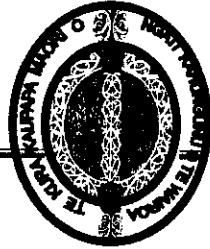


Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu O Te Wairoa

'Kia Tu Rangatira Ai'



Expert Mechanism of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Conference 2011

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Intervention Statement

- To inform the Expert Mechanism of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples what our Kura (school) is doing to promote the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- To show what the Kura (school) is doing to areas of education and its impact on Māori development in our area.

Mihimihi - Greetings, salutations

Tēnā koutou e rau rangatira mā
 o ngā lwi Taketake o te Ao nui tonu
 kua rauika mai nikā, ki tēnei kaupapa
 tino mīharo rawaatu.

*Greetings to all representatives of the
 indigenous nations of the world who
 are gathered here at this auspicious
 occasion.*

Ka tangi te ti, ka tangi te tā
 Ka tangi ki te oneone
 Kei te aroha atu ki te hunga
 kua aua atu ki te kainga tūturu.

*Salutations to those who have
 returned to the eternal the home.*

Ko Takitimu te waka tapu, i hoea mai
 i Hawai'i pāmamao

*'Takitimu' is the sacred vessel that
 came from distant Hawai'i*

Ko Whakapunake o te Matau a Maui
 Tikitiki a Taranga te Maunga
 Whakahii

*'Whakapunake' which was hauled up
 by Maui Tikitiki the last born of
 Taranga is the majestic mountain*

Ko Wairoa Hōpūpū Hōngenengene
 Mātangirau te awa

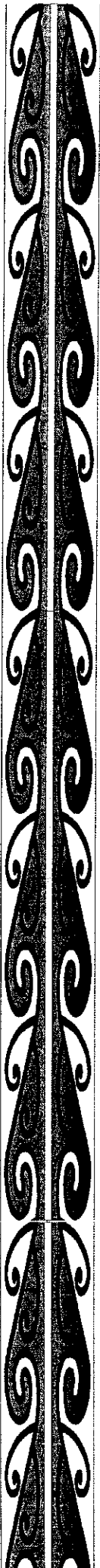
*The long swirling turbulent then calm
 waters of 'Te Wairoa' is the river*

Ko Ruataniwha te tūrangawaewae

*'Ruataniwha' is the place where I
 stand*

Ko Ngāti Makoro te hapu

'Makoro' are the people



Ko Ngāti Kahungunu te iwi

'Ngāti Kahungunu' is the tribe

Ko Aotearoa te kainga

Aotearoa New Zealand my home

Ko Anahera Scott toku ingoa

My name is Angelia Scott

Ko ahau te Tumuaki Whakakapi o
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o
Ngāti Kahungunu O Te Wairoa

*I am Acting Principal of Te Kura
Kaupapa Māori Ngāti Kahungunu O
Te Wairoa*

Tēnā tātou katoa

Greetings to us all.

Today I speak in reference to Article 14.1 of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to establish and control their educational systems and institutions providing education in their own languages, in a manner appropriate to their cultural methods of teaching and learning.

Background

On February 6, 1840 the Chiefs of Aotearoa New Zealand signed a Treaty with the British Crown.

Over the last 35 years tangata whenua (people of the land, indigenous people) have demonstrated a strong determination to revitalize their language and to address the discrepancies and hurt that we carry as a result of colonisation and the breeches of our treaty.

This movement culminated in the establishment of Kohanga Reo (Māori Language Nests) and Kura Kaupapa Māori, (total Māori immersion schools). I am Acting Principal at a Kura Kaupapa Māori in Wairoa.

Our school, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu o Te Wairoa is guided by the philosophy of Te Aho Matua. Te Aho Matua is a way of teaching and learning that is underpinned by Māori values, beliefs and customs. We aim to deliver quality education programmes through the Māori language and customs of our tribe, Ngāti Kahungunu. We want to enable our children to realise their full potential, as future leaders, to maintain with integrity, the spiritual, physical and mental well being of the whanau (family), hapū (sub tribe) and iwi (tribe).

Kura Tika Tangata - Human Rights School

In 2009, the Board of Trustees became interested in human rights in education, and recognised a need for professional development around this. A series of wānanga (seminars), were carried out with whānau during 2010. On the 10th of December 2010, International Human Rights Day, the Kura declared itself a Human Rights School, the first Kura Kaupapa Māori, in New Zealand to do so. We stated:



"We are a Kura Tika Tangata because we actively promote and protect human rights, recognising that our children are our greatest taonga. Under the guidance of the philosophy and principles of Te Aho Matua, we hereby make our declaration to be a Kura Tika Tangata

'Kia Tū Rangatira Ai'"

(Stand strong as leaders)

As Kura Tika Tangata our aim is to bring human rights to the whānau (family) of the kura and grow respect for human rights and responsibilities in our community. Over the next 2 years we will continue to strengthen our rangatiratanga (self determination) by developing leadership to progress this aim and realise our vision, 'kia tu rangatira ai' (Stand strong as leaders).

We are developing our own unique curriculum based on the stories customs and traditions of our own tribe of Ngāti Kahungunu of Wairoa, supported by Te Aho Matua, The Treaty of Waitangi and international human rights documents.

Therefore, thank you for your time. Please come and introduce yourself to me, my story is much longer and I would love to hear yours.

Angelia (Anahera) Scott
Tumuaki Whakakapaki (Acting Principal)
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu o Te Wairoa

Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Ngati Kahungunu O Te Wairoa

Appendix 1

Good Practice in Kura Kaupapa Maori Schooling, Aotearoa, New Zealand

Implementation and the right to participate.

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge Te Runanganui o nga Kura Kaupapa Maori o Aotearoa, as a model of good practice, this is a council of experts of Te Aho Matua Maori Education Schools for New Zealand. Their role is to protect the development and wellbeing of all Kura Kaupapa Maori to ensure the unique Maori indigenous world is fostered.. They have established a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education, in New Zealand, whereby the Ministry is required to consult with the Runanga on any proposed changes that may affect our unique schooling type. If there has been no consultation with the Runanga on behalf of Te Aho Matua Maori Education Schools, the Runanga will exercise the mana (power) not to participate. Example

National Standards - made compulsory for all schools in New Zealand from 2011, however, due to no consultation with Kura Kaupapa Maori, (Maori Education Schools) through Te Runanga o nga KKM O Aotearoa , Te Aho Matua Schools, such as mine, can decide with confidence for themselves whether to participate or not.

The strong support of Te Runanganui (The Council) to lobby government on our behalf prevents direct approaches from the Ministry of Education, and ensures informed consent and that our kaupapa (purpose) of language and cultural revitalization is not compromised.

I make this statement on my own behalf, and on behalf of my school, only.

Angelia Anahera Scott
Principal,
Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Ngati Kahungunu o Te Wairoa

*“He kakano ahau I ruia mai I Rangiatea, e kore e ngaro
I am the seed that was sown at Rangiatea, I will never be lost”*