

# TAUTAI O LE MOANA

WAYFINDERS OF THE OCEAN  
NZPPA



## April '24 Newsletter

Kia orāna koutou katoatoa

A big thank you for continuing to be the best leader you can be for our tamaiti.

Tautai o le Moana has continued to grow in a range of areas that provide a wider range of leadership professional learning opportunities. Strengthening leadership capabilities to improve outcomes for learners is at the heart of our work however we now offer Professional Growth Circles of Practice, Tapasā, Lalaga Tautua - Aspiring Leadership Pathway and Principal Appointments.

The next ToLM newsletter will be 29 May with more info and opportunities .  
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## RESIDENTIAL FONO 2024



### FETŪ TA'IALA

- Tautua - Service in Leadership
- Atamai - Wisdom in Action
- Vā Fealoa'i - Relational Space
- Mana Reo/Mana Tikanga - Honouring Heritage

During the year Facilitators will work with Tautai in 1-1 and cluster settings to develop and strengthen Action Plans for Pacific Education, building understandings of Pacific Learner success, growing and maintaining educationally powerful connections with communities and strengthening leadership through the Pacific values of - Tautua, Atamai, Vā Fealoa'i and Mana Reo Mana Tikanga. By using the Wayfinder Frame of Reading the Signs, Recalibrating, Making Adjustments and Drawing on multiple knowledges Tautai grow a deeper understanding of the ways Pacific learners navigate their educational environments and how leadership impacts this.

To begin the TOLM journey we started in the far north in the Hokianga. Tautai o Le Moana believes in place-based learning and what better way to start the ToLM journey than to begin where the arrival of Kupe to Aotearoa took place. We believe it is important for our Tautai to be enriched in our country's history and connect the dots to their own personal learnings and experiences. This journey goes beyond external exploration; it's a deep dive into self-discovery encouraging deeper understandings of your cultural roots, recognising the power of personal heritage, and realising the importance of knowing oneself to effectively lead others. The ToLM journey sets the foundation for a year-long partnership where we'll support Tautai in integrating the principles of Cultural Ancestral Intelligence into their leadership approaches.

### The 3 perspectives to gain wisdom on a situation according to Tui Ātua Tamasese Efi:

- On the Va'a (frontline, hands on)
- In the Trees (removed from frontline)
- On the Mauga (Birds Eye view, big picture).

"Here we are preparing for our day, having Karakia with hands on the Waka Taua at Waitangi. "



Sepora Mauigoa



Jerry Leaupepe



Geoff Siave



Karl Vasau



Falefatu Enari



# TAUTAI SHARE THEIR JOURNEY



**Jenny Bernard**  
Otahuhu Primary School



**Dallas Wichman**  
St Anne's School



**Seletute Mila**  
Arakura School

We had the privilege of having three of our Tautai present their perspective on how their journey with Tautai o Le Moana has been.

Tautai has had a huge impact on my journey as a learner and rediscovering who I am. I have a better understanding of the importance of culture, language and identity. It has enabled our students to have a strong sense of belonging. Being a tautai has connected me with a group of like minded principals who are focussed on providing the very best for their learners and especially our Pasifika children. It has allowed me to implement best practice pedagogies for our Pasifika children in mainstream settings. ToLM is an organisation managed by Principals who have had successful practice in their schools and are willing to share their knowledge. Encouraging staff to unpack and digest MOE documents such as Tapasa and the Action Plan for Pacific Education has been a focus for our school and has encouraged me to ensure these frameworks are a priority in our strategic planning.

Tautai o le Moana was a little bit of an unknown to me. I have pasifika learners in my school and am of pasifika descent, so thought, it can only help. Hearing story after story on the residential on the effects of language and culture loss as a result of moving to New Zealand, and reflecting on this with my Granddad and my dad, I could not help but be inspired to help my children reclaim their cultures and languages from our school context. Alongside this, continuing to grow myself. The development in confidence that came with having a mentor/facilitator guiding me in my work for the year and the passion it grew is hard to describe. The personal growth is so different from anything else I have done in my 9 years of being a principal. Although Pasifika was the focus, it really makes you more generally culturally aware and responsive. So many people and schools say they are this, just like they say they give effect to the Treaty, but they really aren't and don't. What makes ToLM the strongest PLD, is the facilitators. Not in it for the money like most PLD providers, but in it for the purpose, all principals but with a wealth of knowledge. They are all so welcoming and supportive. I would love all principals to go through this programme.

Tautai o le Moana has been a deeply personal as well as professional journey. It enabled me to look far back to my tipuna, and to my journey as a Tongan growing up in Aotearoa – and realising how that has given me a strong, rich, Pasifika lens to leadership. It has affirmed my identity journey in ways I've not experienced in all of my 23 years experience in education. It's given me courage and inspiration for the work I do in my school community. I also feel hope for the future, when I see so many principals in the ToLM network, undergoing their journey as a connected group and making strong commitment for the success and achievement of Pacific children and young people.

## TAPASĀ WITH TAUTAI O LE MOANA 2024

Tapasā the cultural competencies framework is a tool that is used to build the capability of all teachers of pacific learners across all educational sectors. It is the first step in an ongoing journey to better understand the identity, language and culture of Pacific People and to develop environments to connect, collaborate and co-construct teaching and learning with and for Pacific learners, aiga and communities.

