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FOREWORD

Mauri ora

This is now the third iteration of this kaupapa, and each time has presented me with more special moments working with our youth and getting their insight into the world and how they view it.

I wish to extend a formal acknowledgement to Rangeview Intermediate and Kelston Intermediate for entrusting Te Hononga Akoranga COMET and myself with the invaluable narratives gifted by their pupils. Furthermore, I would like to recognize the contributions of our financial supporters who share the vision and significance of this undertaking.

As we move forward with these stories now brought to life, we cannot unknow these truths. Our rangatahi will next be seeking solutions to challenges they see and experience, with the goal of initiating positive change within the issues faced by our community. I invite the reader to think critically about them and look to them not as an end product but as a catalyst for this change.

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Who I want to be when I grow up

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Good values over good skills.

So many people want to focus on getting a good job so they can be rich. This is not true for me. I want to focus on different things for my future career. Things such as working hard, being happy with whatever job you have and being a good person to the people around you and who you work with.

I believe it is important for students at school to treat each other with respect and have good manners. If you can learn these skills at a young age, they will carry on into your future career and are important skills to have. If we are all kind to each other, we will also see a decrease in bullying.

I think schools should continue to focus on building students who have good values. This way, all students will be set up for any job regardless of whether it pays well or does not pay well. The most important thing is to be happy and to be a good person to other people.

Housing in Te Atatū

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In Te Atatū there are many townhouses being built. I know that people like the idea of townhouses because they are spacious and don't require much land, which is great, but most of the townhouses have no garages. This means that the owners have to park along the road/street, which causes traffic in streets and roads.

I ask that the local council consider making it a requirement for townhouses to add garages or number of carparks per house. This will keep our streets safer.

Another way to avoid all this traffic is if we add more public transport. More buses, better bus routes, more trains, better train routes and subways.

Public transport helps a lot to get around, which could reduce car owners and convert people into taking public transport. Public transport also helps people who don't own cars like tourists or the less fortunate people. I think it helps the community a lot.

I would also like to talk about community spaces. I think if we add more community spaces like parks and fields, it would be nice for kids and families to have fun. Parks are also safe spaces for kids to play, and parks also help kids to get off devices.



Boxing life lessons

HILLY JR BENTLEY

Rangeview Intermediate School

Self-regulation, motivation, mental health clarity and resilience — these are all the things that boxing has taught me.

Boxing has positively changed many lives. It not only helps you learn about boxing but also helps you grow into a better person. It helps you with mental problems such as anxiety, building more confidence, stress, anger, focus and discipline. All of that helped me a lot too.

It also helps you physically with weight loss, better overall body strength, your heart and endurance, and it helps you a lot in self-defense. Personally, I'd say that it's one of the best martial arts, and it's actually one of the oldest martial arts.

Boxing can help you with a lot of things. However, there are also cons. The cons of boxing are injuries: permanent injuries, headaches, dizziness and sometimes general confusion. It can cause you stress at times and maybe even dementia. It's a dangerous sport. But there are a lot of good things about it.

I think that boxing is really helpful for a lot of people. If you were to join a boxing club, all you would see is positivity and others pushing each other to their limits because they want to see you succeed. The coaches are positive and cool.

I'd say boxing has changed me in some positive ways. I'd say it has made me more kind and humble than I was in years 7 and 6. It helped me, and I want to help others by saying that they should try it out. They don't have to, but I personally suggest it.

I also think that some schools should add something like boxing or any other martial arts. It does help a lot with self-defense, and mostly your physical and mental health. It helps you grow into the best version of yourself.

Healthy and unhealthy foods

ASIA JOE-TEWHARE

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Healthy foods are important for us when we're young because, like me, many young people play sports. Eating the right type of food is essential for staying fit and healthy. When you eat healthily, you'll feel stronger and may lose weight.

Now eating healthy is one thing, but when unhealthy foods are often so much cheaper, it's challenging for families to make better choices. I recommend that families budget for healthy foods and dinners and cook them in bulk to eat leftovers instead of cooking repeatedly. This will help your money go further.

Lastly, I believe we should make our food more affordable at the shops so that our families have better options when choosing what to eat.

Now I'm not saying to stay away from all takeaways. It's okay to have a treat every now and then. Let's just be a bit more proactive in our food choices.

Dreams and aspirations

D'ANGELO TANIELU MAMEA

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Making my parents proud is one of my biggest dreams. My older brother has set a good example by going to university and getting a degree. Showing respect and being respectful at school is really important to my family. I need to do my best to show this at school.

I am looking forward to following in my brother's footsteps and attending the same high school he attended. I look forward to the opportunities at high school such as playing sports, taking cool subjects and being involved in a lot of different things.

If I get involved in a lot of different things and I am well behaved, hopefully I can get a scholarship to pursue a university degree like my brother.

In order to go to university, taking subjects such as mathematics, English and science will be important because they are important topics for a lot of subjects at university.

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Being Filipino in the Māori bilingual unit

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I am Filipino but I learn in the Māori bilingual unit here at Kelston Intermediate. I enjoy the Māori bilingual unit because we learn different things from other classes, such as things like the Kiingitanga, the Māori King and the Māori Queen.

I have the opportunity to learn different things that you would not learn in other classes, such as pepeha. I enjoy doing my pepeha every Thursday. My pepeha is different because Māori students learn their pepeha, and I learn my own pepeha.

