

**Candis Brunning - speech to Te Arawa Manu Kōrero Regional Competition
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Manu kōrero
Kia ora koutou katoa
Pou hīri pou rarama
Tēnā te pou te pou o tēnei kaupapa
U te pou maia te pou
Hui te ora hui te marama hui ē tāiki ē!
Kia ora whānau.

Te reo Māori has been and always will be a positive impact on my life – learning te reo Māori is going to inspire me to further educate myself towards the type of person I want to be which is to be a fluent Māori speaker which will help me on this journey and help me reach this goal.

Knowing my whakapapa will influence and enhance opportunities that would arise to help make this a successful achievement and inspire me to learn my whakapapa and learn it well.

During the past years, my whānau and I have been introduced into kaupapa Māori wānanga, one of the programmes that I have been inspired by is a programme called E TŪ WHĀNAU.

E TŪ WHĀNAU has been a major impact on me because not only did it help me but it also found who I truly was. During this programme it was mainly about how to decrease violence against whānau and using Tikanga and traditional Māori values to help such as Whakapapa, Aroha, Mānaakitānga, Tikanga, Kōrero Awhi and Whanaungatanga. So when I was at this programme, I was mainly there to develop confidence and get a better understanding of what Te Reo Māori means. but I ended up finding my true self by using our Māori heritage side of it.

So now I would like to say what the values mean to me.

Aroha – Aroha is about showing your affection and appreciation of other whānau members without reserve.

Kōrero Awhi – Kōrero Awhi is about being able to communicate clearly, positively and compassion both verbally and non-verbally.

Whakapapa – Whakapapa is an unbreakable web that connects whanau to the very first human being and beyond that to all creations of things.

Whanaungatanga – Whanaungatanga considers the extent to which whānau will go to support each other.

Mānaakitānga – Mānaakitānga is about upholding people's dignity and giving of yourself to others.

Tikanga – Tikanga is concerned with the safety and protection of the whānau .

So everything I have just covered is what te reo Māori means to me and when I learn te reo Māori, I learn about me.

So to finish it off, I would just like to say a quote and say my mihi to you. Your life is like a footpath, you're the one who makes the steps to lead you to greatness and you're the one who decides which path you want to go down and not only will you benefit from it but future generations will.

Ko Rangipoua Ko Tararua Ko Kiha me hiwi o te wera nga maunga
Ko Haparapara Ko Ōtaki Ko Waihui nga awa

Ko Raukawa Ko Te Umuroa Ko Waiorore nga marae
Ko Te whanau a Apanui Ko Tuhoe Ko Ngati Raukawa nga iwi
Ko Toihau hine te kahu o te hapū
Ko Haki Haweti raua Ko Reina Atkins oku Tupuna
Ko George Raua Ko Les oku Koroua
Ko Nellie Raua Ko Moe oku Kuia
Ko Vernon raua Ko Matiu oku Tungane
Ko Rauhoto raua Ko Shaneece oku Tuakana
Ko Dalvin toku Papa
Ko Mere toku Mama
Ko Candis Brunning Ahau
No Reira Tēnā Koutou Tēnā Koutou Tēnā Koutou Katoa

