

## **Kōrero na te Akonga Onamata**

### **Whakautu Ahurea Mātauranga Whakareri i ngā Rangatahi Māori kia eke Angitū**

25 noa iho te pakeke o Te Rangihaeata kua eke kē ia ki te taumata tino miharo i roto i tana haerenga mātauranga me Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi. Ko ana tohu kua whakahōnoretia ia, ko te Tohu Bachelor of Education me te Tohu Master of Māori Studies (Tāhū Paerua) ana kei te whai ia i tana Tohu Kairangi inaianei.

I te wā e mahi ana a Te Rangihaeata hei kaiāwhina, ka uru te hiahia ki roto i tōnā whatumanawa ki te whakapakari ake i ā ia. Heoi anō, i timata tana huarahi ako i te wā he tauira ia i Te Wharekura o Ruātoki. I whakamārama ia, “I te mahi ahau i ngā akoranga tiwhikete i taku tau whakamutunga i te kura, ana e haere kē ana ahau ki roto i a tūmatauenga, ēngari i te mutunga, i whaia e au te ara kura māhita.

“Mōhio tonu ahau me whakapakari ake ahau i āhau me ngā momo rautaki, me te mātauranga hoki ki te ako i ā tātau tamariki ki tōnā taumata tiketike. Nō reira, ka whakauru atu ahau ki te hōtaka Bachelor of Education ki Awanuiārangi, ka tutuki taku tohu i te tau 2017, ana mai i tērā wā, kei te ako tonu ahau.

“Tino waimaria ahau ki te noho ki waenga o taku whānau i te wā e mahi ana ahau me te akoako anō hoki, ka noho tonu ko taku whānau ki te tautoko me te whakakaha i āhau.”

I te tau 2019, ka whakamātautau a Te Rangihaeata ki te whai i tana Tohu Bachelor of Māori Education ana ka whakapōtaetia ia me te Tāhū Paetahi. Ko tana tuhinga roa i tuhia e ia ki roto katoa i te reo Māori, e whakaatu ana i tana tino pūmau ki tōnā reo, ki ngā wāriu ahurea me tōnā whakatipuranga.

“I whānau mai ahau ana ka pakeke mai ki waenga i te kapa haka, te waiata tawhito, ngā tikanga, me taku reo, na wai anō ko taku kaupapa rangahau i hāngai ki te kapa haka, ā otirā ki Te Kapa Haka o Ruatoki mai i ōna takenga mai i ngā tau 1940 tae noa mai ki tēnei rā. I noho tonu aku rangahau ki ō mātau kuia, koroua hoki, ko rātau nei ngā mema taketake o tēnei kapa, ana ko ā rātau whakarereenga mai kia mau tonu ki ngā tikanga me te reo o Ruatoki,

“Karekau rātau i matatau ki te kōrero Pākeha; I pakeke mai rātau i tērā wā, ko te reo o Tūhoe te reo tūturu i te kāinga. Karekau ahau i tino kōrero pākeha i te kura, kia pakeke rānō



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ahau. Ko taku reo tuatahi ko te reo Māori, ara ko te mita o Ruatoki me Tūhoe, koinei te reo i whakamahia e ahau i taku tuhi tana i taku tuhinga roa.”

Ko te reo Māori me te kapa haka te ūkaipō o tōna tuakiri me tōna tirohanga mātauranga. I tēnei wā, kua tīmata ia ki te mahi i tana Tohu Kairangi, ka whakarite ia i ana mahi mo tana Tohu Kairangi me te whakarite anō i ana mahi mo tana ūmanga kura māhita mo ngā tau e whitu ki te Whata Tau o Pūtauaki ki roto o Kawerau.

“He kura marautanga whakaurua, ana koinei te tau tuatoru e noho ana hai wharekura. Ko ahau te Kaiako mo ngā tauira matua, engari i mua tata nei, I te wā ka piki noa atu ki te tau tuawaru, i ako ahau i ngā taumata kura tuatahi me te kura auraki.”

I whakaū hoki ia i te whai tikanga mo te whakapā torowhānui ki te ako, ko te reo me ōna tikanga Māori hei tūāpapa.

“Na te kaingākau ki te mātauranga mā roto i te reo me ōna tikanga Māori, he whakapātaritari me te momoho. Ka maumahara tātau ki te maha o ngā kuia me ngā koroua i patua he tohe tonu no ratau ki te kōrero Māori, ā, me te mahara ake anō ki te hokinga mai o te taonga i ngaro rā. Koi nei te whakahoki mai i te reo ki roto i ō tātau kāinga, ki ō tātau hāpori, ki ō tātau kura, ana, arā noa atu.

“Ka āhei tātau ki te hopu i ngā akoranga tawhito ka whakauru ki ngā horopaki hou o tēnei wā, e hono ana i ngā whānau ki o rātau ūkaipō. He āwhina atu i ā tātau tamariki ki te whakawhānui i o rātau tuakiri mā te whakapapa, ngā tikanga, me te reo.

“Ka tāea e koe te tūhono i te tirohanga whānui me ngā wheako ma te noho tahi ka wānanga ka whakawhitiwhiti kōrero, e whakakaotia mai ai ngā kōrero a te katoa hei whakaaturanga kotahi.”

“Koi nei te māramatanga o te whakaaturanga o tēnei mātauranga. Ka noho tēnei hei tūāpapa mā ngā taiohi Māori kia eke ki te taumata tiketike, ko te matemateāone, manaaki tētahi i tētahi e tau ai te noho. Koi nei te take i ngākaunui ai ahau ki te haere hei Kaiako.”