Tau Te Mauri

Breath of Peace

School Resource Booklet
Tau Te Mauri - Breath of Peace is a DVD presentation that documents some aspects of the peace movement in Aotearoa New Zealand, from conscientious objectors in World War II through to the case taken to the World Court in 1994 challenging the legality of the threat and use of nuclear weapons.

This is told through snapshots from the stories of some key peacemakers in significant events in the history of this movement within New Zealand.

Accompanying the stories are breathtaking images of sea creatures and sea birds. These images provide a spiritual background to the stories being told as we are made aware without words of the beauty of creation and the harmony of the creatures with their environment.

The sound track makes use of waiata and music from ancient Maori instruments highlighting by inference the contribution of indigenous peoples to the principles of peace, and acknowledging in particular the Maori heritage of peaceful protest demonstrated, for example, at Parihaka.

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Jack Rogers

One of 800 conscientious objectors in World War II, Jack recalls his harrowing experiences of being arrested and imprisoned for up to 5 years in an isolated detention centre. He recounts the reaction of the inmates on hearing the shocking reports of the effects of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Mary Woodward

A Quaker and founding member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Mary tells of CND’s activities in the early days. As a young mother, she published many documents, lobbied parliamentarians, and ambassadors of nuclear weapon states, and helped coordinate a petition of over 82,000 signatures for a Southern Hemisphere Nuclear Free Zone.

George Armstrong

As an Anglican priest and founder of the Peace Squadron, George tells of organising the flotillas of small boats that took to the water to protest the entry of nuclear powered and possibly armed warships into New Zealand ports in the 1970s and 80s. He tells of the excitement, danger and satisfaction of being part of those protests and of the responses by the police, government and the US Navy.

Pauline Tangiora

A Maori elder, Pauline was the Regional Women’s Representative for the World Council of Indigenous Peoples, is a member of the Earth Council and also of Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom. She speaks of the role indigenous women play in international peacemaking groups, of the important contribution of Maori spiritual values about land and family to the peace movement, and of her people’s connection with the whales at Mahia.

Bunny McDiarmid

Bunny has been an active Greenpeace worker for a nuclear-free Pacific for over 25 years. She speaks of her experiences on the Rainbow Warrior when it evacuated the Marshallese victims of US nuclear tests, and protested against ongoing French tests in the Pacific. She recalls the trauma of the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior by French military agents.

Nicky Hager

Nicky organised peace flotillas to protest the entry of nuclear ships into Wellington Harbour. He tells of the changing climate of New Zealand society following the 1984 election of the Lange Government and the declaration of a nuclear-free zone. He speaks of his work documenting his intensive investigations into the role of international spying in New Zealand and the wider world, and of the international response.

Moana Cole

Peace activist and member of the ANZUS Peace Force Ploughshares/Catholic Worker group, Moana talks of her imprisonment for a year in the United States for her actions protesting against the US involvement in the 1991 Iraq War. Her symbolic and dangerous protest involved causing damage to the runway and a B52 bomber at a US base.

Kate Dewes

Long-time peace activist and peace educator, Kate tells of her selection as a government delegate to the 1988 United Nations Special Session on Disarmament, where she was catapulted as an ‘ordinary kiwi’ into international disarmament talks. She helped coordinate the World Court Project which resulted in an historic opinion advising that the threat and use of nuclear weapons was generally illegal and that all states had an obligation to eliminate them.
THE WILDLIFE

Whales, dolphins, fish, sea birds and water birds show us the beauty of the natural environment. They challenge us to listen to their guidance as ancient guardians of the sea and land. The waters of the sea link the whole of humanity to the land and are symbolic of human collective consciousness and unity.

The Rainbow Warrior before and after the bombing in July 1985. She was due to protest French nuclear testing in the Pacific. One crew member was killed. Opposite: Kiwis taking to the streets to protest the bombing, and ongoing nuclear testing.

SUGGESTIONS FOR USING THIS RESOURCE

Tau Te Mauri - Breath of Peace can be used in a number of curriculum areas.

