

# Hand in hand development best

More attention is being focussed these days on pre-school education and how it moulds young children's attitudes for later life. Recently the Ruatoki Pre-School Unit held an education course at the Te Rewarewa Marae to share what parents thought of the value of pre-school education. Rita Toko, the supervisor of the Ruatoki Pre-School Unit gives her report of the weekend.

Ki nga kaumatua, ki nga Matua, ki aku karangamaha i whakaeke mai ki runga i te Marae i Te Rewarewa. Tena rawa atu koutou. Ki te Ropu Wahine Toko i te Ora mo a koutou awhina mai. Ki te hunga kainga kaore i tae mai, noho kuare ana koutou i to koutou kore i kite inga mahi ataahua o tenei hui.

Ko te kaupapa o tenei huihuinga, he hui wananga mo nga tamariki nonohi, hai awhina i nga Ropu Wahine Awhina Tamariki, me nga Mahita hoki o nga kohanga nei.

Ko nga ope i whakaeke mai, ko nga ropu no Te Whanau-a-Apanui, no Murupara, no Rotorua, no Maketu, no Ohope, no Whakatane, no Taneatua, no te Tari Maori o Tokoroa.

Ko nga tumuaki whakaara korero mo tenei hui, ko Tata Williams mo te Tu-Tangata-Whanau, ko Hine Potaka me tana Ropu Wahine Awhina Mahi i roto i nga kura, (He kohanga ranei, he kupu tika mo nga Kohungahunga nei). Ko Mihi Tule, ko Matekino Lawless, me tana tamahine a Tina Wirihana. E mahi ana hoki ratau i raro i te mana o te Putake Matauranga mo te iwi Maori i roto i te rohe o te Waiariki nei.

"Huihui Tatau nga kiri parauri me nga kiritea, ka toitu te kaupapa. Ka wehewehe tatau, Ka hinga."

Ko te pirangi nui ki toku whakaaro iho ki nga korero, kia kitea enei ahua mahi i enei hui a, haere ki hea. Ko te whaiwhai ake ki nga korero i puta mai i nga whakawariutanga nei, he mihi tuatahi ki nga ropu whakaeke mai ki te whakanui i tenei hui tuatahi, ki roto o Ruatoki. Nga mihi nui rawaatu ki a Hine me tana ropu mo enei ahuatanga kua whakaahuatia mai nei e ratau ki a matau. Na ratau i whakaohoho etahi whakaaro, etahi mahi ataahua ki waenganui i a matau e kore nei i oho ake i tetahi. Hohonu ana nga whakaaro inaianei kia kaha ke atu matau ki te tatakai i nga kohungahunga o te motu nei. Ko ia to matau tiwai a, kia kaha ano hoki matau nga peka ki te whai i a ia. Ko nga ahuatanga kaore i paingia e etahi o matau, pai ana ki ahau enei whakahoki korero mai, na te mea, i mahia e nga whaea, e nga Matua, e

nga Mahita nga mahi whakawhiwhitia ai ki a matau kohungahunga. Kua kite ratau i te poto o te wa kura i homai e te Poari mo te Matauranga, mo nga tamariki nonohi o te wharua nei. Ko te wawata nui ke, ko nga reo rua nei kia rite tonu te haere o tetahi ki tetahi. Kia kore te reo Maori e mahue ki muri rano. I te mea he kaha ke ake te rangi o te reo Pakeha i waenganui i nga tamariki nei, kei te inoi ake au ki a tatau ki nga matua kia kaha ke atu te whangai ki te reo Maori i te kainga. Kei kona ke te nuinga o te matauranga mo ratau. Kei te kaha nga kiritea ki te whaiwhai mai i nga mahi a taua a te Maori. Taku mohio nei ka pera tonu mehemea tatau e whakatuwhera ana i o tatau hinengaro ki te kaupapa. Tera pea kua kore tatau e kopapa mehemea he hui penei ano, ka tu te kaumatua ki te mihi ki ana kiritea a, kua whakaaro me pehea ra he korero Pakeha mana kia aro ai hoki i nga kiritea nei e pehea ana korero. Homai he tinana mo te kaupapa kia rangatira ai tatau katoa o Aotearoa nei. He kupu whakamutunga ake maku.

# INTRODUCTORY JOURNALISM COURSE

The Department of Maori Affairs is planning four one week only introductory journalism courses for 1982. Each course will give 20 students a chance to see what's involved in newspaper, radio and television journalism.

Following this the students will be able to decide if they want to take up full-time courses at the Auckland Technical Institute (19 weeks) or the Wellington Polytechnic or Canterbury University (both year-long).

The 1982 course schedule is: Auckland — May (for students in the Greater Auckland and Northland area); Rotorua — June (for students in the Central North Island and East Coast); Christchurch — July (for students in the South Island); Wellington — August (the North Island area south of a line between New Plymouth, Taihape and Hastings).

Sixth and seventh formers can apply for the courses but the Department is keen to receive a good representation of mature applicants.

Application forms are available at following district offices of the Department of Maori Affairs:

AUCKLAND, ROTORUA, CHRISTCHURCH, WELLINGTON.

## MAN AT THE HELM

The New Zealand Maori Council has confirmed the appointment by State Services Commission of Neil Apanui Watene to the Secretariat of the council — a fitting climax to his 14 years voluntary service as Chief of Administration.

Apa joined the council in 1967 — a fledgling delegate from Wellington District Maori Council. In 1971 he became its Chairman, a position he has retained to the present, 1974-79 were years when the council was under great financial stress without the resources even to pay a secretary, Apa and the Wellington co-delegates formed the administration committee to take charge of the business of the council in a purely voluntary role, during the whole of that period.

In 1973 Apa was awarded a Winston Churchill fellowship to the U.S.A. "to undertake studies of employment after work activities with organisations employing large numbers of ethnic minor-

ity groups". In 1974 he became a justice of the peace and in 1975 he was awarded the M.B.E. During 1979 he was Employment Consultant to the Department of Maori Affairs.

Apa has been associated with Gear Meat Company since he commenced working there in 1957. In 1964 he was appointed to the permanent staff as Industrial Welfare Officer and he has been in turn Education Officer, Training Officer, and since 1979 Personnel Manager, a position he held until the final closure of the works.

Apa and his wife Janey have three children and are both prominent in the activities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and understanding to the position of secretary of the council.

Kia kaha ki a koe e Apa. Ma te atua koe e manaaki e tiaki i roto i nga ra kei te haere mai.