

Who: Caleb's ancestors

From: Polynesia

When: Long, long ago



My Maori ancestors came from the Pacific Island on big waka. They navigated by the stars for a long paddle and they found Aotearoa.

They came in the olden days before the pakeha.

They came because they wanted to discover somewhere else, perhaps the leader of the tribe was bossy, or wanted to eat them, so they left.

They brought flax, to catch fish, rats and dogs. Dog skins to keep warm and water in wood containers.

*Ko Ngati Hine toku Iwi, Ko Motata toku maunga,
Ko Waiomio toku awa, Ko Mike toku papa, Ko Cindy
toku mama, ko Caleb toku ingoa, No reira tena
koutou, tena koutou katoa*

My Tribe is Ngati Hine, My Mountain is Motata, My River is Waiomio, My father is Mike, My Mother is Cindy and I am Caleb. Greetings to you all.

Caleb belongs to Ngati Hine iwi from Northland right at the top of Te Ika a Maui, North Island. His Maori ancestors include Rāhiri the founder of Nga Puhi, the son of Tauramoko and Te Hauangiangi.

Tauramoko was a descendant of Kupe, from Matawhaorua, and Nukutawhiti, of the Ngatoki-matawharorua canoe.

Te Hauangiangi was the daughter of Puhi, who captained the Mataatua canoe northwards from the Bay of Plenty.

Ngati Hine is an independent member of the Ngapuhi Federation.

