Dr Pei Te Hurinui Jones, a Ngāti Maniapoto leader, genealogist, writer and scholar, had spent some time at Wesley College with no further formal education. However, in 1968 he received an honorary doctorate for literature from the Waikato University. Ngā moteatea was one of Pei Te Hurinui’s most valuable contributions to Māori literature. Tā Apirana Ngata described Jones as a “torch-bearer - a good man, with plenty of vision, a first-rate Māori scholar, steeped in West Coast folk lore, and a very competent master of English... and he has the fire that kindles hearts.”

Enthusiasm is one of the keys to achieving success – and liking it in the process, because sustained enthusiasm constitutes the chief ingredient to what many call “the spice of life”. Lose your enthusiasm for your job, and your job becomes meaningless; lose your enthusiasm for life, and your days become meaningless. The best leaders help their followers to see their vision and they have so much enthusiasm about that vision, they light a fire within their followers who can then ‘let their light so shine’ for all they are worth, and for all to see. Kia āpai tō wiki!