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Kōrero a te Akonga Onamata

He Pou Ārahina mo ngā Uri o Te Whakatōhea

He kanohi kitea a Tracey i te nuina o ngā kaupapa Māori ki Ōpōtiki, mai i ngā wānanga reo me te kapa haka ki te Hikoitōitū te Tiriti. He uri whakaheke a Tracey no Te Whakatōhea ana he mema rongonui o tōna hāpori, e kōkiri ana i te huarahi ki te whakaora i reo Māori me te tūturutanga o te Kaiārahi Rautaki reo i Te Tawharau o Te Whakatōhea.

Tino mīharo te huarahi mātauranga o Tracey na wai anō i hiringa ai. Kua riro mai i ā ia tana Tohu Bachelor of Māori Performing Arts, Tohu Bachelor of Māori Education, ana i whakapōtaetia me te First Class Honours ki roto i tōna Tohu Master of Māori Studies, te katoa, i Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī.

I te pātaitia tana mo ana wheako mahi i muri tonu mai i te whakawhiwhinga me ana tohu, ka whakamārama a Tracey, “Na tōku Bachelor of Māori Education, ka waimaria au ki te whiwhi mahi me te Family Start, he whakamātau i te tipu o te reo ma te kōrero ā-waha, tākaro, me te pānui ki waenga i te whānau.

“I te tau 2005, waimaria au ki te ako i raro i a Ani me Robin Mohi i Te Kura Mana Māori o Maraenui mo hia tau kē. I te wā e ako ana au ki reira, I te ako anō au i Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, e mahi ana me ngā hapū ki te whakaora ake i te reo o runga i ngā paepae, te kāuta me te kāinga.”

Nā tōnā Bachelor of Māori Performing Arts, i tāea ai e Tracy te tautoko i ngā kapa haka o roto i te hāpori ana me te ngāwari hoki o tana whakauru haere i ana mahi ki roto i tana huarahi akoranga mo tōnā Masters of Māori Studies.

“Ko tōku mātauranga me ōku wheako ki waenga i Ngā mahi ā-rēhia, ā-Tanerore, te āhua o taku tautoko i ngā kura me ngā kapa. Ko te āhua o te whai i tōku tohu Paerua, ngāwari noa iho ki te whakawhānui i tōku mātauranga ki te rangahau mōteatea, tito mōteatea, me te mārama hoki ki te āhua o te whakamahi i te reo i roto o ngā mōteatea.

“Ko aku tohu tautoko me ngā whakawhiwhinga atu ki te wānanga ka tū au ināianeī ki te tūā pā ki waenga i te whānau, hapū me te iwi.”

“Ko Tracy kei te kōkiri i ngā kaupapa nui e whai tikanga ana ki te whakaū i te reo Māori ki roto i te āhuatanga noho o ngā whānau ia rā tae atu ki te reo parakuihi me te hapa, me



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te Tohekura Kura Reo ā-Tau. Ka whakamārama ia, ”Kei te hiahia mātou kia rongohia te reo tūturu i ngā kokonga katoa kaore ki runga noa iho i ngā marae. Ngā kaupapa pērā i te Parakuihi Reo Māori me te Kumete Kōrero, mō ngā rēanga katoa o rātou e ako ana i te reo, e tautoko ana ki te kōrero i te reo Māori i te wā e kai ana. Ka ruku tonu atu ngā akonga ki te kōrero i te wā e kai tahi ana rātou, me te whakamahi hoki i te papa kupu hei whakahua kupu Māori ki waenga i te rerenga reo Pākeha, e mōhiotia nei he tikanga reorua.

“No te tau 2016, i timata ai Te Tohekura. Ka whakaratohia he wāhi haumaruru mo ngā akoranga o ngā rēanga katoa me te āhehi hoki ki te whakamātau i te reo. He āheinga hoki mō ngā mātua me ā rātou Tamariki ki te ako tahi, me ngā Kaiako katoa he whakahekenga no Te Whakatōhea. Ka ako rātou i tō rātou reo ki roto i te ahuatanga rūmaki, ki te wāhi ka hikoitia e rātou te whenua me te ako i ngā pūrākau o taua whenua. I tēnei tau, neke atu ngā rehitatanga i te mōrahi o te 200 i roto i te rua wiki neke atu, he kawenata tēnei ki te mana mo te angitūtanga.

“I tīmatatia hoki e mātou te Tohekura rangatahi i tēnei tau. Ko te akoranga e hāngai ana ki ngā whakanekeneke e pā ana ki te reo me ōna tikanga, ka tuia ki roto i tētahi āhuatanga reorua – ko te reo Māori te mātāmua ko te reo Pākeha ka whāia.”

Ko tōnā kaingākau ki ana mahi kua whakatauiratia i roto i te huhua o ētahi atu o ana kaupapa reo Māori e whakahaeretia ana e ia, pērā i te Tuku – he wānanga reo ā-tau, he wāhi pekanga akoako reo, me te hanga rauemi reo Māori, tae atu ki ngā pukapuka, pūrākau, me ngā kēmu.

I te pātaitia tana, he aha kei te kōkiri i ana kaupapa, ngāwari noa iho te whakautu a Tracy. Ko taku aroha ki tōku whānau, tōku iwi, tōku hāpori, me te wawata hoki kia rangona te reo Māori e kōrerotia ana i ngā wāhi katoa koi rā hei whakaohoho i tōku wairua.