

Te Reo Maori

karakia – prayer/blessing

mihi whakatau – speech of greeting/official welcome speech

whakapapa – genealogy/lineage

pākēha – New Zealander of European descent

whānau – family group, extended family

pepeha - set sayings known for their economy of words and metaphor and encapsulating many Māori values and human characteristics

maunga - mountain

awa - river

tangata whenua – local people

iwi - extended kinship group, tribe, nation, people - often refers to a large group of people descended from a common ancestor and associated with a distinct territory

tikanga - the customary system of values and practices that have developed over time and are deeply embedded in the social context

marae - courtyard - the open area in front of the wharenuī (meeting house), where formal greetings and discussions take place

tapu - sacred

kōrero – conversation/discussion/meeting

whare – house