Following is a list of those areas, relevant NCEA Unit Standards or Achievement Standards for each curriculum area and some suggested activities for each area.
ENGLISH
The material in Breath of Peace can be used in the English curriculum at NCEA levels 1, 2 and 3 in the following ways:

- Explore the language of, and think critically about, a variety of oral, written and visual texts:
  - Level 1: View/listen to, study and show understanding of a visual or oral text
  - Level 2: Analyse a visual or oral text
  - Level 3: Respond critically to oral or visual text studied

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES
The DVD itself would be studied as a visual text for the above.

- Speak with confidence:
  - Level 1: Deliver a speech in a formal situation
  - Level 2: Deliver a presentation using oral and visual language techniques
  - Level 3: Construct and deliver an oral presentation

- Conduct research
  - Level 1: Research, organise and present information

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES
The DVD contains material suitable for biographical research on the interviewees or for research into the peace movement to form the basis of student speeches or research projects as a thematic study. See suggested bibliographies for each of the interviewees for supplementary material. Use of this DVD may form part of, or be used in conjunction with, a study of poetry on the theme of peace. Several poetry anthologies and a collection of plays, including Hautu based on the story of Jack Rogers and other conscientious objectors, are included in the bibliography.

HISTORY
The material in the DVD Breath of Peace is particularly suited to the History Curriculum in the following areas:

Level 1
Theme 3: International Relations
Topic: New Zealand's Search for Security 1945 - 1985: controversial issues - opposition to nuclear testing, and the role of peace groups

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES
AS90209 and AS90210 are both internally assessed standards and material from the DVD could provide the basis for research for these standards.

AS90211 is an externally assessed standard with an unknown topic. Using the material in this DVD could provide practice material for interpreting historical sources. See attached bibliography for extended reference material eg: photos, letters, cartoons, stories, etc.

AS90212 is an externally assessed standard. Topic material in this DVD is not attached to the external assessment BUT use of the material in this DVD could provide very useful practice for sitting the external standard.

ACTIVITY: While viewing the DVD students could answer questions for each (or particular) interviewees in the following format:
Who:
What point of view:
Why:
What actions taken:

ACTIVITY: Resource Interpretation:
Using supplementary related material included in this booklet students can practice their skills in resource interpretation as preparation for external assessment AS90212 (1.3).
MAORI STUDIES

Tau Te Mauri - Breath of Peace could be used in the Maori Studies curriculum at any level where a study of life and culture is undertaken.

Pauline Tangiora and her life and contribution to both the national and international peace movement and her role as an important Maori elder would make a very suitable study in the field of tangata rongoūi (see bibliography for references).

The compositions sung by Aroha Yates-Smith can be studied as examples of contemporary waiata, haka, karanga and chant.

The traditional Maori instruments taonga puoro played by Richard Nunns provide listening examples of traditional and contemporary Maori music.

MAORI LANGUAGE

The word sheet for the soundtrack could be used as an exercise in translation.

MEDIA STUDIES

Breath of Peace could be used in the Media Studies curriculum at Levels 2 and 3.

Level 2
AS90277 Close read unfamiliar media text
AS90278 Demonstrate understanding of messages and/or values, and representations within media text
AS90279 Demonstrate understanding of a media genre
AS90280 Demonstrate understanding of narrative conventions in media texts

Level 3
AS90599 Demonstrate understanding of a specific media industry
AS90600 Explore the language of a medium and various readings of texts within a medium
AS90601 Demonstrate understanding of an aspect of media in New Zealand

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES
Level 2 Using Breath of Peace as an unfamiliar text, students could undertake close reading of the messages being conveyed in the spoken text, and the subtexts of music and images. This standard is internally assessed.

Level 2 As for AS90277. This standard is externally assessed, therefore Breath of Peace could be used as classroom experience and training in preparation for the external assessment.

Level 2 Using the genre DOCUMENTARY, students could analyse Breath of Peace as a documentary in terms of the conventions of documentary film.

