



## Ideas for exploring



### Activity: Waiata

#### Objectives:

- 1) Increase familiarity with Whakatipu and *Tātai Korero*
- 2) Identify the value associated with waiata for tamariki *and* whānau
- 3) Promote and encourage the use of waiata for teaching, learning and whānaungatanga.

Tātai Korero – DVD developed through collaboration between MOE and MSD in 2008.

**Process – Set the Scene** – Group size will determine activity and process

#### Waiata

**Brainstorm** Why? Where is the value? For tamariki, nga mātua, te whānau?

**Watch** introduction and Waiata section of *Tātai Korero* DVD (10 minutes)

**Chart** key messages – Add following if not included

- Give it a go – participatory value
- Educational – introduce or extend knowledge/understanding of language or topics
- Holistic learning/development involving language, social/emotional, cognitive and motor
- Rhythms – What a new pēpi is accustomed to and can be settled by
- Universal means of communication
- Entertaining
- Connected to feelings – encourages attachment and a sense of belonging
- Understanding of words not always vital
- Can relieve stress through endorphin release in the brain
- Can be as simple or complex as skills/abilities allow.

Three activities for releasing endorphins (natural ‘feel good’ hormones) in the brain are physical activity, laughing and **singing**.

Find familiar waiata and share actions – sing together. E.g. Tirama, tirama (p9, Te Māhuri 1)  
Tohora Nui (p9, Te Kōhuri) To ringa ki roto (pg 9, Te Pihinga 3)

Closing question – Where are the opportunities for us to bring more **Waiata** into our mahi?

#### Extension:

Te reo Māori is traditionally an expressive language full of symbolism, imagery and poetry.  
Mana Reo – Communication (*Mana derived from the ahi komau, sacred power of the Gods*).

Brainstorm and chart the many forms of ‘communication’.

Add in if not covered –

Karakia, karanga, mihi, whakaairo, whakairo, raranga, haka, **Waiata**

Talking, singing, writing, story-telling, picture stories, sign language, body language, mime, facial expressions, the use of all the senses, smell, taste, touch, sight, hearing.

**Tito waiata** – Six groups, each take one ‘tohu whānau’ and use a familiar tune (e.g. Ra whānau, national anthem) and write words to share a message behind the tohu e.g. te aroha me te mahana – love + warmth, te kōrero me te whakarongo – talking + listening

**Options: *Whakatauki***

“Ko te reo te tatau ki te matauranga, ko te matauranga te tatau ki t e ao”

Communication – the doorway to knowledge, knowledge – the doorway to the world.

What other proverbs/wise sayings do we know that make reference to communication?

Create and list and discuss.

**Resources used:**

*Tātai Korero* – DVD and something to play it on. Set of Whakatipu booklets