

Student 6: High Not Achieved

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The focus of my inquiry is Maori place name changes. (1)

I am going to look into

1) The points of view about this. (2)

2) The actions people have taken.

Primary or secondary (3)

Interview with Kaumatua at our school March 16th 2018

Can I use your name in my report? (4)

No I would like to remain anonymous (4)

What is your opinion about place name being changed to Maori place name? (5)

I guess as a Maori person I think it is important to see the place names of our past used. I would hope that New Zealanders generally would like to honour the tradition and man of the original Maori names. We are lucky in New Zealand as Maori is spoken nowhere else in the world. What a wonderful thing to have our language spread everywhere in New Zealand and used.

Have you been involved in any actions to have names changed?

I was very vocal with the change of the "h" into Whanganui. I petitioned the council along with many others. I felt passionate about doing something in my lifetime to forward Te Reo. It was so wonderful when it was decided to be changed. Now it feels commonplace. I would love to get involved in the Hamilton action. I think they have just started talking about it and it would be great if this process was pushed along quickly. (6)

Explanation of relevance:

Anonymous (Kaumatua at my school) believes that it is important to change the European names back into the traditional Maori names. This will help me answer question 1: The points of view about this.

Ethical procedures followed:

Used anonymous in my report (4)

Primary or secondary (3)

Kaiti School pupils and staff presented a petition to Mayor Meng Foon in July 2013. The report said the Kaiti children felt the name Poverty Bay limited their aspirations and had negative connotations. The report said Poverty Bay was a recorded name rather than an official name, and was named by British explorer James Cook on his visit in 1769 because as he put it, the place "afforded us no one thing we wanted". Nearly four years after pupils from Kaiti School petitioned for Poverty Bay to be known as Turanganui a Kiwa, local politicians might agree to act, after a new report that suggests the idea be floated publicly

Reference:

Explanation of relevance:

The children at Kaiti school decided that the name Poverty Bay had bad connotations and so they petitioned the local council about a name change. The council whilst appreciative of their efforts had not considered it for the past four years, but may be thinking about it now. This will help me answer question 2: The actions people have taken (6)

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