

## Korero trophy winners

TANEKAHA Mariu, Timi Riini and Tutamure Mokomoko have plenty of reasons to smile.

The three students from Te Wharekura o Ruatoki took top placings at the recent primary and intermediate schools' whaikorero competition, held at Whangaparaoa last week.

It was the first time Ruatoki students had returned from the speech competition with two trophies.

Timi, aged 12, won the year 7-8 section with a seven-minute speech on the famous tribal leader Te Purewa. Tanekaha, eight, won the year 3-4 section with a three-minute speech on his family, and Tutamure placed third in the year 5-6 section, speaking for five minutes about where he came from.

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