**TE WHAKANUI WHAKAARO – PRAISING THINKING**

Use these  simple phrases when giving positive feedback to students about their abillity to think critically or creatively about a topic they are studying. Most can be used across a variety of learning areas and audiences. Instead of saying ‘good thinking’, say ‘tau kē’.

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| **Māori** | **English** |
| **NGAO PAE****Basic**  | Ka pai hoki tēnā whakaaro!Āna! Te pai hoki o taua whakaaro!Āe, me pēnā!Ā, kua mau i a koe!Engari tonu ērā whakaaro!Kino kē aua whakaaro auaha! | Awesome idea!Yes! That’s a great idea!That’s it! You’ve got it!Those are brilliant ideas!Such creative ideas! |
| **NGAO TŪ****Intermediate** | Kei runga noa atu koe mō te whakaaro hōhonu!Koia kei a koe / kōrua/ koutou mō te whakarongo ki ngā whakaaro katoa.Kei reira (kē) ō whakaaro!Ka mau te wehi tō koutou auaha!Kāore i tua atu i a koe / kōrua / koutou mō te āta whakaaro ki … Ka rawe kē/te rawe hoki o ōu/ o ō kōrua / o ō koutou whakaaro!Me mihi ka tika aua whakaaro. Mīharo ana! | Good on you for thinking so critically!You’re / you’re both / you’re all really good for thinking about all ideas shared.You have nailed it with your ideas!Awesome creativity!You’re / you’re both / you’re all the ones for thinking carefully about …You / you both / you all have such cool ideas!I must acknowledge those ideas. Great! |

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| **NGAO MATARIKI****Advanced** | Inā noa atu te pai o ōu/ ō kōrua /o ō koutou whakaaro!Kātahi nā te whakaaro hōhonu.Hāngai / koia pū ōu / ō kōrua / ō koutou whakaaro!He tohunga/ he toki koe / kōrua / koutou mō te whakaaro ki ētahi atuMō te whakaaro auaha kāore i kō atu, kāore i kō mai i a koe / kōrua / koutou! | You / you both / you all have such amazing ideas!What a thoughtful idea.Exactly, great thinking!You’re / you’re both / you’re all the best at thinking about others.No-one comes close to you / you both / you all for creativity!  |