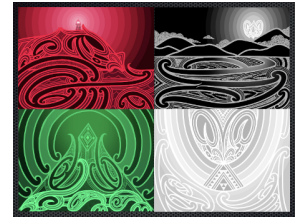




## TAMAITI O LE PASIFIKA

*'O le fogava'a e tasi, One family.*



*“A literate Pasifika individual will essentially be a global citizen; one who knows and respects his/her heritage and can draw upon the best it has to offer them in order to excel in all areas of life. Not only that but to build others up in the process.” Pasifika success as Pasifika. Ace Aotearoa.*

Tamaiti o le Pasifika is how Wainuiomata Intermediate has committed to delivering “*Pasifika success as Pasifika*” enabling learning in, and through, a Pasifika lens, strengthening culture, mana and identity.

Aiga must submit this application form if they want this option for their children. Both Aiga and tamaiti must commit to the goals of Tamaiti o le Pasifika and work hard to achieve them.

The Pasifika class will participate in all school activities while also focusing on valuing and reflecting Pasifika cultures in the curriculum.

At Wainuiomata Intermediate the term 'Pasifika' refers to students and families from the Pacific Islands or those who identify with Pacific Island ancestry or heritage. This year Pasifika students make up about 20% of our student population.

Pasifika students often balance different worldviews at home and school, which can impact their learning and confidence. To address this, we aim to build strong and positive relationships with Pasifika parents, encouraging them to engage with the school and share their goals. We want our students to feel comfortable being their true selves at school, without leaving any part of their identity behind.

This class will focus on culture and identity rather than language. This approach accommodates the diverse cultures in the class and includes students who identify with a heritage but are not fluent in its language.

### **Tamaiti o le Pasifika aims for Pasifika success as Pasifika by:**

- Partnering with aiga through regular meetings and learning conferences to support students' learning and progress.
- Preparing students to succeed as Pasifika with a strong foundation of self-knowledge and pride, affirming their identity, and extending their cultural knowledge.

Our programme was affirmed this year by Dr. Melanie Anae (Polynesian Panthers Legacy Trust) who said:

*“We were brought up in an education system that was assimilationist and there was only the Euro-centric Disney version of our history- an entire universe - and then some - away from the culture of confidence, celebration and valuing of our own mana, culture and identity we experienced there (at WIS). Tigilau, Alec and myself have come away with enduring, powerfully inspiring memories of our time with you”.*

Choosing to join Tamaiti o le Pasifika means students and their aiga agree to uphold the program's aims and support the kaiako and staff.

Participation in the school's Pasifika group and helping with 'Pacific Language Weeks' is mandatory. Serving our Pasifika community, both in and outside school, is a key part of this class.

Fānau must submit an application form for consideration. If applications exceed capacity, a follow-up interview may be required in November. Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list.



WAINUIOMATA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.  
**TAMAITI O LE PASIFIKA**  
**Application Form**

Name of Student (in full): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pasifika affiliations (Villages, Church groups, sports groups, committees, etc):**

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**Fānau agreement:**

- I have read the previous page and agree with the aims and values of Tamaiti o le Pasifika.
- I agree to attend all fono/talanoa and be actively involved in my child's learning at the school.
- I will support the kaiako and staff with meeting the aims of the class and ensure that my child is committed to understanding and upholding the shared values of the school - Manaakitanga, Whānaungatanga, Rangatiratanga and Kaitiakitanga.

Parent / Caregiver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student agreement:**

- I understand that being in Tamaiti o le Pasifika means I will meet the aims of the class, and be committed to upholding the shared values of the school.
- I understand that being in a fānau class means I have an obligation to consider the learning of my classmates. My actions and behaviors will follow our agreed class values. The focus is on connectedness, relationships, and involvement to promote self-determination for everyone.
- I agree to fully participate in Pasifika performances, promote Pasifika language weeks and other performances outside of school as required.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

