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E Tū Whānau Values

The six E Tū Whānau values came about after numerous hui were held with whānau at different places around Aotearoa – places like Hawera, Hokitika, Kaitaia, Hastings, Auckland. At these hui the whānau were asked one question: 'What do you see and hear in whānau that are strong?' All of the kōrero, the stories were gathered together and then put into categories. There were six in total, and they were called 'themes' at first but over the past 12 years they have become known as the E Tū Whānau Values. We have asked whānau how they live these values in their lives from day to day and these are just a few examples.



1. One whānau listed all the things they can do and say to live each value and then they made a poster which they have put on their wall where everyone can see it. It is their whānau kawa.
2. Another whānau lives all six values in their home but every so often they will focus on one value in particular for a week or more.
3. Each of the six E Tū Whānau values has a statement which describes the meaning of the value. You could write your own statement to make the values your own in your whānau.
 - a. Pick one value as the value for the day. Discuss it with the whānau including possible ways to implement that value throughout the day.
 - b. Every time you catch someone displaying that value, provide a reward such as a star on a chart or points toward less chores.
 - c. You might also allow siblings to notice others implementing the value of the day.
 - d. Share stories about when your whānau values were demonstrated by your ancestors or whānau