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Māraurau o te Pae 'Āpi'i

Toa, e tū," i kōʻumuʻumu atu ei a Māmī. Kua ara viviki mai a Toa.

E ākā rekareka tikāi tōna. Te 'akamata nei 'aia i te 'āpi'i punanga.

"Na mua ki roto i te 'are pā'ī," i na Māmī ei.

"I reira, ka tauturu au i te 'akamānea iā koe.









"Ka ʻakatikaʻia au i te ʻaʻao i tōku piriaro muramura ʻē tōku piripou auīka?" i pati atu ei a Toa.

"'Āe," i na Māmī ei.

"'Ē ka koʻu tāua i tētaʻi atu au kakaʻu, ko te inangaro tauī mai koe."

"Ko te tāvarevare ainei au i te 'aere ki ko i te 'aremeangiti," i na Toa ei.

"E te tano," i na Māmī ei.



I muri ake i te kaiti, kua ma'ani te tētī o Toa i tēta'i varāoa 'akakī ei 'apai nāna ki te 'anga'anga.

"Ka ʻakatikaʻia rāi au i te ʻapai varāoa ʻakakī?" i pati atu ei a Toa.

Kua ma'ani a Tētī i tēta'i atu varāoa 'akakī .

Kua ma'ani 'aia i ta Toa kai reka rava atu – tīti!



Te ma'ara nei ia Toa i to rāua ko Māmī 'aere'anga i te 'akara i te 'āpi'i punanga ā te tamariki rikiriki.

Te ma'ara nei iāia i tōna tomo'anga ki roto i te pupu tamariki no te 'īmene.

Te ma'ara nei iāia te kanga'anga ki tōna tuakana, iā Vala.

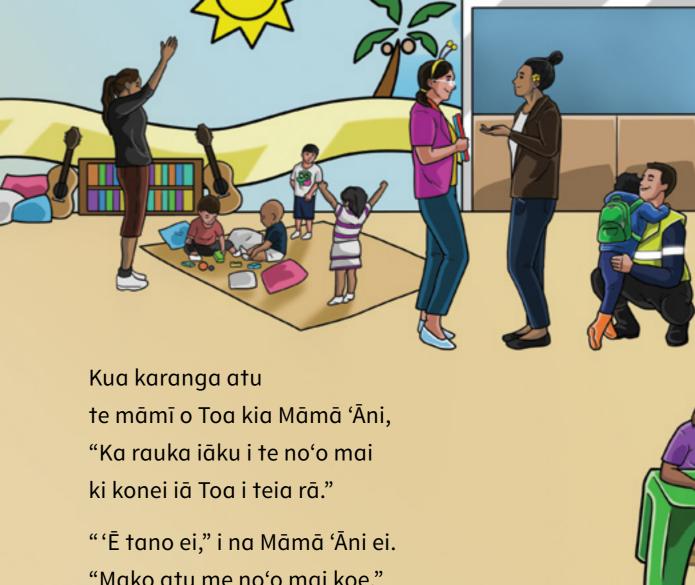
Reka tikāi 'aia i te kanga kia Vala, e ma'atama'ata ake a Vala ia Toa.

Te ma'ara nei iāia i te 'āravei'anga ia Māmā 'Āni. Kua reka 'aia 'ia Māmā 'Āni.

Kua karanga atu 'aia ki ā Toa, "'Ā teia 'epetoma ki mua to'ou rā mua ki te 'āpi'i punanga. Kāre e rauka ia mātou i te tiaki kia 'aere mai koe."







"Mako atu me noʻo mai koe."

Kua karanga atu te tētī o Toa, "Ka kite ia kōrua 'ā teia a'ia'i," 'ē kua tātomo atu iā Toa no te 'aere. Kua mou atu a Māmā 'Āni i tō Toa rima.

"'Aere mai ka tāru tāua i ta'au kiri-'apaipai ki roto i to'ou kaparāta.

I reira, ka noʻo atu koe ki ko i te tamariki i runga i te moenga no te pure."

Kua 'akaāri atu 'aia kia Toa i tōna kaparāta. Kua tātā'ia "Toa" i roto i te kara e toru.





Kua tauturu atu 'aia iāia i te tāru i tāna kiri-'apaipai 'ē tōna pereue

ki roto i tōna kaparāta.

Mataora tikāi 'aia i te mea e,

e tamaiti ma'atama'ata 'aia i te 'āpi'i punanga

e tōna 'uā'orāi kaparāta.



I muri ake i te pure,

kua 'aka'āravei atu a Māmā 'Āni iā Toa.

"Kia orāna e te kātoatoa," i nāna ei,

"'Āriki'ia mai to tātou taeake 'ōu.

Ko Toa tōna ingoa."

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Ia rātou e kaikai ra i tērā pō, kua 'akakitekite atu a Toa kia Tētī no runga i tōna rā mua.

"Ea'a ta'au 'apinga reka rava atu?" i ui atu ei a Tētī.

"E reka au i tōku kaparāta,"

"Tei te pae i to Vala. Tei runga tōku ingoa.

i na Toa ei.

Te kāranga nei e 'Toa'!"



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ake up, Toa," whispered Mum.

Toa woke up straight away.

He was excited. He was starting kindy.

"Bathroom first," said Mum.

"Then I'll help you with your clothes.









"Can I wear my red T-shirt and my blue jeans?" asked Toa.

"Yes," said Mum.

"And we'll pack some extra clothes, in case you need a change."

"In case I go to the toilet too late," said Toa.

"That's right," said Mum.



After breakfast, Toa's dad made a sandwich to take to his work.

"Can I take a sandwich, too?" asked Toa.

Dad made another sandwich.

He made Toa's favourite – cheese!



In the car, Dad checked Toa's seatbelt. Toa felt very big. He was starting kindy. He had a new green backpack and his cousin Vala's blue jacket. He liked his new jacket. It was a gift from Vala's mum. It didn't fit Vala any more.

Toa remembered visiting the kindergarten with Mum.

He remembered singing with the other children.

He remembered playing with his cousin, Vala.

He liked playing with Vala, who was bigger than Toa.

And he remembered meeting Māmā 'Āni. She was nice.

"Next week will be your first day at kindy," she'd told Toa.

"We're looking forward to you coming."







Toa's dad said, "I'll see you both tonight then," and he hugged Toa good bye.

Māmā 'Āni took Toa's hand.

"Let's put your backpack in your locker.

Then you can sit with the children on the mat for pure."

She showed Toa where his locker was.

It had "Toa" written on it in three colours.





"Look, Toa, your locker has your name on it," said Mum.

She helped him put his backpack and his jacket in his locker.

He liked being a big boy at kindy with his very own locker.



After pure, Māmā 'Āni introduced Toa. "Good morning, everyone," she said, "Let's welcome our new friend. His name is Toa."



Toa sat closer to Vala.

He felt a bit shy.

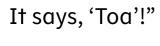
But he liked being at kindy.

He liked being a big boy now.

That night, as they ate dinner, Toa told Dad all about his first day.

"What did you like the best?" asked Dad.

"It's beside Vala's.







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