

Te Reo wins award



From left to right: Sarah Jones, Jackie Hay, Lynnette Carkeek, Nathan Donaldson, Gillian Candler, Kararaina Uatuku, Pauline Waiti, Kriston Ware and Kelly Dix.

Te Reo writing tool *Te Tuhi a-Hiko* won the Education award just before Christmas at TUANZ business internet awards.

Te Tuhi a-Hiko is an interactive writing resource designed to help Maori medium teachers meet and support their students' needs and interests as they improve their writing competence.

This award continues a strong tradition of educational excellence for Boost

New Media. Boost have won the TUANZ Education category three times in the last five years with resources that support essential spelling, reading and writing skills.

Writing is an essential learning area in the new NZ curriculum, helping pupils to develop knowledge and skills to communicate thoughts and ideas through text and language.

"Developing a Te Reo re-

source was a privilege, and required the collaboration and hard work of a number of subject matter experts.

The highlight for us was testing the resource with Kura students and seeing a real sense of pride and engagement," says Boost New Media director Nathan Donaldson.

It is hoped that *Te Tuhi a-Hiko* will empower students and teachers to maintain and generate reo in their

communities, increasing learning opportunities and developing the use of reo in a full range of modern activities.

"Producing work that benefits students and NZers is what gets us out of bed in the morning. We're a company of thinkers who believe that educational tools need to be engaging, inclusive and focused on the user-experience (and outcomes)," says Mr Donaldson.