Level 2 As several narrative conventions are employed in Breath of Peace to convey the complete message intended, students could study these and analyse the effectiveness of their use. This standard is internally assessed.

Level 3 As the messages of Breath of Peace are only fully revealed by a study of the three narrative conventions employed, this DVD lends itself well to assessment by this standard which is internally assessed.
Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones in 2003

- Nuclear weapon state (NWS)
- Non-nuclear weapon state (NNWS) member of international Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone
- NNWS declared single-state Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone
- Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTB) Annex B states (Nuclear capable states required to ratify CTB for treaty to enter into force. States yet to ratify are underlined.)

* North Korea may have a small number of nuclear weapons

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The material in *Breath of Peace* has many links to the Social Studies curriculum and could be integrated into many strands at a variety of levels. It also links effectively with the processes of Inquiry, Values Exploration and Social Decision Making as outlined in the Social Studies curriculum. It is particularly suited to the strand:

**TIME, CONTINUITY AND CHANGE**

**Level 4**
Causes and events that have shaped the lives of a group of people

**Level 5**
How past events have influenced relationships within and between groups of people and continue to influence them

How the ideas and actions of individuals and groups that have shaped the lives and experiences of people, are viewed through time

**Level 6 (NCEA Level 1)**
Beliefs and ideas that have changed society and continue to change it

- AS 90215 Describe change in society
- AS90217 Conduct a Social Studies inquiry
- AS90218 Describe differing values positions
- AS90219 Decide on a social action in relation to a social issue

**Level 7 (NCEA Level 2)**
How events have short term and long term causes and consequences

- AS90272 Describe how people’s actions influence society
- AS90273 Conduct an advanced social studies inquiry
- AS90274 Describe responses to values positions
- AS90275 Plan social action in relation to a social issue

**Level 8 (NCEA Level 3)**
Ways in which present beliefs, issues, and events reflect social change and continuity

- AS90690 Examine people’s responses to challenges facing society
- AS90691 Conduct a comprehensive social studies inquiry

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES**

The Social Studies Curriculum considers all topics from 3 processes or essential skills base:

- a) Values
- b) Social Decision Making
- c) Inquiry

The DVD could be used in the Social Studies curriculum at any level, although it is possibly more suited to Year 10 and above.

**Level 4**
A study of the effects of the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the development of the peace movement.

**Level 5**
Trace the development of the peace movement through the accounts of the interviewees using source material from the bibliography (Inquiry).

Create posters for each person which show:
- Who the person is
- What they did
- Where and when
- Why they did it
- The effect

**Level 6 (NCEA Level 1)**
A study of the peace movement in Aotearoa could be undertaken in sufficient depth to provide material for assessment in all or any of the achievement standards at this level.

The interviews provide material for content at this level. These people made decisions to take actions that had serious personal and political consequences.

**Peace Calendar**
The Social Studies Department could take responsibility for school wide activities related to the calendar of significant peace dates. In particular ‘Peace Week’, which is usually in the second week of August could be highlighted. Schools could borrow the Gandhi, and Hiroshima / Nagasaki exhibitions available from the Peace Foundation, and have them as a focus for discussions. Other relevant films could be shown, along with poetry readings and performances of peace plays and music.
UNDERSTANDING MUSIC IN CONTEXT

In this strand students recognise music's contribution to, and significance in, contemporary culture and associate music with particular events, times and places. Students compare and contrast styles and genres of music in relation to past and present contexts and they investigate and celebrate traditional Maori music and the multicultural musical heritage of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Level 4
Students listen to and describe a selection of live or recorded music from diverse New Zealand cultures. Students will develop and present a group composition based on the shared music.

Level 7
Students will evaluate a live or recorded performance by others, paying particular attention to clarity, balance, fluency and musical effect.

ACTIVITY
The soundtrack from *Breath of Peace* could be used in either of these levels and tasks.

**UST12831** Making Music: Demonstrate a rudimentary knowledge of New Zealand music. This is an internally assessed standard at Level 1 NCEA.

