi kua whakaritea mō te tau, e tūpono ai ngā Māori o te rohe, o te motu whānui anō hoki.

Mā reira pea, ka tūpono ora ake ai te reo, hei pou pea e manakohia ana e tātou katoa o tēnei whenua o Aotearoa.