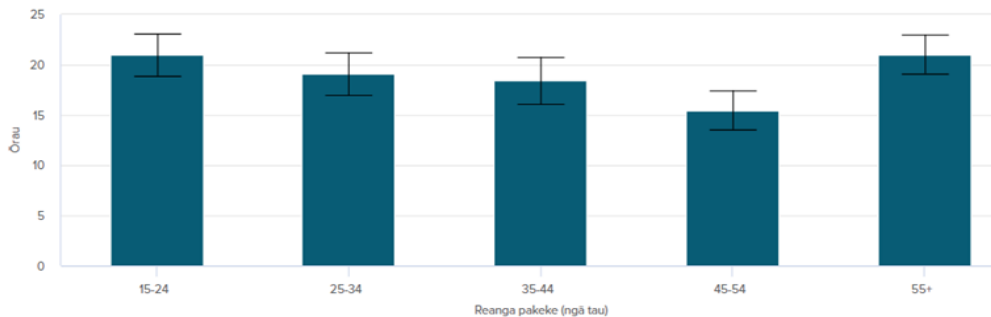


Tōku reo, tōku ohooho. Whakamaua te reo kia tina!

Ko tōku reo tēnei, ko tōku tuakiritanga, ko tōku ahurewa tapu Māori nei!
I tēnei ngohe ka aromatawaitia taku kaha ki te whakamārama me te wetewete i ngā take matua o te kaupapa, te tautoko i ōku whakaaro ki ngā taunakitanga me te whakahāngai i taku whakamārama nei. Ko tētahi kaupapa kua ākona, ko te reo Māori. Ko te reo Māori te reo o te whenua! E ai ki Tā Hēmi Henare, “ko te reo Māori te mauri o te mana Māori.” Ko te reo Māori tōku ohooho! Koia hoki tōku iti kahurangi! (5)

I mua rāno i te tau 1800, ko te reo matua o Aotearoa nei, ko te reo Māori. Kāore i kō atu, kāore hoki i kō mai! He taonga te reo, i whakaaetia, i parahautia nei e Te Tiriti o Waitangi i te tau 1840. He nui ngā huarahi o taua wā i whakamahia, i whakanuia tō tātou reo Māori, arā ko ngā momo niupepa pēnei i te mea o konei, arā ko He Toa Takitini. Kei runga hoki i te ipurangi te nuinga o ngā tuhinga pēnei. Ka mutu, ka pērā hoki mō ngā momo huihuinga tāngata, arā ko Te Kotahitanga i tū i Te Matau a Māui nei, i Heretaunga i taua rau tau! He pēke putea hoki tō te Māori, arā ko Te Peeke o Aotearoa i Parawera i whakatūhia i te 1886 e Kingi Tāwhiao. He nui ngā hingonga Māori puta noa, he pakihi Māori hoki puta noa (4, 5).

Engari, e mōhiotia whānuitia ana e tātou, he wā tōna kāore i tino rangonatia, i tino kōrerotia. I te tau 1868, i nui ake te iwi Pākehā i tēnā o te iwi Māori. I pērā hoki mō te kōrero i te reo Ingarihi. Mōku ake, koia nei te wā i tahuri mai, i tīmata te rongō i ngā tāmitanga a te Pākehā. Ko tahi rau, rima tekau tau kua hipa atu nei, kei te pai haere ngā āhuatanga o te reo Māori, arā kia aro atu ki ngā tatauranga. Koia nei ngā tatauranga mō ngā tāngata Māori he mōhio ki te kōrero i te reo Māori - ā-reanga pakeke nei i te tau 2018 (4, 5).



E ai ki ngā taturanga nei, he maha kē atu te hunga nō ngā whakatupuranga taiohi mōhio ki te kōrero i Te reo Māori i ako i ngā horopaki ara reo Māori, pēnei i Te Kōhanga reo, te Kura Kaupapa Māori, te Wharekura rānei, tērā i te hanga pakeke kē atu. E ai ki te whakaahua, 65 ōrau o ngā taiohi, 62 ōrau hoki o ngā pakeke i kī, i ako i roto i ētahi atu kura tuatahi, kura tuarua, kura kāinga Māori rānei, engari, mō te hunga kei runga ake i te 55 tau, he 21 ōrau i pērā (4, 6).