Students credited with this standard will be able to present a case study from one category of New Zealand music, present one aspect of the case study in detail and provide an individual profile of one musician from the case study.

**ACTIVITY**
Students choosing Maori music for their case study could find the soundtrack and word sheet useful for their research. Aroha Yates-Smith, Ian McDonald or Richard Nunns could be the musician chosen for the profile.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**Year 10**

**Topic:** Inspiring Men and Women

Any of the people interviewed in the DVD could be selected. See bibliographies for each for further information.

**Year 11 (NCEA Level 1)**

**Topic:** The Spirit at Work in the World

**UST 9742:** Describe the characteristics and actions of the Holy Spirit in the world and in people's lives.

The text for this topic deals specifically with Dorothy Day as a person motivated by the Holy Spirit. As Moana Cole is a member of the Catholic Worker Movement, a study of her and her actions could show how the Holy Spirit is still acting in people's lives today.

**Year 12/13 (NCEA Level 3)**

**Topic:** Justice and Peace

**UST 6037:** Explain suggested church teachings on Social Justice and their significance to New Zealand society today.

In the Religious Education syllabus, this topic is placed in the Year 12 programme, however the Unit Standard assessment is a Level 3 standard and therefore most schools will choose to teach this topic at Year 13.

Whichever year level is chosen the content deals specifically with peace and therefore the content of *Breath of Peace* could be used very effectively for this topic. A study of the individuals, their actions, and values and those of the peace movement in general could be made in the course of teaching this topic.
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- Project Sirius http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/siriuspj.htm

**Moana Cole: ANZUS Ploughshares**

**Kate Dewes: World Court Project**
- Kate Dewes and Rob Green (1999) Aotearoa New Zealand at the World Court. Disarmament and Security Centre, Christchurch
- See www.disarmsecure.org for biography, articles, publications, history, links
Gandhi: A Photographic Exhibition by D.R.D Wadia
This collection of 33 b/w images, taken during the 1940s, includes portraits and informal images of Gandhi with his friends and followers and with Nehru, Jinnah and other major political leaders of the Indian independence movement. It is laminated and mounted on light plastic board (A3 size). It is available for 3-12 week slots.

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibition
This is a collection of photographs that depict the consequences of the bombings from 1945 through to the international peace initiatives of today. The exhibition aims to promote the total abolition of nuclear weapons through increased knowledge and understanding. A laminated exhibition of 18 photographs and text (A1 size) is available from June 2006 - ongoing.

If you are interested in hosting either exhibition, please contact: Dr Kate Dewes, 03 348 1353, kate@chch.planet.org.nz

Websites
www.takingitglobal.org
is an interactive website led by young people to discuss global and local issues. Go to the ‘Search’ and type in ‘peace’ or ‘nuclear weapons’ to see what young people are saying, websites, groups and global events around nuclear issues.

www.disarmsecure.org
has papers and publications about peace and nuclear disarmament issues from an Aotearoa New Zealand perspective.

www.converge.org.nz/pma
links people interested in peace and social justice.

has information on latest campaigns and links to the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior.

www.wagingpeace.org/menu/programs/youth-outreach/index.htm
has links and information for young people on nukes and initiatives and supports young people working for a peaceful, non-nuclear world.

www.abolition2000.org
is a website representing a network of over 2000 organisations in 90 countries worldwide working for a global treaty to eliminate nuclear weapons.

www.nuclearfiles.org
looks at nuclear issues around the world and includes many charts, graphs and information on nuclear weapons and programmes.

www.peace.net.nz
The Auckland office of the Peace Foundation produces peace education resource catalogues and organises Cool Schools programmes.

www.ccc.govtnz/Christchurch/PeaceCity
Christchurch was declared a Peace City in 2002. See some of the initiatives which have been implemented and approach your city/town to see if they want to become one too.

www.justfocus.org.nz
Just Focus is a new project for young people, by young people, to engage with issues that affect them in Aotearoa New Zealand, the Pacific, and globally.