- Tautai o le Moana continues to offer Tapasā PLD as part of the Tautai journey.
- Facilitators tailor the PLD to meet the needs of your staff and school. We don't prepare a one size fits all delivery.
- We work alongside you and your team to identify what works for you.
- Reading the document is step one of the process and from there the journey begins.

As everyone is at a different point in terms of their cultural capability it's important to create a personal growth inquiry and to identify which aspects of Ngā Turu best fit.

ToLM facilitators are available to deliver Tapasā PLD and then walk alongside you and your team and support you to become more and more independent in your journey.

Hobsonville School, Sylvia Park School and Taita School began 2024 with Teacher Only Days either being introduced to, revisiting and revitalising Tapasā in their schools.



Hobsonville School



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# LALAGA TAUTUA

The Lalaga Leadership Development Programme began with Session 1 which focused on:

- **Appreciation of Personal Historical Stories:** Participants in Session 1 were encouraged to reflect on and appreciate their personal historical stories and experiences, recognizing these narratives as fundamental to understanding their motivations for leadership.
- **Understanding of Cultural Assets:** Through engaging with personal narratives and shared experiences, participants gained a deeper understanding of their cultural assets.
- **Recognition of Inherited Communal Values:** Session 1 highlighted the significance of communal values inherited from cultural backgrounds, emphasizing their role as inherent leadership strengths.
- **Co-Creation of Solutions:** A key outcome of Session 1 was the exploration of solutions that bridge submissive dispositions with conviction. Participants were challenged to co-create strategies that honour cultural humility and respect while also fostering assertiveness and conviction in leadership roles.



## BLENHEIM TAUTAI 2024

We welcome two Blenheim Schools –St Mary’s Primary and Bohally Intermediate to Tautai o le Moana this year. The February Fono in the Far North was a great opportunity to connect with Bridget and Nicky to start their Tautai Journey of strengthening leadership capabilities to improve outcomes for Pasifika.

## TAMAKI TAUTAI 2022

This is a very strong and connected group of Principals who have stayed loyal to the Journey and each other for the past 3 years. This term they met together at Waikowhai School for their termly Talanoa and PLD Session. We were lucky to have Jerry Leaupepe providing PLD on “AI” and how Principals and schools could use this to enhance their practice and Learning programmes. Great day had by all and we look forward to our Term 2 Talanoa and PLD Session at Rosebank School.



Waikowhai School

## WELLINGTON TAUTAI 2024

As a follow up to the February residential in Paihia each of the Tautai have caught up with Karl via zoom to check in and to reflect on where this journey could take them. Many of the Tautai were still buzzing from the experience up north and had some good ideas as to next steps and options for them. Looking forward to meeting face to face with Tautai and their staff next term (7&8 May - Wellington and 14 May - Levin)

## SOUTH ISLAND TAUTAI 2024

Starting a journey with the cultural richness of the Bay of Island experience has been an amazing experience for all our Tautai 2024. Without exception they say they have been hugely challenged, greatly enriched, and filled to the brim with aroha and passion – but that they also feel supported – not alone. The emotional impact for some has been very deep – life changing was a term used by at least one Tautai. They have returned to their mahi aware of different lens, seeking to fill the space between people with the right stuff (tautua, atamai, etc). Tautai referred to Tautai, Atamai, Teu le Vā and Mana Reo Mana Tikanga. All have engaged with enthusiasm in our post Paihia conversations.



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## TAMAKI TAUTAI 2023

Great to reconnect at Peninsula School in Te Atatu. Trudi Brocas shared her Tautai journey with us and the opening of the Samoan bilingual at Central Auckland Specialist School (CASS) the first bilingual class in a Special Education school. Our next fono will be at Hobsonville School and we look forward to hearing from Michael Earl who will be sharing his Tautai journey.



Peninsula School

## TAMAKI TAUTAI 2024

We have two new committed Tamaki roopu. Jerry has already had a cluster fono since our Paihia Fonotaga with his South/East group who had a great talanoa around Tautua. The Central, North West group will be meeting as a cluster early next term in Otāhuhu.

# KEEP UP WITH US!

Connect with us across all our social media platforms



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Dates for Pacific Language Weeks 2024 have been announced!

Mark your calendar,

Share the dates with loved ones, and get ready to celebrate.



### 2024 PACIFIC LANGUAGE WEEKS

<b>Fāeag Rotuam Ta</b> ROTUMA	12 May - 18 May	<b>Vosa VakaViti</b> FIJI	6 Oct - 12 Oct
<b>Gagana Samoa</b> SAMOA	26 May - 1 Jun	<b>Vagahau Niue</b> NIUE	13 Oct - 19 Oct
<b>Te Taetae ni Kiribati</b> KIRIBATI	7 Jul - 13 Jul	<b>Te Gagana Tokelau</b> TOKELAU	27 Oct - 2 Nov
<b>Te Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani</b> COOK ISLANDS	4 Aug - 10 Aug	<b>Papua Niugini Tok Pisin</b> PAPUA NEW GUINEA	10 Nov - 16 Nov
<b>Lea Faka-Tonga</b> TONGA	18 Aug - 24 Aug	<b>Solomon Aelan Pijin</b> SOLOMON ISLANDS	24 Nov - 30 Nov
<b>Te Gana Tuvalu</b> TUVALU	29 Sep - 5 Oct		



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