

**Kia mau koe ki nga kupu o ou tupuna**  
**Hold fast to the words of your ancestors**



**He kakano ahau, ruia mai i Rangiatea**  
**I am a seed, scattered from Rangiatea**

Tuari you notice Ava is using the i-pad. I can see you are interested, as our eyes connect, I realise how longingly you are looking at this new tool. In your quiet, calm way you make your wishes known to me, not so much with words, and we understand each other. I invited you to join in with us.

I think your brain is a real thinking brain Tuari. I see a strength and humility in you that enriches me every day Tuari. As we learn and teach each other, at kindergarten, in your quiet way you show me how you care for others, you have an aura of peace about you that I and others enjoy.

I wonder about your tupuna Tuari, where you have come from. I heard a whakatauki at the weekend that said “the ancestors stand on my shoulders to keep my feet on the ground.” Your humility shows me your feet are on the ground.

Here you are being curious, excited and courageous as you try some thing new on the i-pad. You are a great learner and you are learning to take responsibility for your learning and attempt some difficult tasks. I think your tupuna were courageous, curious and excited as they travelled the oceans on the great migration, settled in this land and supported each other in their whanau, hapu and iwi.

These dispositions for learning are the things that will stay with you in this world, passed down from your tupuna and into your future Tuari. I am privileged to learn from you and to teach you on part of that life long journey.