

Patricia Frances Grace

Nō Ngāti Toarangatira, Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai, Ngāti Raukawa

I kuraina a Patricia i te *Kura tuatahi o St Anne's*, i *Te Kāreti o St Marys*, i Te Kura Kaiako o Te Whanganui ā Tara.

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Nō ngā kawae rangatira tonu ō Ngāti Toarangatira, Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai me Ngāti Raukawa.

Ko tōna ingoa, ka kōrerotia puta noa i te motu tae noa ake ki te ao. He mātanga tuitui kōrero

a Patricia i ngā wheako whaiaro nō tōna ōhinga ake, me te ao ō ōna mātua tūpuna.

Ko te momo i a Patricia Grace nā whai anō i tōna rongō hei whaingā, hei tauira mā tātou te iwi Māori.

E hia ke ngā whakawhiwhinga tuhituhinga me ērā anō hoki nā ōna hoa kaituhituhi i whakamana ai.

i te whānuitanga me te tōnuitanga ō ana pukapuka pakimaero, pakikīrehe, tae atu ki ngā puka haurongo.

Ko tā te Whare Pukenga me mihi ka tika ki tō Patricia ringa tautāwhi, ringa atawhai me tōna ringa tōhau nui hei whakanui, hei whakamana i tō tātou ahurea māori ki te ao.

Mā ēnei tuhinga āna, e āhei ana ngā tamariki māori noho tahanga i ngā wharepukapuka puta noa i te motu Kia rongō ai rātou i te mana nui, me te hangaitanga ō tō tātou ao Māori ki te ao hurihuri nei.

Me te mōhio nei he nui tonu ngā whakatupuranga kaituhinga i Aotearoa nei-ina hoki te taha auraki hei waahi, hei ara kia whakanuia rawatia te ingoa “Patricia Grace” hei kaituhi whitake, whai mana hoki i ēnei pūkenga, i ēnei pūmahara ōna.

Hei tāpiringa ki te nui ō āna mahi tuhituhi, he Kaiako hoki a Patricia i ngā kura auraki i ōna ra, he wahine whakapēto ngoi mō tōna iwi ō Ngāti Toa te take mō te hemo atu, mō te hemo atu.

in the opening of their wharenuī – Te Heke Mai Raro at Hongoeka Marae, Plimmerton in 1997.

Mei kore ake ia i te whakatūwheratanga ō tonā whare tupuna Te Heke Mai Raro marae i Hongoeka, Taupo i te tau 1997.

Ehara i te mea he aha, kia kite ai ngā manuhiri ō Hongoeka marae i tēnei wahine rongonui hei ringa wera, hei ringa taka kai i runga i te marae.

I te tau 2014 ki te 2017, nā Patricia i tutū ai te puehu anō ki te Karauna me te Kawana i te toitūtanga o te ture ‘*Public works act*’ hei whanako whenua, hei kaupare atu i te noho tahi o te Māori ki tōna whenua tūpuna.

Inā koa te whenua i whakaritea e te Kawana hei rori matua i runga tonu i tōna ake whenua whānau i Waikanae.

Toru tekau tau whai muri ake ana i te putanga o tana pukapuka tuatahi ‘Potiki’

me tana whawhai mō te mana mouhake me te tino rangatiratanga i roto i āna pakiwaitara. Nā Patricia

Grace i whakatauirā mai ki te ao katoa i te tūturutanga o ēnei paki āna, e ahu mai ana i ōna ake wheako me ngā peehitanga i tāmia nei tātou te iwi māori i taua wā tae noa ki tēnei rā!

Kāore a Patricia i whakaae ki te whakaitāriana i ngā kupu Māori me te kuputaka māori kei pōhēhē he reo tauhou te reo Māori i runga i tōna ake whenua.

Katahi anō a Patricia ka whakaputa i ōna ake hokinga mahara ‘From the Centre’ hei whakatuatu i tōna ōhinga ake nō konei i whakatangata ai, i whakawahine ai a Patricia Frances Grace- He mea poipoi ia nā ōna kuia koroua, nā ōna mātua me te nui ō ōna huānga- me mihi ka tika ki tōna hoa rangatira Kerehi Waiariki Grace i mate i ngā tau tata nei.

I tūtata ai rāua tahi i te mata kikoha hei oranga mo te whānau, hapū me te iwi Māori.

Waihoki ngā taura here whanaungatanga huri noa i Aotearoa puta noa ki te ao!

E ai ki tāna “He iwi tātou te iwi Māori e mōhio pai ana ki tēnei mea te tāonga tuku iho

Tē mōhio e au nō hea ēnei pūkenga ōku, ahakoa kua whai hirikapo ōku whakaaro ētehi wā”.

“He mea homai ēnei tāonga tuku iho hei waihotanga mo te tangata, e kore rawa ā muri e hoki”.

Tēra pea he mea tuku iho, he mea hoatu noa atu tētehi reanga ki tētehi reanga, ka mau tonu te tangata ki ēnei tāonga ōna mohoa noa nei.

Ko ngā tāonga nā Patricia i tā koha mai, ko te kirikawa ki te kupu, ko te kirikawa ki te whai-kii, ko te kirikawa ki te hirikapo.

He mihi nui ki a koe Patricia Frances Grace, kōrua ko Kerehi, koutou ko ō mātua tūpuna, tae rawa atu ki ō kōrua uri whakaheke. Tēnā koutou katoa.

He mea whakanui koe, ‘Patricia Frances Grace’ nā mātou o ‘National Iwi Chairs forum’ i tō taungaroa me to manawanui ki te whakatairanga ake i te ao tuhituhi whānui kia whai waahi ai te reo nā te Māori, mā te Māori, mō te Māori.

E kui e hia kē nga pukapuka kua tuhia, kāwhia rānei nga pakiwaitara kua tito i roto i ngā tau e hia kē nei? Nāu tātou katoa tō iwi Māori whānui i hari ki tētehi waahi teitei, ki tētehi taumata tiketike tonu nō reira horopakina mai ai ngā kaupapa whēako Māori hei kaupapa whakamiharo ai i tō iwi, mo Aotearoa whānui, tae rawa atu ki te Ao katoa.

E te uri ringakaha ō Toa rangatira, e te wahine ngākau māhaki, e te wāhine marae, ko koe kē te whakatīrewatanga me te whakatinanatanga mai o tēnei kōrero ...

*Humility is, the citadel of the considerate mind.*