

Tihei Mauri Ora!

Education and Working Hard

*Ma te tauihu o tou waka, e u te waiora
Kia mahue atu, nga mea whakahirahira
i roto i te koriporipo*

*May the prow of your canoe, cleave the waters of life
And leave in its wake, mighty deeds*



This year's Te Papa Treaty Debates of 28 January featured Auckland University's former Professor of Māori Studies and recipient of the Distinguished Companion of the NZ Order of Merit in 2009, Dr Ranginui Walker, of Whakatohea. Dr Walker grew up in a traditional whānau, hapū situation. "It was an idyllic existence: no-one hungered, no-one suffered, children were not beaten, and there was love all around me from whānau. But it was an unreal world, because it was unsustainable. The real world was much more competitive. I had to learn that to live in that world, and to survive, the way to get there was through **education and working hard**".

A good schooling and being prepared to put in the hard yards has always been a prerequisite to success. Once Ranginui had obtained his PhD, he was immediately called upon to be an instrument in the hands of his people for good whether it was as an advocate, activist, media commentator, or academic. He certainly made his mark. Can you do likewise? Why not? Catch the vision of higher education, have the determination to get going and the stick-ability to persist until you succeed, and most importantly, to make yourself available to be of service to others. *Kia pai tó wiki!*



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