

# *Tihei Mauri Ora!*

## *Ideas and imagination*

**Pihi kau ake te whakaaro pai, hauhake tonu iho**

*When a good thought springs up, it is harvested*



Tainui Stephens (Te Rarawa), one of our foremost broadcasters who worked as an independent reporter, writer, director, producer and executive producer, once remarked, “It is the Māori creative spirit that we need to protect and nurture most of all. We exist because of our ideas and our imagination”.

There’s one thing that we share in common – we all have the ability to determine our ultimate, best. Do you really know what you are capable of? Do you have any idea what you could do if you set your mind to it? Maybe the key is in thinking big, realizing that with a bit of that creative spirit and imagination, we can make ourselves better and open up new galaxies of opportunity to our eyes. Each new experience brings new understanding. Each task mastered brings more ideas and fires our imagination to greater heights. When we undertake that journey, and reach its conclusion we will have the ability to affect ourselves and those around us in a manner that will open up new roads, new quests, new opportunities, and new possibilities. *Kia pai tō wiki!*



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