

Orator enlightens pupils on the benefits of te reo Maori

TE KURA o Waikaremoana teacher and national te reo Maori speech winner, Te Kewena White has finally received his winning speech certificate.

Last year Mr White was invited to participate in the national te reo Maori speech competition by Nga Pae o te Maramatanga which is New Zealand's Maori Centre of Research Excellence.

The competition is based on a model used by University of Queensland with the prize including a \$10,000 scholarship.

Mr White shared his speech experience with his class to encourage them to aim high and

said their jaws dropped when he told them about the scholarship he had also won.

He based his speech on his Masters in Education thesis.

In 2010 he was teaching at Te Kura Kaupapa o Ngati Kahungunu o Te Wairoa after beginning his teaching at Te Kura Waikaremoana.

Mr White said he was very thankful for the learning experience at the kura kaupapa in Wairoa.

Now he is pleased to be back in Waikaremoana where his mother Moya Winiata (nee) White is from and where she still lives.



Future broadcasters reo rumaki from Te Kura o Waikaremoana with Te Kewena White and Harry Waiwai are broadcasting every Tuesday on Radio Kahungunu.

Listeners tune in to Waikaremoana student radio DJs

WAIKAREMOANA students are building a loyal radio audience with their weekly broadcasts on a Hawke's Bay station.

Te Kura o Waikaremoana rua rumaki broadcasters sit down with Radio Kahungunu each Tuesday.

Their teacher Te Kewena White, kaumatua Harry Waiwai and principal Roberta Little and Potiki at Radio Kahungunu-Te Reo Irirangi O Ngati Kahungunu in Hastings have seen the community interest grow in their radio programme.

"Rua Rumaki broadcast live using a polycom, giving news from Waikaremoana, and what they are learning at school," said the principal.

Mrs Little said the radio experience was invaluable for developing oral language, learning about different kaupapa, waiata and how life was for the older generation and what they learned, food gathering and maara kai, stories and place names around Waikaremoana.

In the long term it was hoped

they would also help with the Tuai community radio.

Mr White said it showed students another medium and something they could develop as a career whether it was online broadcasting or radio and television.

Mr Waiwai was thrilled with the programme and said they were very fortunate to have the support of the school and the ruamaki where the mokopuna were learning te reo.

He also paid tribute to the late Fraser and Lesley Moses for their contribution to the reo Maori programme.

"Te Kewena has come back on board as the teacher of te reo which was started by the elders like James Waiwai and Huhana Moses.

"They used to come down to help with the development of the reo in the classroom."

Mr White said it was good exposure and real learning — writing, listening, reading with a real audience.