

A photograph of two men embracing, overlaid with a teal color filter. The man on the right is wearing a New Zealand Cricket jersey with the text 'NEW ZEALAND CRICKETERS' visible. The background features a repeating pattern of the NZC logo and the text 'NZC.NZ'.

**Pronunciation** – the first step  
to correct Te Reo

# KO NGĀ TŪĀPAPATANGA

## Arming you with the basics

Māori is a phonetic language that is reasonably simple to pronounce. The key to correct pronunciation is to master the sounds of the five vowels.

# TE WHAKAHUA TE REO

## PRONUNCIATION

- The vowel a is pronounced as cut in English
- The vowel e is pronounced as egg in English
- The vowel i is pronounced as key in English
- The vowel o is pronounced as paw in English
- The vowel u is pronounced as shoe in English

# TE WHAKAHUA TE REO

## PRONUNCIATION

- The vowel ā is pronounced as cār in English
- The vowel ē is pronounced as pear in English
- The vowel ī is pronounced as eel in English
- The vowel ō is pronounced as pour in English
- The vowel ū is pronounced as roof in English

# TE WHAKAHUA TE REO PRONUNCIATION

## CONSONANTS

*H, k, m, n, p, r, t, w, ng, wh.*

*Ng – Singer*

*Wh- Far*

# Greetings and Sign Offs

## GREETINGS

### FORMAL LETTER OR EMAIL



**Tēnā koe (Name)** - Dear (Name) - greeting one person.

**Tēnā kōrua** - Greeting two people. Don't insert names.

**Tēnā koutou** - Greeting three or more people.

## GREETINGS

### INFORMAL LETTER OR EMAIL

Note: Kia ora can mean hello, good morning, good afternoon & thank you

**Kia ora** - Hello, any number of people

**Kia ora kōrua** - Hello to two people

**Kia ora koutou** - Hello to three or more people

**Mōrena / ata mārie** - Good morning



## SIGN OFFS



**Na** - From

**Nāku, nā** - Yours faithfully

**Nāku ifi noa, nā** - Yours sincerely

**Ngā mihi** - Kind regards / thank you

**Ngā mihi nui** - Kind regards (with more emphasis on gratitude)

**Hei konā mai** - Goodbye for now

**Mā te wā** - Bye for now / see you later

**Noho ora mai** - Stay well / look after yourself / good bye

**Kia pai tō rā** - Have a nice day



# Ngā ahua kirikiti

## Cricket positions

