



# WHAT MAKES A GOOD LIFE? TE PŪRONGO WHAKARĀPOPOTO TAMARIKI ME NGĀ RANGATAHI MĀORI, HE WĀHANGA NŌ MAI WORLD

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I ngā marama o Whiringa ā-nuku, Whiringa ā-rangi i te tau 2018, ka tūhono atu te Rōpū Mai World o te *Office of the Children's Commissioner* me te rōpū *Voices of Children and Young People* o Oranga Tamariki, he noho tahi me te hunga tamariki, rangatahi Māori āhua 6000 te rahi, he whakarongo ki a rātou kōrero e pā ana ki tēnei mea o te kāinga ora. Nā ko tētahi wāhanga o tēnei kaupapa he noho ki te kōrero kanohi ki te kanohi me ētahi tamariki, rangatahi Māori, e 175 ēnei uiuinga. I tuhia te pūrongo nei, [What Makes a Good Life?](#) Hei whakamōhio i te *Rautaki Child and Youth Wellbeing*, i āta hangaia, i āta whakamahia ki te kawē i tēnei kaupapa a te Kāwana mō te oranga a ngā tamariki. Na kei roto hoki anō i te *Children's Act 2014*, me mātua whakawhiti kōrero me te hunga tamariki, rangatahi, koia nei te pūtaketanga o te Rautaki.

Kei tēnei pūrongo whakarāpopoto ētahi o ngā whāinga matua i puta i te hunga 175 tamariki, rangatahi Māori i whakauru mai ki te kaupapa nei. I roto i ēnei whakawhitinga kōrero me te hunga tamariki, rangatahi me tā rātou i whakaputa whakaaro ai e pā ana ki te kāinga ora, ahakoa ngā piki me ngā heke. Na ēnei kōrero i puta ai ngā whakaaro o ngā tamariki, rangatahi hoki mō a rātou whānau, ngā āheitanga, ngā āraitanga hoki o tēnei mea o te kāinga ora. Ko te tino whāinga o tēnei pūrongo he tuari i ngā reo a ngā tamariki me ngā rangatahi Māori i rangona i te hui [What Makes a Good Life](#), e noho hoki ēnei kōrero ki te toko, ki te āwhina i te hunga e tuhi nei i ngā kaupapa mō ngā ratonga tamariki me ngā rangatahi Māori hoki.

Ehara i te mea na te katoa o ngā tamariki me ngā rangatahi Māori i tae atu ki te hui, ēnei tirohanga. Na tōna tikanga e hāngai ana tēnei hui ki te hunga tamariki me ngā rangatahi he nui ngā raru e pā ana ki a rātou. Ko te otinga atu, he maha tonu ngā tamariki, rangatahi Māori e pokea nei e te pōharatanga, kua mōhio kē rātou ki a Oranga Tamariki, ā, he maha noa atu ā rātou raru nui.

### ***Me whakaae: Tukuna mai he ara, e noho Māori ake nei mātou***

Ko te kaupapa nui i puta i roto i ngā whakawhitinga kōrero ko tēnei mea o te kaikiri. Ko te nuinga i rongō i tēnei tū āhuatanga mai i te marea. I rongō mātou mai i ngā tamariki me ngā rangatahi e kī ana ko te kaikiri te kaitō i a rātou ki raro, e kore e rata kia noho Māori ake nei rātou. He hiahia ki te tū pakari, ki te tū māia ki tētahi wāhi e kore rātou e whakawāhia.

I puta hoki i ētahi o te hunga nei te hiahia kia rangonahia a rātou kōrero, ahakoa te kaupapa. Kāre ō rātou tirohanga, ō rātou whakaaro e arohia e te hunga pakeke, kāre hoki i whakatinanahia. Nā te mea kāre rātou i arohia, kāre rātou i tukuna kia noho pai, kia noho pakari i roto i ō rātou ao.

**“discrimination, racism we are treated different and unfairly.”**

– He rangatahi nō Taupō

Ko te mea i rongō mātou mai i te hunga tamariki, rangatahi hoki ko te poapoataunu me te kiritoka ngā āhuatanga e ārai ana i te hunga tamariki, rangatahi, e kore e tū pakari, e kore e whai tuakiri, e kore e kite nei i a rātou e Māori ake nei.

