

Tihei Mauri Ora!

In Tune with our Tupuna

E tipu e rea, mo ngā rā o tau ao; Ko tō ringa ki ngā rākau ā te Pākehā,
hei ara mō tō tinana,
*Ko tō ngākau ki ngā taonga a o tipuna Māori, hei tikitiki mō tō mahunga,
Ā, ko tō wairua ki tō Atua, nānā nei ngā mea katoa.*

Grow up and thrive for the days destined to you.
Your hands to the tools of the Pākehā to provide physical sustenance,
Your heart to the treasures of your Māori ancestors, as a diadem for your brow,
Your soul to your God, to whom all things belong

Nā Tā Apirana Ngata kia Rangi Bennett (1949)



*In a recent speech to the Midland Region Iwi Relationship Boards on 12 August 2009, former Tumuaki of Te Wānanga o Raukawa, Professor Whatarangī Winiata encouraged Board members to prepare for the inevitable changes that are ahead; to collaborate; co-operate and communicate with each other, stating, “we have not been here before - **but we can and will succeed, if we remain true to the teachings of our tupuna**, which remind us that the solutions reside within us”.*

Our tupuna are considered amongst the most important contributors to society, because they had the necessary wisdom and experience of this world, and through the transmission of oral tradition, they taught their people of morals, values and provided well-proven sage advice. Let’s be constantly in tune with our tupuna, and listen to their healing whispers. Kia pai tō wiki!



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