

Te whakapakari ake i te rēanga tama toa tautaiao

Kaore e tawhiti atu ngā nawe mō te tiaki i te wai mai i ngā karere ana ko te tohunga me ngā mātauranga o te hāpori kei te akiaki kia nui ake ngā tāngata e ako ana ki te tiaki i ō tatou wai, he taonga.

Ko Mereaira Hata te National Programme Co-ordinator mō te hōtaka Wai Ora ki Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi. E whakamārama ana ia, i te wā e nui ana nga hōtaka mātauranga, e ako ana mā te tikanga Pākehā ki te taiao, ko te wāriu o te ako mā te tirohanga kanohi a te Māori e kore e taea te whakaiti.

“He whai tikanga tūturu ināianei kia mārama tātau ki ngā whakatūpatotanga o te taiao e pānga ki te āhua o te tiaki i te wai. He taonga te wai ana kei te mōhio ō tātau iwi, mē nga hapū, ko te mātauranga Māori mē ūna tikanga, te rongoa hei āwhina i te nuina o ngā āhuatanga-o-te-rangi mē ngā whakataratara ō te taiao i ēnei rā.”

Na te ako a Mereaira i te hōtaka Wai Ora mai i te tau 2019, kua mārama ia i te whai tikanga ki te whakamahi i tēnei mātauranga tuku iho ki ngā whakatipuranga.

“He nui ngā whakatauira me pēhea e taea ai e te mātauranga Māori te āwhina atu i ngā whainga o te ao. Hei tauira; Kua akona te Māori ki te whakahoki i te ika tuatahi ka mau mai i ā koe ki roto i te wai. Kia pakeke tonu ka mōhio mātau ki te hōhonu o tērā tikanga kia ora tonu tērā rauemi. Ko taku mahi I te Wānanga he āwhina i ngā tauira ki te ako me pehea to whakamahi i tērā mātauranga Māori kia whaihua ai o rātau hāpori.”

He tiwhikete e tukua ana e Wai Ora ki roto i te Aquatic and Water Resource Management ki ngā Kaupae 3 me te 4, e whakakaha ana i ngā tāngata e hiahia ana ki te kuhu mai ki ngā hōtaka taiao mō te iwi, ngā kaunihera a-rohe tae atu hoki ki te taumata o te motu. Ētahi o ngā tauira i hiahia ki te haere tika ki te Tohu Paetahi, neke atu rānei, ko ētahi i hiahia ki te ako mō tētahi take noa atu.

“I tēnei wā he rōpū wāhine rukuruku e ako ana mē mātou i te kaupae 3, ana kei te pārekareka kia rātou!”

Tukua ai ngā karāehe ki runga i te tuihono – e rua ngā karāehe i te week – ana ia marama he noho, e taea ai te whakatinana i ngā kaupapa. Ākene pea ka haere ki te kohi pipi, ki te hii ika, ki te hao kōeaea rānei pēna e tika ana ki ngā whakaritenga o te tau.

Me te piki haere tonu o ngā mea e hiahia ana ki tēnei mātauranga, kei te titiro a Mereaira ki te whakauru mai i ngā tauira me ngā Kaiako mo te tau 2025.

“I tēnei wā he peka tauira ā mātou kei roto o Tōrere me Īmarumutu. Engari pēna koe e whakaaro ana ka taea e koe te tū hei Kaiako Wai Ora ana mē te whakahaere he peka ki roto i tou ake rohe, ana ka tino hiahia au ki te kōrero ki ā koe.”

Kei te whakauru Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi i ngā puka whakauru ā-tauira mō te tau 2025, mā tā rātou pae tukutuku, mai i te marama o Hepetema.

Mō te roanga atu o ngā kōrero, whakapaa atu ki a:

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