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Ko Ohinemataroa

nā Gwenda Paul

Kahukura

He kōrero mō te awa o Whakatāne tēnei. Nā tētahi tipuna i hanga taua awa. Ko Hinemataroa tōna ingoa.

He tamāhine ātaahua tāna i whakanohotia ki Mānukatūtahi. Ka haere a Hinemataroa ki te tuawhenua.

Ā tōna wā ka tae mai te karere o tāna tamāhine. “Hinemataroa!” te tangi a te karere. “Kua whānau mai he mokopuna māu.” Ko te whakautu a Hinemataroa, “Me hoki atu koe ki taku tamāhine. Tonoa atu kia whakanohotia taku mokopuna ki runga i te toka tino nui kia taea ai e au te kite.”

Ka hoki atu te karere ki Mānukatūtahi. I reira ka tohutohu ia i te tamāhine. Ka whakanohotia te mokopuna ki te toka tino nui. I te tuawhenua ka mimi a Hinemataroa. Nā te kaha hāwere o tana mimi, he awa nei te āhua.

Ka tae tāna mimi ki te toka nui, ka whakaatatia mai te āhua o te mokopuna. Ka rere whakarunga te whakaata i roto i te mimi. Rere tonu kia tae atu ki te tuawhenua. I reira ka kitea e Hinemataroa te whakaata o tāna mokopuna.

Koakoa a ia i te whakaatatanga o tāna mokopuna. Ka waiho e ia kia rere atu tāna mimi mō ake tonu atu, kia kitea tonutia e ia te whakaata o tāna mokopuna. Ā, nā tēnei mimi i huri ai hei awa, ko tēnei awa, ko Ohinemataroa. Kua tapaina kētia e te Pākehā ko te awa o Whakatāne.