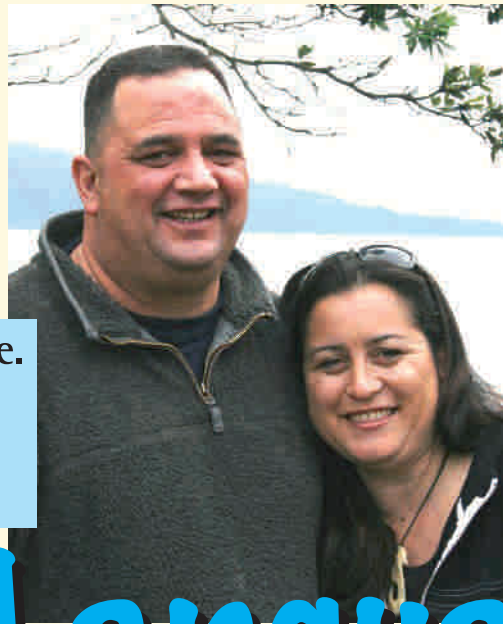


Caring For Our Community

Just give it a go.

Maori Language Week is 23-29 July and for non-Maori speakers, it's a time to realise Maori language is as much a part of being a kiwi as rugby, camping, the big carrot and bungy jumping.



Te Umariki and Kamina say that for pakeha to learn Maori language is a way of honouring Maori. These two local Maori language teachers encourage everyone to give it a go. "Kii mai Maori – come and lets speak Maori," says Te Umariki. "It's a way to bridge gaps. And Matariki (Maori New Year) has started and it's a time for new beginnings. So it's a great time to learn Maori language. Kamina teaches for the love of it. "And because I want to give something of what I've learnt back." To find out about their classes, email kiimaimaori@hotmail.com or phone 021 188 3434.

Impress someone with this phrase.

Taku aroha nui mou
(tar-ku a-row-ha nu-e mow)
= Love ya heaps!

Māori Language Week

By learning Maori language you are also learning the tikanga (customs) of Maori, and helping to find your own place in Aotearoa. It's just a phone call away. For classes in your area, contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau, Marae or community centre. Or download "100 Maori Words Everyone Should Know" at <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/culture/tereo>

Get your vowels right and you're half way there.

A as in far
E as in leg
I as in sheep
O as in pork
U as in put

Five words and phrases you can be proud to speak out loud:

Kia ora (key-oar-ra) = Hi, welcome, thank you.
Aroha (a-row-ha) = Love, compassion.
Whanau (wha-no) = Family, people.
Ka pai (car-pie) = Good.
Aye (eye) = Yes.

Some Maori words look too long or difficult to try. Break them down and it's easier.
Whakamauku (whaka-mau-ku)



Winners



Electra and Temperature Solutions Limited have given away another top prize in their recent heat pump purchase competition.

The winners, Colin and Shirley Chandler, are so rapt about winning their new TV that they think they should start buying Lotto tickets.

They purchased their heat pump because winter was approaching and they were concerned about having a gas heater on all the time. When they were told they'd won the competition, they couldn't believe it. "We're so grateful to win," says Shirley.

John Yeoman (Electra's CEO) with heat pump purchase winners Colin and Shirley Chandler.

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