

## Kia Mana Ake - Growing Greatness

He haka taparahi

**Kaea: Kia rite, kia rite, kia mau!**

Katoa: Hi!

**Kaea: Torona tītaha! (Tītaha!)**

**Ko wai e tū ake nei?**

Katoa: Ngā taonga (o) ō tātou tīpuna

E tū ana tātou i raro i te maru o Puke Ariki

Me te mana o Ngāi Tai e

**Who is this standing here?**

The treasures of our ancestors

We are standing under the shelter of Puke Ariki

and the prestige of Ngāi Tai

**Kaea: Toia mai!**

Katoa: Te waka!

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Katoa: Te waka!

He waka takohanga

He waka matauranga e

He waka eke noa aue hi!

**Pull!**

The waka!

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The waka!

The waka of responsibility

The waka of education

We're on this journey together!

**Kaea: Me takatū tātou!**

Katoa: Me takatū tātou

Kia puāwai

Kia whakapakari e

He waka kore hoe he tangata kore huarahi

**Let us ready ourselves!**

Let us ready ourselves

To blossom

To grow/mature

A waka without a paddle is like a person  
without a pathway

**Kaea: Aue kia kaha!**

Katoa: Hi!

**Kaea: Aue kia māia!**

Katoa: Ha!

Aue kia manawanui

I tēnei ao hurihuri

Ahakoā ngā tūātea ngā paraawa

Koinei te ope haere ki Tawhiti

**Be strong!**

Hi!

**Be brave!**

Ha!

Be unwavering

In this ever changing world

No matter the challenges we face

We will go above and beyond

**Kaea: Aue Kia mana ake!**

Katoa: Aue hi!

**Growing greatness!**

This haka taparahi was composed for the tauira o te kura tuarua o Mission Heights. This haka taparahi highlights 3 key messages. Firstly, it acknowledges and honours the mana whenua and mana tangata of the Ngāi Tai iwi - as MHJC has been built within their bounds. Secondly, it challenges the tauira to take up their hoe (paddle - figurative of the gifts, talents, skills, cultural identity, whānau, values) to engage the waka (vehicle - figurative of their journey of learning) of education with all its highs and lows. The final message acknowledges the school's Vision of 'Kia Mana Ake' or 'Growing Greatness', with the charge to be strong, courageous and unwavering in this ever changing world. This haka taparahi also contains two whakataukī - "He waka eke noa" and "He waka kore hoe he tangata kore huarahi".

Ngā mihi nui.