Learning about Māori culture and my own culture, I find some similarities, such as songs/waiata. Māori people have their own waiata, and Filipinos have their own songs. There are also traditional stories in both cultures, which I have learnt.

There are some traditional dances in the Philippines, such as tinikling, Carinosa, Itik Itik and more. There are six languages in the Philippines, and the main language is Tagalog. It is the most spoken language because it is spoken in the largest city, Manila.

Overall, I enjoy being in the bilingual unit because it gives me the opportunity to learn about another culture. Not only that, but it also teaches me about the importance of the culture of this country.

Sporting opportunities

MAYTRIX WILSON

Rangeview Intermediate School

Sports — more so basketball — is something that I am passionate about, and I learned how to play as a team player. The game is quite complex. It's a chill, fun game. I love playing it because you don't have to be good at every skill to play, and the community is good and very kind.

There are lots of sports clubs, but there may be fewer basketball clubs than those of other sports due to a few reasons. Other sports, like soccer, are played more worldwide and require less specialised facilities so that almost anybody can play them. Basketball does need some indoor courts, which might be less available.

I believe that sports should be more widely supported, and there are some ways our community leaders could support this. We should invest in more local sport facilities to get the community and kids playing in our local areas. We should have competitions so that we can compete against other people our age. Also, find a way to get cheaper equipment such as shoes, uniforms and mouthguards.

With all of the stuff I think the community could assist in, my school is doing some cool things to help us enjoy our sports here. We have had more hoops put in, inside and outside. We get basketball as a passion project, which means we can do it during school time so we don't have to have practice after school.

The use of basketball

CARTER ANDERSON-RATANA

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If you've never tried basketball, don't worry — just give it a go! Join a school or community team.

Even if you're not into it at first, it's a great way to make new friends and stay active. Basketball teaches you teamwork, integrity and respect for others.

When I play, the excitement is real — I can't wait for practice or my games. Scoring or hitting a three-pointer gives me a rush like nothing else.

What's great about basketball is that it's not just about you — it's about your team. Even legends like Michael Jordan and LeBron James rely on their teammates.

Basketball is famous worldwide, from the NBA to championships, and it's more than just a sport. It helps relieve stress, improves your focus and builds your skills over time.

The history of basketball is inspiring too. Players like Kobe Bryant (RIP) and Steph Curry motivate others with their dedication and passion. Kobe — also known as the “Black Mamba” — inspired people to push themselves, while Steph shares tips on improving your game.

Magic Johnson once said, “Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships” — and that's what basketball is all about. The sport pushes you to be your best, on and off the court.

Having inspirational players helps me understand the importance of role models and how I should look to do things in my own life. It would be cool to see more young people find a passion for basketball like me. Enjoy it and embrace it because it will make you more fit and healthy.



School sports vs club sports

CODY LLOYD

Rangeview Intermediate School

In my opinion, club sports are better than school sports because they last longer and offer more opportunities to improve. While school sports only run for a few days or weeks, club sports often span several months, allowing players to develop stronger skills and friendships. The longer time in club sports also creates a more intense and rewarding experience.

Comparing the club experience to the school experience, it is cool to have both opportunities. However, with club sports there are far more options, and you have the opportunity to meet new faces and make new connections. Sometimes school sports are also limited to what the school offers, which can be only sports you may not be interested in.

Overall, sports are great for your health, and they build confidence, but club sports are even better because they can open up more opportunities. School sports let you try different activities, but club sports are more competitive and provide a much better experience.

Technology to help learning

ROD CABADIN

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In the 1900s, the invention of electronic devices such as cell phones, computers, televisions, PlayStations and Xboxes made video games popular.

Many games can actually help us learn. For example, Minecraft teaches you how to craft tools, survive in different environments and even complete challenges in the game.

Another game, Roblox, allows players to create their own games within it. You can even sell the games you make and earn money, which can teach you about creativity and business.

Technology can also help with learning in other ways. We can use it to research information, stay interested in what we're learning, and explore new ideas.

Technology is important because it helps us make many tasks easier now, and it will be even more useful in the future. We can also use it for projects like making podcasts, which is something our school is thinking about doing.



Food wastage

TIARE PERETIRA

Rangeview Intermediate School

I believe food wastage is a very important issue in our world because it is not talked about much. People in their houses are throwing food in the bin, while there are homeless people on the streets struggling to even get food.

Food wastage is a big problem because it wastes resources like water and energy, costs money and contributes to pollution when food rots in landfills. It also means that food that could have fed someone in need instead is wasted. Reducing food waste can help save resources, save money and reduce hunger.

It is such a big problem because all the money you have spent on food has been wasted and thrown in the bin. Food waste also harms the environment when it is not disposed of properly.

We can reduce waste by planning meals better, storing food properly and sharing extras. Awareness and changes in habits can help solve the problem.

To cut down on food waste, plan your meals and buy just what you need. Keep food fresh with proper storage and use leftovers.

Some communities, like ours, have a pātaka kai, which is a shared food pantry in the public where you can drop off leftovers or excess food. This helps stop wastage also.

If we all do our job in making more sustainable choices, our environment will be better impacted and less food will end up wasted.

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Stop vaping / smoking!

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Have you ever wondered ways you could potentially decrease your lifespan? Well, I can tell you.

