Tihei Mauri Ora!

We shall achieve

Ma pango, ma whero ka oti te mahi
By black and red together, the work is done

The Kingitanga’s Princess Te Puea Herangi of Tainui was raised and educated in Māori beliefs, values, and culture. She is remembered for the remarkable contribution she made to both her own people of Waikato and to Māoridom which spanned the period of time where her people bore the effects of events such as the influenza epidemic, and conscription. The popular leader once said, “If I am to dream I dream alone. If we all dream together then we shall achieve…”

Life is a journey - from where we are now, to where we want to be. Don’t let your goals and resolutions fall by the wayside. Like Princess Te Puea we can make a difference by working together. Chances are that to achieve our dreams and live a life we love, those goals and resolutions are crucial. Often a change in character is required to ensure congruency with our goals and intentions. Any character building we accomplish now can serve us well indefinitely. Remember qualities like co-operation, resourcefulness and courage can pay dividends across all areas of our lives. Dream the dream, and lets all achieve. Kia pai tō wiki!

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