

## Kua kawea e te Wānanga te Kura Reo ki tērā taha o te Tāhimana

Ko Waitangi Black, tētahi o ngā kaimahi kua roa e mahi ana i Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi ana ko ia tētahi o ngā Kaiako o Te Pōkaitahi Reo, e kōrero mai ana mo te Rukuhia Kura Reo 2023. He tuatahi tēnei ki te whakahaere i Te Pōkaitahi Reo, kanohi ki te kanohi ki ngā tauira katoa e noho mai ana ki Ahitereiria. Ko te wānanga i tū mō ngā rā e toru ki Queensland, 50 ngā tauira i akonga atu te reo me ngā wānanga akoranga ahurea, i kapi ai te āputa mariko, e wehe nei i ngā tauira i te nuina o te wā, e hono mai ana i te ipurangi

He maha ngā tāngata o ngā rēanga katoa i ngākau nui ki Te Kura Reo me te whakamātau hoki ki te kōrero i Te Reo Māori, tae atu ki ngā tauira ki te awahi i ētahi atu momo akoranga pērā i te Mau Rākau (he taonga tuku iho) me te Kapa Haka.

I pātai atu mātou kia Waitangi he aha ia i mōhio ai kei te hiahia ngā tāngata e noho mai ana ki Ahitereiria ki te ako ki te kōrero Maori ana he aha i whaitake ai ki te tuku i tēnei hōtaka, Ko tana whakautu: “Ko te tūhonohono te mea nui, inārā mo ngā whānau e noho mai ana i tā wāhi e ngākau nui ana ki te awahi i tō rātou taha Māori ma te ahurea me Te Reo Māori. He huarahi te ako i Te Reo Māori ki te poipoi i ngā honohonotanga. Ia te wā ka huihui mai ngā tauira, ka hihiko katoa rātou ki te ako, ana ka haere tonu tērā āhukatanga ki ētahi atu.”

Ka tīpakohia mai e Waitangi tētahi putanga a te Kura Reo i angitu, ara, ko te hono atu ki ngā Māngai o te Iwi Moemoea. “I angitu anō hoki te hono atu ki ngā tangata whenua o te haukāinga (iwi taketake o te whenua), i tukua mai e rātou a rātou karakia, whakamoemiti, me te tautoko i tā mātou kaupapa Kura Reo. Na tō rātou whakaaea mai kia kawea a mātou mahi ki raro tonu i ā tātou tikanga Māori, i haumarua ai ngā whakahaere i tēa ai te tuku atu ki ngā tauira, te ōritetanga i roto i ngā āhukatanga Māori. He akoranga tino whakahirahira i eke ki tōna taumata ana he whēako mā te katoa.”

Na te mea ko ia te pakeke o te rōpū, ka hoki whakamuri ngā mahara o Waitangi: “Pārekareka ki āhau te tohatoha takawaenga i ngā mahi i te wā i whakaritea ngā akoranga noho. I te tino hiakai ngā tauira ki te ako; na tō rātou rikarika ki te whai wāhi kaore he here, i hikaka ai te katoa.”

Ko ngā mahi a Waitangi i ngā tau kua pahure, tōna ngākau titikaha, e manawanui ana kia eke panuku te tuku i Te Pōkaitahi Reo e whakatinana nei i ngā uara o Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi. Ka ana tonu te titiro whakamua a Te Pōkaitahi Reo ki te tuku i te kaupapa o te Rukuhia Kura Reo a te tau 2024.