1. Chemicals

Vaping and smoking are one of the many ways to technically end your life. How they can end your life is basically the many dangerous chemicals in a vape/cigarette. Some of the dangerous chemicals are nicotine, propylene glycol and carcinogens. I know it's just three, but these three chemicals are already very dangerous, and that's just the start.

2. Outcomes

If you were to vape/smoke, the outcomes are very deadly. Some of the outcomes are lung disease, inflammation, asthma and more. These outcomes are obviously not good for your health, but those are only some, and there's more that we are still unsure about also. More of these outcomes could possibly become the most deadliest ways to end it all.

3. Prevent

Now if you don't want this, then you should probably not vape/smoke. You should always stay away from vapes or cigarettes or cigars as this is the best way to not do it. Try not to be influenced by the people around you doing it. You will need to put your health first.

Quick tip: If you find a vape or cigarette, throw it in the bin!

Housing for whānau

ASKANI HUMPHRIES

Rangeview Intermediate School

I think housing is expensive and small. There are now too many ugly houses that don't fit people's needs.

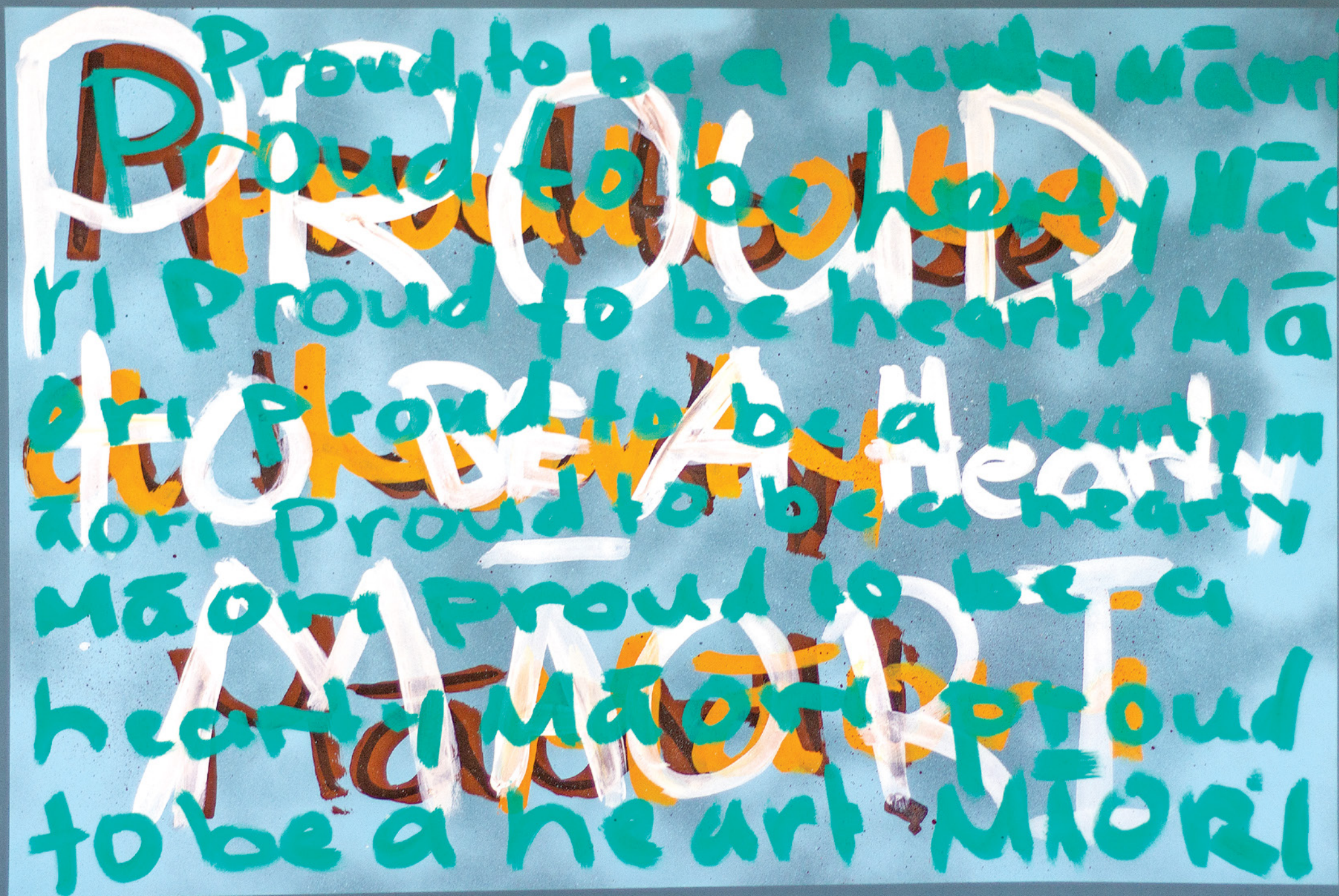
Maybe it's the size of the house that can't fit whānau that are big or extended. Houses should be bigger so that larger whānau can fit and the houses can cater for them. More garages so they can park all their cars and none have to park on the side of the road. More land or backyard space for kids to play across. A good space for people to live and grow in.

Sometimes it may be the price. With the price that some of these whānau pay for a house, most of the time they need to buy another bigger house to cater for their families. I think we need to be aware of how we can help save for better and bigger houses for our whānau. We would do this through learning about things such as financial literacy.

