

FAMILY PRIDE



Although it was only a mental note, Howard still had problems with his spelling.

Howard read his niece's e-mail again. It was great that she was doing so well - he made a mental note to send a quick e-mail to his sister to congratulate her on her daughter's success. Howard had quite a soft spot for Huia and he was really pleased that she had chosen to study public administration - his area of expertise. Howard was keen to help her with her studies.

Fond of her or not, though - he wasn't sure if he could help. Huia's e-mail was asking for information to support a piece on the latest policy developments in his department. Well, that was easy enough, but the trouble was the deadline. The really useful information for her paper was about to be released, but he wasn't sure when - it could be weeks away. Huia had to hand in her paper in a fortnight.

It is going to be public anyway, Howard thought, but, then again, that doesn't make it public now.

Howard hit the 'reply' button on the e-mail and started to type.