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### REFERENCE FOR MR MIKE KING

On Wednesday, 22 October, 2014, Mike King gave a presentation to the staff and students of Nukutere College.

Mr King was on a short tour of Rarotonga and was offering shows free of charge to schools.

When the opportunity came up I was a little apprehensive about the suitability of the content of Mike's performance. (I had seen Mike many times on television in New Zealand). Some of his material was overtly racist, sexist and risqué – adult entertainment.

However, my "fears" were allayed. The journey that Mike took our students and staff on towards making his point that "we should not be and never need to be alone", was an informative, emotional, humorous and moving experience.

Mike's honesty about his personal life was moving. His humour in identifying with a current sports legend was so relevant to the students. His stories from his life had the audience riveted. His sometimes political incorrectness had our students giggling and tittering - quite entranced! The overall performance in delivering such an important message was so professional that he had the students listening and asking questions at the end and then chatting with him afterwards.

Mikes visit was so timely for us. All English classes are going through Formal Speaking at the moment and what a wonderful role-model Mike was. Rather than my words in the classroom and my out of context role-playing, my students were able to see and hear the real thing.

We are grateful for Mike King's visit and especially that he gave something so valuable for nothing.

I have no reservations about recommending Mike King to present to school audiences.

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