Understanding money better through financial literacy would help us rangatahi understand money in the real world and make decisions such as buying or renting a whare and how to save for this. Having a better understanding of money would make financial decisions easier in the future.

By learning financial literacy we can discover what it's like to pay bills and taxes but most importantly understand housing for the future.

ART (OVERLEAF)
Askani Humphries
Rangeview Intermediate



Why are qualifications important?

EMMA CHASE

Rangeview Intermediate School

How can we expect good results without good qualifications? These days, people are getting jobs without traditional degrees, which makes you wonder: is that OK?

But before you say, “Why does this even matter?” — think about this: Would you want someone without the right training to build your house or fix a broken bone? Probably not!

In New Zealand, most people get their qualifications from universities, and that’s what we’re told we should do. But are we giving students the right education to succeed? Honestly, not really. Schools are trying to improve, but many students still don’t feel ready for what’s next.

Are we giving everyone a fair chance? About 50% of NZ students achieve university entrance, which sounds OK. But just getting into university isn’t enough. It’s about making sure all students have the same opportunities to succeed.

In this country, students from different backgrounds — wealthy and not-so-wealthy — often go to the same schools. But even then, kids who have less money don’t always get the same opportunities. They miss out on things like tutors, school trips and other extra help that makes a big difference. That’s not fair. And it makes it even harder for them to get the qualifications they need.

Does every job need a degree? There are lots of benefits to going to university. It gives you more career options, helps you achieve personal goals, and offers deeper learning. But not every job requires a university degree. So why are we telling everyone they need to spend years and a lot of money to get one?

Think about important jobs like doctors or police officers — we rely on them to keep our communities safe and healthy. If these jobs are so essential, shouldn’t it be cheaper and easier to train for them?

So what’s the answer? Qualifications are important, but they shouldn’t be the only way to succeed. We need to make sure students also learn practical skills through things like apprenticeships and hands-on experience. There should be more ways to succeed than just going to university.

In the end, it’s about making sure every student has the chance to achieve their best — whether that’s through university or other types of learning. A good education system needs to be fair for everyone and prepare all students for the future, no matter where they come from.

Virtual to reality

LOLOMA VAIHU

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Imagine a virtual space where you can go play all your normal games, but they have a learning twist to them. We know we have cool games such as Roblox and Fortnite, but it's not too often we get this level of fun games for classroom learning. I believe we could do a much better job at making our learning platforms more fun by inventing things such as 'Mathnite' or 'MathBlox'.

Virtual reality is a non-existing living thing that is mostly used for boredom or for entertainment in human life. It's mostly used by children and high tech scientists, but I think everyone should be using virtual reality to help make learning more fun and engaging.

If schools were able to create 'Mathnite' or 'Mathblox', so many more kids would be more willing to learn. It would also mean you could continue your learning if you were at home and also not just during school time. I think we should be trying to find every kid's favourite game and transfer some learning into those games.

ART (FACING PAGE)

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Digital divide

FLORENCE TEVI

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With technology, learning from home is now easier than it has ever been, but is this a good thing? We experienced COVID-19 and were forced to do our learning from home. This had its pros and cons, which suited different people.

People have different views on it. Personally, I believe that learning from home is not as effective as learning at school. Here are some of my reasons:

Having a face-to-face teacher is far more helpful than having stuff online. A teacher would be able to help you with your work as you get stuck, where if you had this problem online, the teacher would not be able to help you or see that you need help.

Another important point is that at home you would not be getting learning at the right level.

Although I believe digital learning is important, we cannot forget the important role our physical schools and teachers play in our learning. As well as the important aspect of socialising with people.

So what do you prefer?

ART (FACING PAGE)

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Contact sports in schools

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I believe contact sports are an important part of growing up as a child in school. Yes, there are obvious risks of injuries involved in contact sports, but most activities have some risk of injury. I believe the pros far outweigh the cons.

The most obvious drawback is the risk of injury. Contact sports often involve tackling and a lot of physical impact, leading to various injuries, from minor bruises to serious conditions like broken bones.

Repeated injuries to the head in contact sports can also lead to concussions and potentially long-term brain damage. It's scary to think about, but you'll get used to it, and once you find a contact sport you enjoy, all that fear will disappear.

One of the positives of contact sports is that they're fun and help toughen kids up. They also help kids get more physical fitness and develop advanced teamwork skills. Contact sports can boost self-confidence and are a great way to relieve stress and build a sense of community.

One of my favorite contact sports is rugby because it's really fun playing with my teammates, having fun with them and getting a snack after training. It may be exhausting, but it's worth it.

I think contact sports should be allowed during school lunches because it gets boring just walking and talking with your friends when you could be running and getting your body pumping with excitement.

Contact sports sometimes occur around tournaments, with certain pitfalls like changing rules and teachers worrying about kids getting injured.

However, I think contact sports should be allowed at lunch so kids can have fun while learning all the basic skills in contact sports, building up their self-confidence, and maybe even turning into a famous sports star.

Pressures of being Samoan

KATALINA MISIPATI

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First pressure about being a Samoan is the pronunciation of your name. Some people may mispronounce what your name is because of the way the owner of the name pronounces it.

Second, the racism between colours of the person. Some people may think you're not Samoan because of the way you look and the colour of your skin. Also because you don't know your culture, so people think you're not.