**“Things that get in the way is the stigma that comes with being in the system. People thinking you are an out of control teen who is always doing something bad and can’t be trusted. So, getting rid of that stereotype and showing more of the kids who have come out of care on top.”**

– He rangatahi kei raro i a Oranga Tamariki, Ōtautahi

He maha ngā tamariki me ngā rangatahi e kōrero ana mō ngā ara e whāia nei e ētahi o ngā kura i ēnei rā. Ko te hiahia a ngā tamariki, rangatahi hoki, he whakanui i Te Ao Māori, kia tautokohia ngā ara me ngā kaupapa tūhura i tō rātou ake ahurea. Ko te rongō kōrero hoki, ko te whakaurunga o te ahurea Māori ki roto i te marau o te Kura, koia nei te ara tūturu e hiahiatia ana.

**“see ourselves – cultures being embraced and celebrated.”**

– He rangatahi nō Taupō

He maha hoki ngā tamariki i kōrero mō tēnei mea o te whakapapa, te ako whakapapa hoki, engari kāre i taea.

### ***Te mātauranga: Ko te tino hiahia, kia noho te pūnaha mātauranga hei whakamahinga mō mātou***

I rongō hoki mātou ko te mātauranga tonu te mea nui ki ngā tamariki, rangatahi Māori nei, he mea whakatutuki i ngā whāinga. Heoi anō, ki ētahi atu o ngā tamariki, rangatahi, ehara te Kura i te wāhi mō rātou. Nā te memeha o te reo me te ahurea Māori i ngā kura, kātahi ka uaua kē atu ki a rātou.

Ko ngā kaupapa e kawea ana i roto i ngā kura, ehara i ngā kaupapa e whai pānga ana ki ngā ao o ēnei o ngā tamariki, rangatahi Māori hoki. I kōrero hoki rātou mō te ako i ētahi atu kaupapa e āwhina ai i a rātou ki te rapu mahi, ki te ako hoki mō tēnei ao hurihuri.

**“school is unfair. They use us, they use our spaces, our culture but don’t respect it”**

– He rangatahi nō Taupō

**“Having a school system based on teaching by strengths and not high grades and a lot of credits.”**

– He rangatahi nō Te Tairāwhiti

He maha ngā kōrero a te hunga nei e pā ana ki ngā āhuatanga hei tautoko i a rātou, kia rite hoki ngā kura ki ngā hapori. Ko tā rātou, me noho haumaruru te hapori me ngā kura, me noho hei wāhi atawhai, e mau ai, e pupuri hoki i a rātou tēnei taonga o te hapori. Ngā hoa, te noho me ō tino hoa, tētahi atu take i puta.

**“we go to school having a bad as morning, we can’t talk to them about it because they don’t care and then you get kicked out.”**

– He rangatahi nō Rotorua

I rongō hoki mātou mō te hononga o te ākongā ki te kaiako me te aronga o taua ākongā ki te Kura. I kōrero hoki ngā tamariki me ngā rangatahi mō te kore o ngā kaiako e aro ki a rātou, ā-tangata nei, kāre hoki a rātou hiahia e tutuki. I rongō hoki mātou mō ētahi o ngā kaiako e ngana ana ki te whakapārekareka i ngā mahi kura, kia whai aro, kia hāngai ai ngā ākongā ki a rātou mahi. Ka rongō hoki ngā ākongā i te wairua a te kaiako, he wairua whakaiti, wairua whakatakē hoki.

### **Haumarū: Kia haumarū, kia pai, kia tautoko mai ngā hapori**

Ko ētahi o ngā tamariki me ngā rangatahi i kōrero nei mātou, i puta i a rātou ngā kōrero e pā ana ki ngā āraitanga, e kore nei rātou e rongō i te haumarū. He wāhi e taea e rātou te āta noho, te tākaro, te pārekareka me a rātou hoa, kia noho ki tētahi hapori whakapaipai, kāre he rāpihi e putu ana, ā, he rama hoki kei ngā tiriti.

**“I think what kids need is safe place and safe surroundings and a safe home ... Supportive people, positive people, caring people.”**

– Ngā kāri pōhi

**“the location of things cause most of the support or fun things is outside of our community. We can't afford to go there.”**

– He rangatahi nō Tūranga-nui-a-Kiwa

I rongō mātou mō ngā take hanganga e kore ai rātou e rongō i te haumarū. I kōrero hoki rātou mō ngā pirihihana, me te kaha mataku i a rātou (ngā pirihihana). Mō ētahi atu anō, i tau mai te kore e pono ki te pūnaha me ngā rōpū whakahaere, tōna tikanga koinei te hunga me whakahaumarū i a rātou. Na ko ētahi o ngā tamariki i whai wāhi mai, me tā rātou kī, ka patua rātou e ngā pirihihana, me te maha hoki o ngā pirihihana ka huri ake, ahakoa, ko rātou anake, e ruarua noa nei rātou. Ki ētahi hoki, i pono ka mārāma pai ake ngā pirihihana Māori ki a rātou.

