

# Introduction: Rēkohu and the Moriori



Rēkohu  
(Chatham Islands)

Rēkohu is the Moriori name for the island group known as the Chatham Islands. It is also the Moriori name for the main island in the group. Rēkohu is part of New Zealand.

The name Rēkohu means “misty skies” or “the sun as seen through the mist”.

The people of the land, or tchakat henu\* of Rēkohu are the Moriori.

This issue of the *School Journal* is dedicated to them.



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Pitt Strait

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\* the Moriori words meaning “tangata whenua”.  
See the glossary on page 13.

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