Third, the family is central in Samoan culture, and there can be pressure to help extended family, participate in community events and uphold family reputations.

Fourth, the timing of the event. There is a time where you're told that the event starts at 6:00, but you get home to eat and sleep, and when you get up it's nearly 6:00. For some Samoans, 6:00 is 7–8:00.

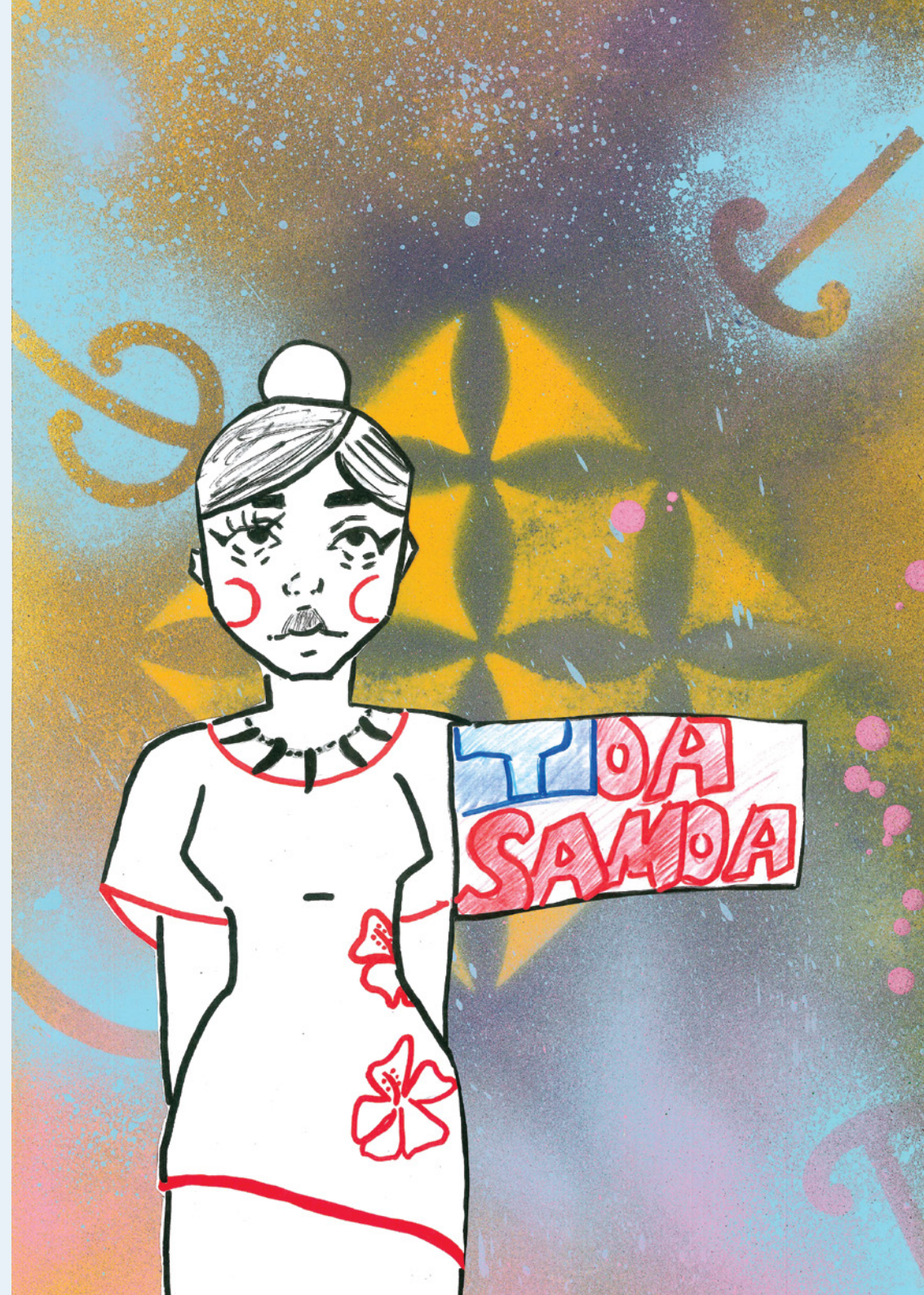
Fifth, the learning experience. In New Zealand, there are some Samoans who go to non-Samoan schools. They don't understand anything, so they get a translator or a friend to help. There are also some Samoans who understand Samoan and English fluently.

Next, Samoans often have specific roles within their communities — whether in leadership, church involvement or cultural events — which can create pressure to fulfil these expectations.

Last but not least is church. Samoans not only have a Samoan church, some go to an English church. The reason why they don't only go to Samoan churches is probably because that's not their religion. It's also about what they believe in because not everyone believes in the same thing.

Although these things are hard and can be stressful, I am still very proud of my Samoan heritage.

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Using technology right?

JOVARA MAUGA

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Everyone has a type of device, whether it's a phone, TV, chromebook, laptop and so on. Everywhere I go, technology is there. People use technology for the right and wrong reasons, but I think it should be used for learning or maybe helping you with school work.

I believe everyone should have access to free technology and things such as free wifi or data. This could really help so we can do learning anywhere. I think that the help of the government for the wifi and data would help with doing other school work online anywhere, creating more equal opportunities for people to learn. Once everyone has access to the internet, I think there are some awesome apps for our education.

