





# A Journey through Kaupapa Māori Evaluation

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# Kaupapa

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# My introduction to evaluation research





# Confidence Mana

Where does she come from?

Transferring Maori epistemologies/theories into practice

Workplace politics

Submit RFP

Supervisors  
Advisers

Budget  
Overheads  
Contractual obligations

Employ support worker

What frameworks do I follow?

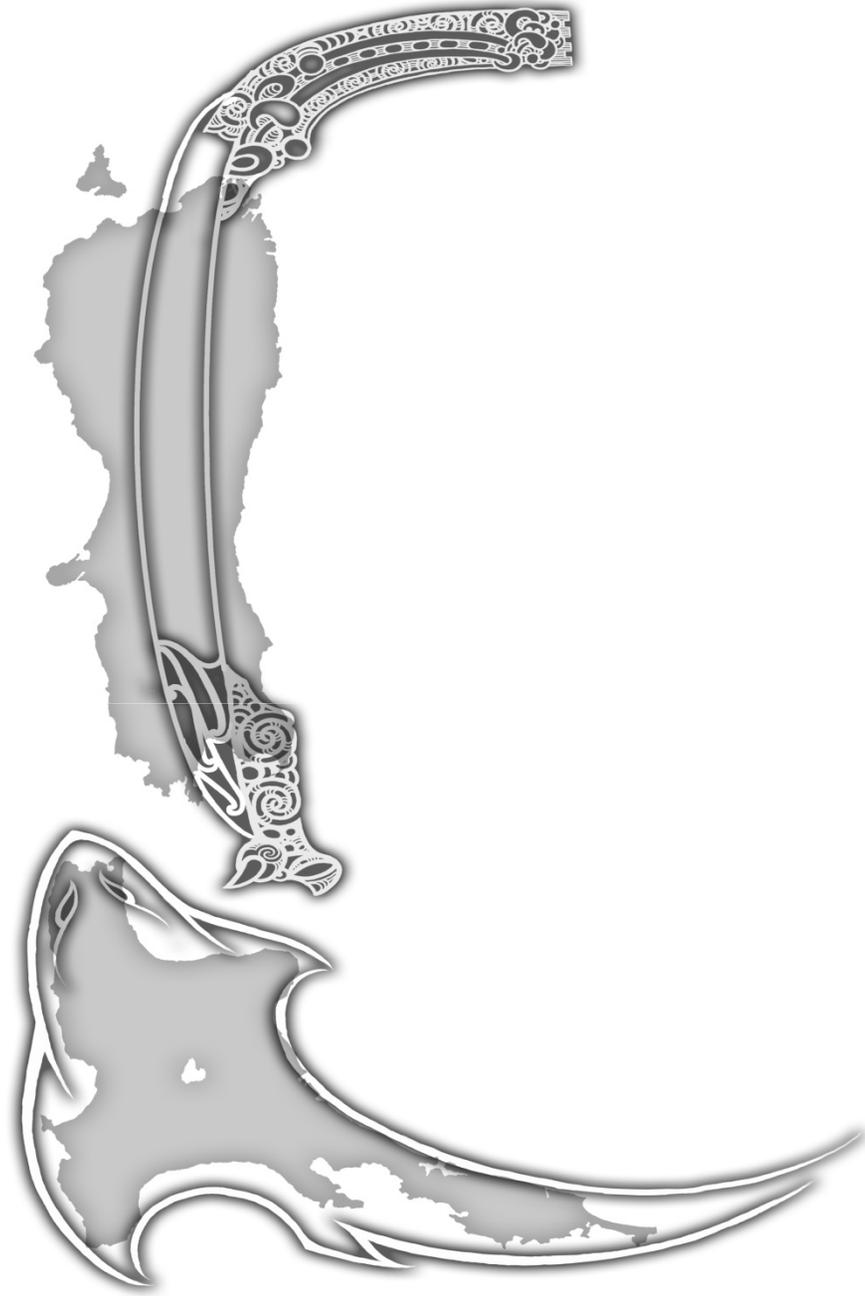
Tax/GST

Strong support.

Juggling multiple realities

Government  
Organisation

What is determined valid knowledge in the organisation?





# Mātauranga Maori

Maori have low enrollment rates in pre-school programmes; are over-represented in low stream education classes; are more likely to be found in vocational curriculum streams; and leave school earlier with fewer formal qualifications compared to most other ethnicities (Alton-Lee, 2003; Hook, 2007; Ministry of Education, 2006).



# The Programme

The programme is a unique strengths-based approach that uses peer support to help Maori children achieve at school.

The programme aims to give students, who have not previously, had, the opportunity to experienced success in the classroom setting and take pride in values upheld by their own culture.



# Theoretical underpinnings

The theoretical underpinnings of the programme are based on the Ka Hikitia - Managing for Success, The Maori Education Strategy 2008-2012. The operation side of the programme is grounded within Te Hikoitanga/Maori Cultural Responsivity framework.



# Evaluation Inquiry and Analysis

Evaluation inquiry was based on the Te Pikinga Ki Runga Model (Macfarlane, 2008) and explored four domains and three dimensions.

- Hononga-Relational aspects: whanau, whenua, friendships.
- Hinengaro-Psychological aspects: motivation, emotions and cognition.
- Tinana- Physical aspects: Demeanour, energy levels and physical safety.
- Manamotuhake-unique essence: cultural identity, attitude and spirit, and potential.



**98 Participants**

**9 Weeks**

**3 Schools**

Parents/Caregivers

School Staff

Head masters

Teachers

SENCO

SWIS

RTLB

Kaitakawaenga

Special

Education,

Ministry of

Education staff

Extended whanau

**36 Tamariki**



# Mixed Method Approach

- These included documentary analysis, archival analysis, photo elicitation, focus groups, marae hui, open ended survey questionnaires and participatory observation.
- This broadly ethnographic approach was to acquire a rich and deep set of relevant information that would provide insights into the multifaceted outcomes of the programme (Griffin & Bengry-Howell, 2007).



# Findings

"Main stream schools do all sorts of things but they never work on a child's identity in depth like the programme does, children discover that its ok to be Maori, to be proud of who they are, and for some that the first time they have heard those words. It is also inclusive so the learning isn't just for the tamariki its for the whanau the teachers, the school... it gives them a real boost and it can have a really stabilising effect for children to know who they are and where they've come from." (Participant, 2010)



# Findings

"I had a child that was a selective mute, and he was on the programme, and maybe to other people looking in, he wouldn't seem like he made any gains, but he actually stood up and said parts of his mihi by the end of the programme. it was an amazing thing to see as he had not shown that much improvement in such a short space of time, even though he has had specialist help." (Participant, 2010)



# Recomendations

1. Update programme material including module booklets, develop lesson plans, and form templates.
2. Update and order e-documents and paper files, archive and date old and unused material.
3. Invest in the programme and develop resources.
4. Provide kaitakawaenga with on-going professional development in terms of cultural competency support in Te Reo.
5. Develop a programme manual that will enable other kaitakawaenga to incorporate the programme.



“Good research can pay off” (A.H. Macfarlane, personal communication, June 9, 2012)



# Lessons so far

**Have the right training**

**Have the right support**

**Kaupapa Maori  
framework**

**Professional conduct**

**Mahi tahi**

**Relationships, engagement  
and reciprocity**

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