

Cooking a kai for Koro



Today Kairangi I saw you were very busy working in the sandpit and talking to someone. You shared with me that you are cooking a kai for your Koro. He likes kai from the beach, the koura and the fish a favourite. As you were cooking your kai you were chatting to someone. When I asked you who you are talking to, you responded, "you know my Koro."

Kairangi you recently shared with me your Koro who had a Tangi and you experiences.



What I have learnt looking at your whakapapa connections, you are connected to the Uiraroa Marae. Uiraroa was well known as having a third eye and could see things others couldn't. I believe this is gift that you carry my friend.



Whakapapa is not simply about having "Maori blood" but knowing about that descent and having a meaningful relationship to it. It is believed in Maoridom

that a meaningful understanding of one's place in the present can only be understood by reflection and knowledge

of one's past (Ihimaera, 1993; Reid, 1986). Hence, knowledge of whakapapa is a crucial element in developing *mana-tangata*.

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