Some examples of where technology is being used well are things like ChatGPT, stepsweb, kahoot and many more. These learning apps can really help people get a really good education without having to pay a lot of money for it.

Learning apps are good and useful. They are way better than just learning something at school. I think that learning apps can make you learn things quickly and there are so many apps that I'm sure you would be able to find something to fit everyone's learning needs.

The importance of sports

AALIYAH SANGSTER-FAOFUA

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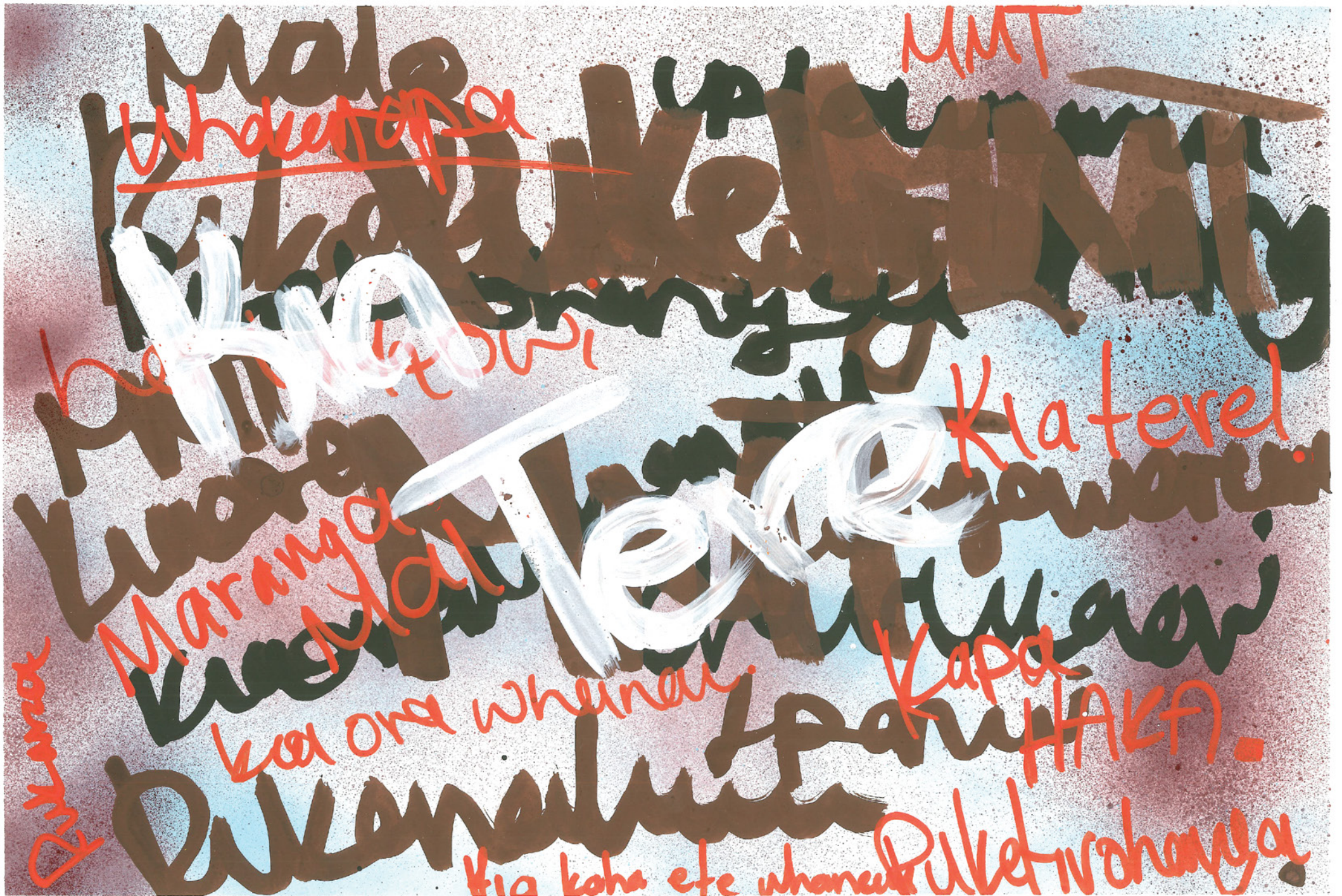
Sports are important because they help us to focus on understanding how the human body works. Sports can help us to run faster, jump higher, push harder and break records. It's important to be fit and train every week at a young age so that you can carry on as you get older.

Playing sports at my age is important so that I can teach younger kids different skills if they want to learn a new sport. It's also important to play sports at a young age because it can boost your confidence and help you socialise with other kids. Playing sports at a young age doesn't mean that you just have to be fit and really good; you just need to train every week so that you can improve on your skills.

For me, when I get to play sports, the main thing that I have to do is have good sportsmanship, have fun and have a good attitude. It's important to have good sportsmanship because you learn to respect others and to have self control.

Having a good attitude while playing sports is important because it helps you to work well with others and puts you in the mode to play. Playing sports boosts blood flow to your brain. This helps your body to be more coordinated.

ART (OVERLEAF)
Askani Humphries
Rangeview Intermediate



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Food is expensive

KYMAHNYI HAURAKI

Rangeview Intermediate School

Kai prices are crucial because they directly impact how much money whānau can spend on their meals and whether they go over their household budgets.