**“They arrest us for nothing. They pull up with millions of cop cars and there's only one of us they have a warrant for, but they come up, straight up and smashed me. Kneeing me, telling me to put my hands towards my back but I couldn't because he had my hand. They are racist as.”**

– He rangatahi tāne kei te pūnaha ture mō te hunga rangatahi

Ko te tino hiahia a ngā tamariki me ngā rangatahi kia noho haumarū a rātou hapori, he wāhi hei whakahoahoa, hei mahi i ngā mahi a te tamariki. I kōrero rātou mō te kaha o te hapori, kia noho haumarū, kia noho hauora hoki rātou.

### **Whānau: Me tautoko i te whānau, kia pai tā rātou tautoko i a mātou**

Ahakoa ngā kaupapa maha i puta, ko tētahi mea nui i puta anō i a rātou ko tēnei mea o te noho me te whānau, te tautoko mai o te whānau i a rātou, nā tērā mea paku, ka ū rātou ki te kāinga ora.

**“when we do things with our family and friends, that's when I feel like I can do better and achieve my goals because I see us all doing it.”**

– He rangatahi nō Tūranga-nui-a-Kiwa

He maha ngā tamariki ka kōrero mō te kāinga tūturu, kāinga pakari, kāinga māia, e noho kāinga ora ai. Ko te noho pōhara tētahi mea nui i puta i a rātou, kei te mahi tonu ngā mātua, kua kore e whai wā ki te noho me ngā tamariki, me utu pire kē, he roa ngā hāora mahi, he iti noa rānei te utu, kua haere ki te whai mahi anō. I kōrero hoki ētahi mō te pōhara o te whānau, kāre he kai, kāre he moni. Ko te nuinga o tēnei hunga, i kōrero mō te kai me te moni, ngā mea matua e ora ai o rātou whānau. Iti noa te hunga i aro ki a rātou anō. Ko te nuinga i aro ki te whānau, ki te hapori hoki.

**“Lower petrol prices so that families have enough petrol to get from here to there. Raising income for students/young parents so they get on there feet a bit faster. The struggle is real.”**

– He rangatahi nō Te Whanganui-a-Tara

I tā mātou toronga atu ki ngā tamariki me ngā rangatahi mō ngā āraitanga e kore e rātou e noho ki te kāinga ora, ko tā rātou, kāre i te mōhio ki hea whai tautoko, ki hea whai whirinakitanga hoki mō te whānau. He nui rātou e kawea ana i te momo taumahatanga e pā ana ki ō rātou whānau, kia noho mā rātou tonu e kimi i te huarahi e koa, e ora ai ō rātou whānau.

**“Pay rise for parents. Letting parents have more time for and with whānau.”**

– He rangatahi nō Taupō

**“If the parents are good the kids are good”**

– He rangatahi nō Rotorua

## *Whakakapinga*

I roto katoa i a mātou tutukitanga me ngā tamariki, rangatahi nei, me o rātou kōrero e pā ana ki te kaupapa *'What Makes a Good Life?'* ki a rātou, pērā i ngā āraitanga kei mua i a rātou. I rongo hoki mātou mā tā rātou ū tonu ki a rātou anō, mā te noho o te pūnaha mātauranga ki te tautoko i a rātou ake me te noho haumaruru ki te hāpori e noho ai rātou ki roto i tēnei mea o te kāinga ora. Me whai tautoko hoki ngā whānau, koinei tētahi take nui. E mārama ana he take tino nui tēnei o te kaikiri, me ngā āraitanga kua whakaritea kia kore ai Te Ao Māori, e puta ki te whaiao, ki te ao mārama.

Ko te tūmanako, ko ngā take i puta ake i roto i tēnei pūrongo, ka tau ki ngā rautaki, ki ngā whakahoahoatanga hou, ki ngā whanaketanga hou o ngā ratonga tautoko i ngā tamariki, rangatahi me o rātou whānau hoki. Ko te tūmanako hoki, ko ngā reo i rangona ki tēnei pūrongo, e whakahau, e puta ai ngā pātai pono hei tuku atu ki ngā tamariki me ngā rangatahi Māori mō ngā take e pā ana ki a rātou.

**“For my voice and others to be heard we need people like you to listen and take in the things we say not just in one ear and out the other. Not making promises you know you can't keep but being honest with us.”**

– He rangatahi nō Ōtautahi