

Reo Maori strategy

More than 3 decades has shown what strategies are successful in building te reo Maori capacity and that is total immersion. Te Ataarangi, Kohanga reo and Kura kaupapa Maori including wharekura.

Funding that is currently spent in 'mainstream' education on a 3 tiered system, that was developed when te reo Maori revitalisation was in early stages, needs to be directed at total immersion education. This is proven to develop fluent speakers. Currently teachers in 30-50% Maori are entitled to the same MITA allowance as those teachers in total immersion who have to still translate and make resources and uphold te reo Maori each and all day.

There appears to be little ongoing evaluation of these partial immersion programmes and little accountability of the additional funding these students generate.

We need to support and develop further the strategies that have proven to work that develop fluent speakers – Te Ataarangi, Kohanga reo, Kura Kaupapa Maori and Wharekura.

There is too much wastage on 'itsy bitsy' which has proven **not** to help.

It would be amazing when all broadcasters would correctly pronounce names too.

Maybe the wisdom of the Runanga o Nga Kura Kaupapa Maori would be an important group of people to collaborate with to save repeating same mistakes.