When food prices rise, whānau have to spend more money on groceries and not buy other things they might need. This can make it harder for whānau to save money or pay for important things like school supplies or health things.

If kai prices keep going up, it can be hard for whānau who don't have enough money.

Supermarkets overprice their kai. Not only that, one of our biggest supermarket chains is not even from New Zealand, which means most of the money they make leaves the country. This is bad for many reasons.

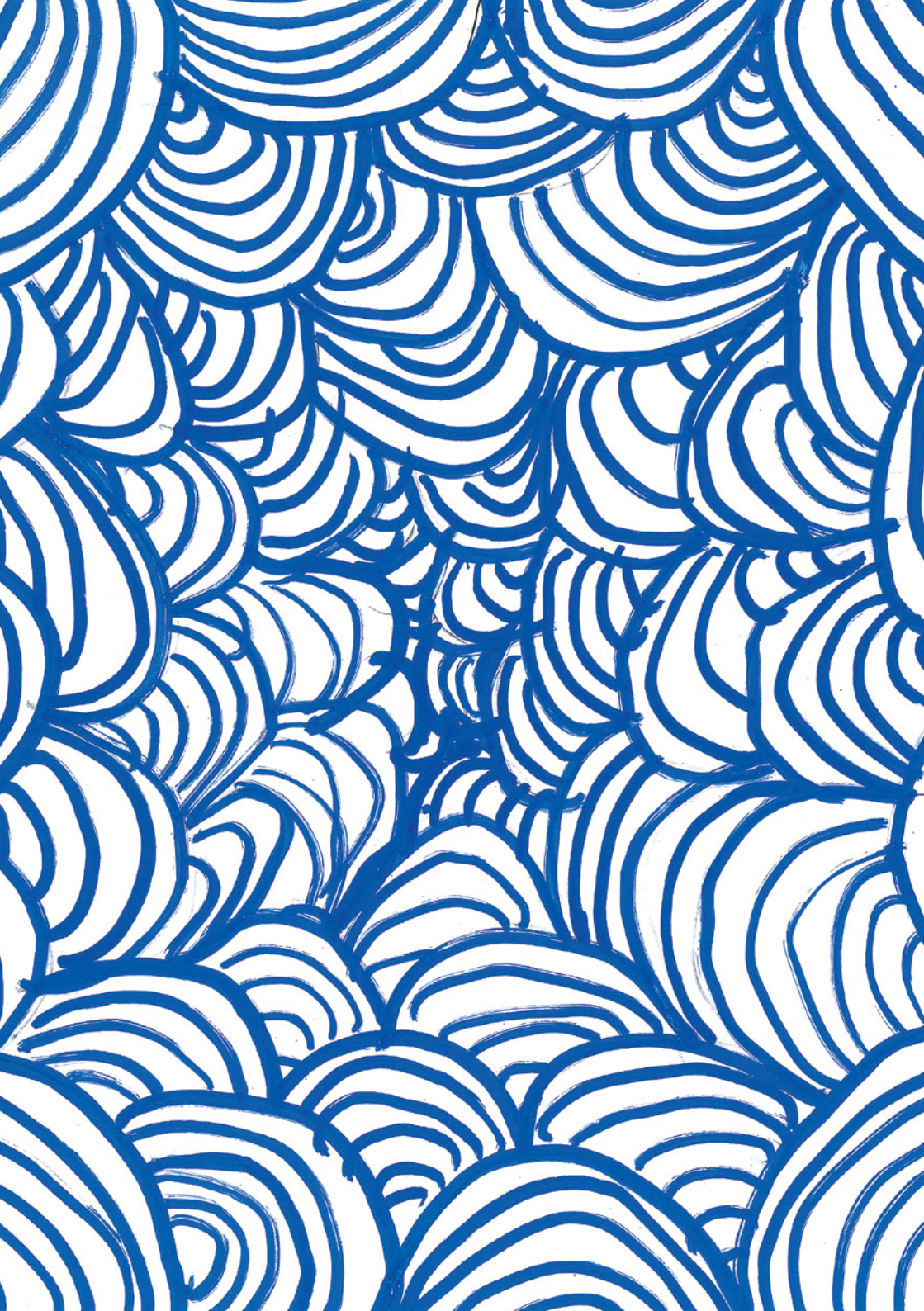
To keep kai prices stable, we can develop the way we grow food. Buying from local butchers and vegetable shops reduces the amount of money the supermarkets make, which will make them lower their prices.

Lastly, if we keep food prices down it will help whānau save money for other important aspects of life, such as healthcare and education.

ART (FACING PAGE)

Kymahnyi Hauraki
Rangeview Intermediate





My journey of education

POPPY MATAFEO

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I think school is important to me because I have a dream of becoming a lawyer or studying something like political science. The reason this is a dream for me is that I would like to help people get out of jail and get their belongings back. Although this is a long-term goal, there are things I need to do now to ensure I achieve it.

One of the most important things for me right now is school. It is important because I need to learn the right things to go to high school and achieve NCEA Levels One, Two, and Three. Not only to achieve these three levels but also to gain University Entrance.

University can be challenging and quite unaffordable, so in order to help manage that, I will need to get a part-time job. Learning how to be punctual now will help me be punctual for my part-time job, which will assist me with my studies.

Last, but not least, having a good attitude toward this journey will also ensure I can achieve this goal.

