

1992

**MĀORI ACTORS HARDLY EVER GOT A MAIN PART IN A FILM OR TV SHOW.**

Temuera Morrison is cast in the lead role of a doctor. Nurse Carrie famously tells him "you're not in Guatemala now Dr Rōpata" in the first ever episode of Shortland Street.

1987

**LOTS OF NEW ZEALANDERS THOUGHT MĀORI ART WAS UNIMPORTANT.**

'Te Māori' opens at The Met in New York. The global recognition prompts almost a million New Zealanders to see the exhibition on its return home to NZ.



1979

**HEAPS OF NZ SOUVENIRS WERE PLASTIC VERSIONS OF TAONGA.**

Air New Zealand uses Māori iconography heavily in all its branding. All passengers as they arrive in New Zealand are given a plastic tiki.



1984  
**THE RIGHT WAY TO SAY HELLO TO SOMEONE WAS TO USE ENGLISH.**

Te Māori

2015

**THE SYMBOLS CHOSEN TO REPRESENT NEW ZEALAND OFTEN INCLUDED JUST EUROPEAN THINGS.**

'Red Peak' inspired by tāniko, Ranginui and Papatuanuku becomes the 5th option in the flag referendum. 50,000 petition for its inclusion largely on grounds that the existing 4 options do not reflect a bicultural New Zealand.

**12 THINGS YOU WON'T BELIEVE WERE ONCE A THING**

National Tolls Operator Naida Glavish is demoted for answering customer calls with 'Kia Ora'.

**PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO COUNT FROM 1-10 IN MĀORI.**

Olly Ohlson challenges guests to use māori numbers correctly in 'Māori Mind' - part of the kids' TV show 'After School'.



1987



**No Haka Before Home Game**

At the Rugby World Cup final in 1987, the All Blacks led by Buck Shelford and Hika Reid prepare to perform the haka Ka Mate,

for the first time on New Zealand soil - "if we're going to do it, we're going to do it right - perform it properly or not at all".

2004

**PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT MĀORI HAD USED TREATY SETTLEMENT TO GET THEIR IWI CASH FOR NOTHING.**

Don Brash, in his infamous speech at the Orewa Rotary Club blames The Treaty of Waitangi for dividing New Zealand and accuses Māori of "inventing spiritual beliefs" for money.

1974

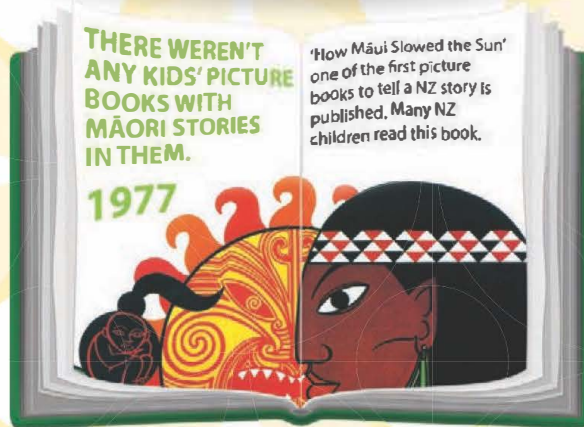
**THE PRIME MINISTER TRIED TO CHANGE THE NAME OF WAITANGI DAY.**

Norman Kirk announces that Waitangi Day will be renamed New Zealand Day.



**THERE WEREN'T ANY KIDS' PICTURE BOOKS WITH MĀORI STORIES IN THEM.**

1977



'How Māui Slowed the Sun' one of the first picture books to tell a NZ story is published. Many NZ children read this book.

1999

**MOST NEW ZEALANDERS WERE UNAWARE THERE WAS A MĀORI VERSION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.**

Hinewehi Mohi sings the national anthem in Māori only at an All Blacks game at Twickenham and is criticised for it.

2006

**THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO SPELL WANGANUI (AND IT DIDN'T INCLUDE AN H).**

Wanganui District Council conducts a non-binding referendum regarding the spelling of Whanganui. Voters reject the inclusion of H in the spelling of the name.

