



Speech Notes

HON MAHARA OKEROA

**SPEECH FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING 'ATAWHAI' TE
REO CLASSROOM**

**Sacred Heart College,
65 Laings Road, Lower Hutt
Waitangi Day 2007**

Tuesday 6th February 2007

Mihi to the Gathered Whanau and Dignitaries

Mihi to the school

E Te Tumuaki, e Lisl, I greet you and the Trustees of this school, for your courage, for your foresight and for your wisdom. You have gifted to the people of this region, the pakake, the rangatahi, the mokopuna, 'Atawhai', a place, within the vision that the Treaty of Waitangi promised.