

Tihei Mauri Ora!

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Ma muri ka tika a mua

Learn from the past to prepare for the future



A lasting legacy of the first Māori Minister of Native Affairs (1899) and Acting Prime Minister of New Zealand in 1909 and 1911, Sir James Carroll, of Ngāti Kahungunu, was fighting a lone battle to 'stonewall' the wholesale alienation of Māori lands, so Māori would be able to develop their lands, and move on to great things. His view was ***"You must turn over the pages of the past; you must open a new page for the things of to-day and to-morrow"***.

From this great Māori leader as well as mentors for others who followed in his footsteps, we can learn from the lessons of the past, prepare and plan for the future, but take advantage of the opportunities to live life to the full in the present.

The beginning of another chapter in our lives, or even another day brings us much excitement because at this point, we can actually feel that we have the chance to open a new page and start afresh. This fills us with a sense of joy because it makes us realize that we have an abundant supply of renewed hope... that we have endless opportunities to begin again. Thus, we find the courage to accept our past disappointments, to look ahead... and move on. *Kia pai tō wiki!*



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