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Issue Fifteen of *The ANZTLA EJournal* marks a change in the editorial processes for the production of this EJournal – Kerrie Stevens, Eve James and Huw Sandaver will now be working as an editorial team. This issue includes papers from the 2015 ANZTLA Annual Conference, held in Auckland, New Zealand, presented under the theme of “Ngā kete e toru”, or “The three baskets of knowledge”. The relevance of this theme is explained below. Enjoy the papers presented in this issue.

Tānenuiarangi was the special man chosen before some of his jealous brothers to be the one who would go and gather the three baskets of knowledge. The three baskets were way beyond the clouds deep into heaven

and space. Tānenuiarangi was carried up to heaven by the regal kotuku (white heron) and also by the whanau-puhi (children of the wind).

Tānenuiarangi also built a Whare Wānanga (house of learning) back here on earth that was to be a sacred and worthy place to hold the three baskets of knowledge. He called this first special house Wharekura. Once Tānenuiarangi had successfully gathered up the baskets the sky turned orange and red (sunrise, sunset) and all here in the world of Papatūānuku (Earth Mother) knew he had completed his task.

The first and second baskets contained karakia and the knowledge of all things in the care of Ranginui (Sky Father), Papatūānuku and all of their children. The third basket held the knowledge to do with all things creative and is offered in a way that would help the ascent and wellbeing of all people.

If you look closely high up in space amongst the stars and the constellations you can see Tānenuiarangi gathering the three baskets that hold such wondrous knowledge. Already the sky is turning orange and red with his success.

Let the spirit of the kotuku come to you and lift you, as it did Tānenuiarangi to the fantastic places that are quietly waiting to be discovered. Don't wait for Tānenuiarangi to come to you. Go to him, surround yourself with those who are just as curious and seek knowledge.

Find and learn all you want in that sacred house called Wharekura and have a fantastic journey learning.

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