ART (FACING PAGE)
Melinah Haroon
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More kura Māori in Aotearoa

TAYLOR MACKIE

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Having more kura kaupapa Māori (Māori schools) in Aotearoa is very important. When New Zealand was colonized, the education system was built on Pākehā ideas. I think it's time we take action to set up more kura Māori to create equal opportunities for all students.

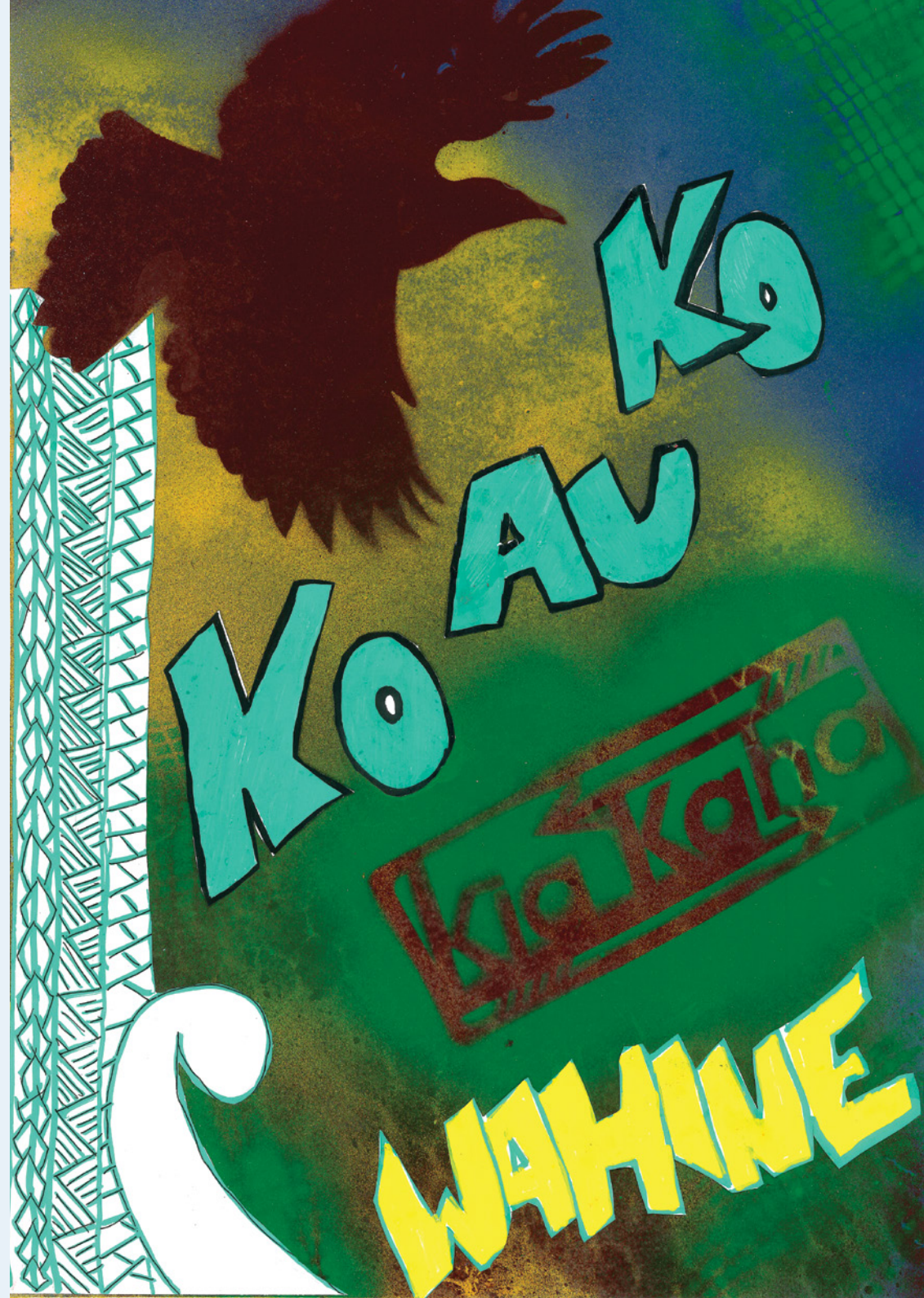
One big question is: How can we produce more bilingual and kura kaupapa schools in the future?

To do this, we need more teachers passionate about teaching te reo Māori. It's important to have bilingual classes so that students who want to learn about Māori culture can do so.

Right now, because of colonization, many Māori people don't get to use or embrace their language and culture as much as they should. But if we all work together, we can show people the importance of Māori culture.

By supporting kura kaupapa, we ensure that our tamariki have the opportunity to learn and grow in a way that celebrates their heritage.

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Mindset

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Having a good mindset at school has helped me in many ways. I am able to push myself to reach my goals and achieve them quicker. Having a good mindset has helped me set my focus on achieving my goals and this also allows me to reach to the highest of my abilities.

To stay consistent with your mindset, you have to believe in yourself that you can do anything. Believing in yourself is big because without believing you can't achieve anything because you're losing before the game even starts.

Another aspect of mindset is visualising your reality by placing posters on your walls so every time you look at the specific poster you can remember your goals.

A good mentality can get you to many places, a good mentality can get you a scholarship or somewhere new you have never been to. I plan to use my good attitude and mindset to achieve my overall goal of making it to the NRL.

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