

# Māori greetings and signoffs for letters and emails



## Greetings

### *Formal letter or email:*

Tēnā koe (Name)

Dear (Name) — greeting one person.

Tēnā kōrua

Greeting two people. Don't insert the names.

Tēnā koutou

Greeting three or more people.

### *Informal letter or email:*

(Note: kia ora can mean hello, good morning, good afternoon and thank you)

Kia ora

Hello any number of people

Kia ora kōrua

Hello to two people

Kia ora koutou

Hello to three or more people

Mōrena or Ata mārie

Good morning

## Other

Ngā mihi

Thank you

Ngā mihi nui

Thank you very much

Ngā mihi maioha

Thank you with appreciation

Aroha mai

Sorry, I'm sorry, my apologies

Kei te pēhea koe?

How are you? (one person)

Kei te pēhea kōrua?

How are you? (two people)

Kei te pēhea koutou?

How are you? (three or more people)

Kei te pai

I'm well

Kei te tino pai

I'm very well

Kia manahau!

Enjoy!

Ka mau te wehi!

Awesome! Fantastic!

Mere Kirihimete

Merry Christmas

## Signoffs

Nā

From

Nāku, nā

Yours faithfully

Nāku iti noa, nā

Yours sincerely

Ngā mihi

Kind regards or thank you

Ngā mihi nui

Kind regards (with more emphasis on gratitude)

Hei konā mai

Goodbye for now

Mā te wā

Bye for now, see you later

Noho ora mai

Stay well, look after yourself, good bye

Kia pai tō rā

Have a nice day

Kia pai tō kōrua rā

Have a nice day (two people)

Kia pai tō koutou rā

Have a nice day (three or more people)

Kia pai tō rā whakatā

Have a great weekend!