

Ae mai, ae mai
I welcome your challenge
ki te whae o nono, ki te whae o kaheto e
The victory will be ours
Aoraki matatū hei!
Aoraki be ever proud!



Name: Raewyn Himona
Nominated for: Vice President

Relevant skill, attributes and qualifications:

University of Canterbury

- **2015** Master of Education
- **2002** Postgraduate Certificate in Bilingual Education

Te Wānanga o Raukawa **2013** Postgraduate Certificate in Bilingual Education

Reading Recovery-English and Māori medium 1999

University of Auckland Diploma of Teaching 1993

Current Work/Mahi

Haeata Community Campus School, Aranui, CHRISTCHURCH
Kaiārahi Years 1-5

Work experience:

Kaiāwhina, Parent support Te Kōhanga Reo, Teacher(Yr 1-13), Reliever, Principal(Area School),
Kaitakawaenga PLD Facilitator-Canterbury University.

Work Places:

Tuakau, Papakura, Takanini(5 years), Central Wellington(3 years), Masterton, Wairarapa(5 years)
Christchurch 10 years, Nelson(1.5 years)

I have never left the Education System since I entered it as a 5 year old at Waterloo Primary in Lower Hutt, Wellington. I was labelled as 'special needs' because no one could understand what I was saying. Being the pōtiki(the baby of the family) only my mother could understand what I was saying. It took 2 years to be diagnosed with a speech impediment and this is something I struggle with everyday in my life. Funnily enough when I speak te reo Māori I don't have it. When I had children I realized I needed to learn my language Te Reo Māori for the future of my whanau, my hapū, my iwi and my tamariki.

I have been a member of NZEI Te Riu Roa since I was a beginning teacher in 1994. I was lucky enough to begin my teaching career in Tuakau, Papakura and Takanini. It was difficult to get work back then but it was an exciting and scary time as Pay Parity and 'Susan's Shoe' was the kaupapa of the time. It was accepted back then that you needed 2 jobs to live as a teacher and that's what we did to survive.

As a single māmā with an amazing supportive whanau with me, I wanted a career that I could see my tamariki everyday so I was determined to make sure they grew up in their native language.

I've loved all my teaching experiences around the country which has given me insight to local and regional issues. I've been an advocate, a protester, since I was born. Every person is a politician as we as educators, parents and union members advocate every day of our lives whether it be in our kāinga, in our workplaces and communities or on the marae.

I have been a member of Te Reo Areare for the last 4 years and have been a member of National Executive for the past 2 years. I've had the honour to represent Te Waipounamu as Kaihautū on Te Reo Areare. I've attended and spoken at a range of Education conferences, hui, and National Hui. I've had lots of experience in sector, MOE groups representing education and advocating for our mokopuna.

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Aronui Tōmua ki Murihiku

Ngā Tataha a Māui Area Council

E koekoe te tūi, e ketekete te kākā, e kūkū te kererū
The tūi chatters, the kākā cackles and the kererū coos.

(A whakataukī suggesting that it takes all kinds of people ...)