



TAMAITI O LE PASIFIKA

Pasifika Identity Class



‘O le fogava’a e tasi, One family.

In the Ministry of Education document ‘Best practice for teaching Pacific learners: Pacific Evidence Brief 2019’ it stated that the key area to focus for improvement was respecting and valuing identities, languages and cultures.

This class is our response enabling learning in and through a Pasifika lens.

Kaaiga will need to submit this application form if they wish to choose this option for their children. It is essential that both the kaaiga and the child are committed to the aims and aspirations of Tamaiti o le Pasifika and are prepared to support and work hard to achieve them.

If applications exceed available places in the class, a selection procedure may be necessary and unsuccessful applicants will be placed onto a waiting list.

The Pasifika class will still take part in all that our school has to offer but will also focus on valuing our Pasifika students’ cultures and reflecting those in the curriculum.

In this instance the term ‘Pasifika’ used to refer to students and families who originate from the Pacific Islands or identify with the Pacific Islands in terms of ancestry or heritage. At Wainuiomata Intermediate this group make up about 20% of our student population.

Research has shown that high-achieving Pasifika students believe the important factors leading to their success has been the maintenance of their cultural identity, high expectations by teachers and parents and positive home-school relationships.

As some of our Pasifika students must navigate and transition between different world views at home and school, they have competing demands placed on them which may affect their achievement. To ensure we get this right we want to establish strong and positive relationships with Pasifika parents, encouraging parents to feel comfortable coming into school, getting involved, and sharing views.

The emphasis in this class will be on culture and identity rather than language, due to the range of cultures in the class, and to include students who identify as part of a heritage but who do not have the fluency to learn in that language.

Our Pasifika class aims to enact the goal of Pasifika success as Pasifika by:

- Working in partnership with kaaiga to support their child’s learning and progress through regular hui and learning conferences.
- Preparing our students to succeed as Pasifika, ensuring the learning is based on a foundation of self knowledge and pride, allowing students to be affirmed in their identity, and to extend their cultural knowledge

Choosing to be part of Tamaiti o le Pasifika means that the student and their kaaiga accept and uphold the aims of the programme and will actively support the kaiako and staff responsible.

Taking part in school Pasifika group is a compulsory component of the programme.

If you would like to commit to having your child in this class, please complete the application form attached and return to Wainuiomata Intermediate School Office, together with their School Enrolment Form.

WAINUIOMATA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.
TAMAITI O LE PASIFIKA
Application Form

Name of Student (in full): _____

Primary School: _____

Father's name: _____

Mother's name: _____

Pasifika affiliations: (Church, Sports Clubs, Island, Village etc.)

Whānau agreement:

- I agree to attend all hui 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 Pasifika programme and ensure that my child is committed to 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 programme, and be committed to upholding the shared values of the school.
- I agree to fully participate in Pasifika performances, promote Pasifika language weeks and other performances outside of school as required.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