I te tau 2021, i ngā raraunga hou nei, 29 ōrau o Ngāi Māori i kī ake kāore rātou i te mōhio ki te kōrero i te reo Māori. Ka mutu, 7.9 ōrau o Ngāi Māori i kī ake he matatau i te reo Māori. Nā reira he tohu pai tēnei kei te tipu pai mai te reo Māori i roto i ēnei horopaki, i ēnei momo kaupapa (4).

E rima tekau tau ki muri, i te 14 o Hepetema, i te tau 1972 i karangatia te motu whānui e Ngā Tamatoa mō Te Petihana Reo Māori ki te whakamana i tō tātou reo Māori. Nō taua wā tonu, i pono te hunga e kōrerotia nei i te mate haere te reo Māori, ā, i whai huarahi whakarauora mō te reo Māori, kei mate, kei noho wawata noa! (4)

Koia nei tētahi take nui i huataki ake hei kaupapa matua o taku karāhe, taku akomanga. Ka aroha ki a rātou i taua wā! E ai ki a Kura Te Waru-Rewiri, "... kāre kau he niupepa Māori, kīhai ngā whakaahua matua o te motu i whai wāhi mai mō te reo Māori, hawhe haora noa iho nei mō te Reo Māori i runga i Te Irirangi o te motu, ā, e waru miniti noa iho mō te reo Māori i roto i Te Kura Tini ..." Kātahi rā! Koia nei ngā āhuetanga o te aroha nui ki te reo i taua wā, nā reira kua mimiti haere, kua riro tēnei reo he reo tata mate, he reo kāore e tino rangonatia, e tino kōrerotia.

Nā whai anō ka hua ake ko Te Rangi Reo Māori i te tau 1975, ā, kua whakaroua ake ki te kotahi wiki, arā ko Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Nō te tau 1982 ka whakatūwheratia te Kōhanga Reo tuatahi i Pukeatua, i Wainuiomata. Ka mutu, ka whakatūhia Te Taihanga Irirangi - Te Reo o Pōneke i te tau 1983. Ka whakatūhia Te Kura Kaupapa Māori, ā, whai muri ko ngā Kura ā-iwi, me ngā kura reo! I te tau 1987 i whakaturetia te reo Māori hei reo matua o Aotearoa! Meinga meinga! (4, 5)

Koia nei ētahi kaupapa whakaroua reo Māori kua ākona. Ko te take ia, ko te reo oranga tonutanga o te reo Maori te takonga nui ki a tātou. E kore te reo Māori nei e ora ki te kore tātau katoa e whakapau i ō tātau kaha ki a ia. Ki te kore ināianei, tēnā, mō āwhea kē atu? Me tohe puruhi! Me noho tō tātau reo hei akoranga me mātua tutuki i ngā kura? Tērā pea, āe. Me kimi huarahi whakaroua tonu mō te reo Māori (4, 6).

Koirā tāku i whakapae nei, horahia te reo ngā wāhi katoa i ngā wā katoa. Ka mahara ake au ki ngā kupu a Ngōi Pēwhairangi - "... whiua ki te ao, whiua ki ngā iwi katoa .." Me reo Māori ngā āhuetanga o taku kura, ā, me reo Māori hoki ngā wāhanga o te kura. Kua mō te whakamāori noa iho nei, engari ki te whakanui, me te whakarau ora. Itiiti rearea, teitei kahikatea ka taea! Ka taea e te rearea tōna matanā te tutuki, ka taea hoki e te tangata! E whakapae ana au, i orea te tuatara ka puta ki waho, nā reira me whai huarahi tonu tātau. Tē tōia, tē haumatia! (6)

Hei whakakapinga māku, kia tino mau tātau ki te kōrero, waiho i te toipoto, kua i te toiroa. Kia tapatahi anō ai te iwi Māori, ā, kia piri, kia kotahi mō te ake tonu atu. He hono tangata e kore e motu; ka pā he taura waka e motu!

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