

KIA TOA

Be Courageous! Be Resilient!



with

Bernard Mangakahia

A performance to encourage, enlighten and inspire!

Let Bernard immerse you in stories of the brave and extraordinary, as he weaves tales of past and present heroes from his family with song, dance & music from his rich Polynesian heritage.

Bernard has enthralled tens of thousands of students across Australia and New Zealand with his acclaimed show *Mana – the Spirit of Polynesia*.

The messages were so strong and inspiring. Messages that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. He connects so beautifully with the students. This is the 11th year we have had Bernard at our school, and his new show is every bit as good as his other show!

– Snug Primary School, TAS

Bernard's brand new show *Kia Toa* is based on his own experiences and the lessons learnt from two very important members of his family.

Students will be captivated by Bernard's stories and dances that encourage them to be courageous and overcome challenges and adversity.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

The Race – *an interactive action poem; keep going when you fall*

The Fire Stick Story – *have a go! learning and practice makes perfect*

SaSa Ti Hiva – *the power of the group*

Samoan Slap Dance – *some things are hard at first*

Bernard's family heroes – *every challenge adds to your inner strength & resilience*

KIA TOA demonstrates that success is achievable for everyone!

Suitability: Kinder – Year 8

Cost: NZ\$4.50 per student (no GST)

Duration: 60 minutes

Minimum audience: 120 students



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Feedback

Students of all ages loved the visual presentation and the messages behind Bernard's talk! Delivery, presentation and verbal message was outstanding – engaged the students and staff from start to finish! Excellent message!

– **West Beechboro Primary School, WA**

Students ABSOLUTELY LOVED it, particularly the interactive aspects of song and dance. The messages embedded through the performance were **uplifting** and highly appropriate for our students. The focus on **problem solving, rising to challenges and asking for help** was delivered well and provoked in-class conversations after the performance. Our school will definitely host this performance again!

– **Leigh Evans, Trinity Beach State School, QLD**

Thank you so much for your wonderful performances at Khandallah School today. You had our students **transfixed with your messages**, stories and dance. They came away making comments like, "That was inspirational", "It was amazing", & "What's my dream going to be?" Thank you for inspiring our children and getting them to think about **their identity & their future**.

– **Khandallah School, NZ**

Once again 2 **riveting** performances and as before our student learning is enriched by the magical performances you delivered. The focus of your visit was one of our **key values – Resilience**, and I know that many of the students would have been reflecting on challenges they have already met this far in their lives and indeed this year. You bring a fresh perspective to what we already embrace in our curriculum. Thank you.

– **Eastern Hutt School, NZ**

A great performance! **So inspirational – we loved it!** Students were totally fascinated with his music, dance & stories.

– **Ballarat North Primary School, VIC**

One of the **best** incursions I have attended. – Teacher, Dawn, Year 5s

The students were **spellbound**. – History Teacher, Judy, Years 1-6

All students were **enthralled** with the stories. Bernard had a wonderful way with the students. They came back to class very thoughtful and respectful. Bernard had a fantastic presence and produced **goosebumps** – connecting with a lot of students. Whenever I looked out at the children, they were **100% engaged, all of the time**. Very impressed. – Mrs Blanke, Year 6s

Students loved it. Being good at dancing and able to quickly teach them a dance engaged them instantly. They really enjoyed the stories about Bernard's father-in-law and grandmother. I thought the show was very engaging and Bernard appealed to the kids because he was a good dancer, and got them involved through teaching them the dances. His personal stories about the resilience of his family members were more **powerful** because he won over the crowd first. **It's a message our kids need to hear regularly**. He was a great multicultural ambassador with a rich and varied ancestry. – Teacher Suzie Speed, Year 5s

The theme of resilience was thoroughly explored. The performance was meaningful as **real life experiences** were used. The students were involved in the performance, which was both entertaining and fully engaging for the entire 60 minutes. – Teacher, Year 4s

Students have revisited the story of 'Rise each time you fall' at significant times. Great stories and songs. – Kathy Taylor, Year 2s

Loved it. Great student participation, kept the students engaged the whole time, and presented with energy which kept the students' interest. – Angela Wennekes, Preps

– **Mount Tarcoola Primary School, WA**

Feedback

Fabulous performance, was able to weave the concept of resilience through interesting storytelling and vibrant dance.

– ***Drouin Primary School, VIC***

One of the best performances we have had in terms of engaging all age groups.

– ***Miallo State School, QLD***

Awesome! Students want him to “come again and dance with us and tell us stories!” Your strong message aligned beautifully with our Values programme. An action-packed, interactive performance, with a top notch, high impact delivery that resonated with us all. We would like to rebook Bernard’s other show for next year.

– ***Merrin Primary School, NZ***

Very engaging and interactive show with very positive responses from students ‘Bernard taught us about resilience, not giving up and that any one person can change the future’. We would have liked even more time for questions at the end!

– ***Holland Park State School QLD***