Manawanui RTLB Cluster 10

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.

FETU O LE ANIVA

Term 3 Newsletter

Manawanui's Cluster 10 Pasifika RTLB group is called ***Fetu o le Aniva (Morning Star).*** We provide Pasifika culturally responsive support and strategies to help colleagues and schools to engage and connect with Pacific learners and their families.

In the past our ancestors read and named the stars, and were guided by them as they voyaged unchartered waters, hence our name ***Fetu o le Aniva (Morning Star).***

Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi atu, Noa'ia, Ni Sa Bula

Lita Garcia
RTLB

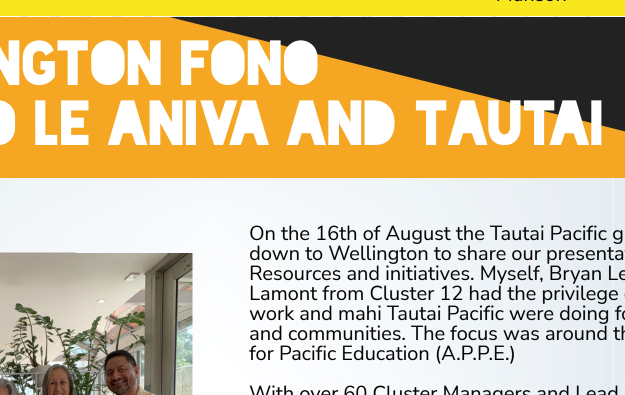
Fakalofa lahi atu ki a mutolu oti. Ko au ko Lita Garcia. Ko e tau mamatua haaku ko Ligi mo Hofeni Pavihi. Ko e matua-fifine haaku hau i Tamakautoga mo matua-taane haaku hau i Avatele, Niue. I also acknowledge my husband's family from Granada, Spain.

"Education is always about relationships" (Ken Robinson) and those relationships - vahā loto, are key to the RTLB service, schools, and Pasifika communities we support. Keeping this in mind helped cultivate my communication, collaboration and creativity skills especially when working with digital technologies.

As an advocate of game-based learning/gamification, coding, it's important we support our Pasifika youth who seek these career paths to enter these digital spaces where they can create games, learn programming languages and transfer their cultural narratives into the digital world.

Once we view "culture as a carrier of success, not a barrier" (Aiono Manu Faaea-Semeatu) we will understand the significance of nurturing those reciprocal relationships with our Pasifika families with equality and mana, where power sharing, partnership and cooperation is welcomed.

Fakaaue lahi e fanogonogo mai ke he haaku a tau fakamatalaaga.



Ben Afele | Corrie Atkins | Lita Garcia | Tau'ai Salelea-Manson

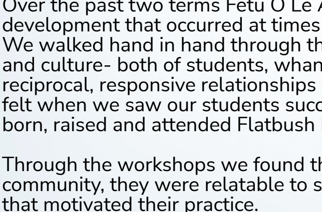
WELLINGTON FONO FETU O LE ANIVA AND TAUTAI

On the 16th of August the Tautai Pacific group flew down to Wellington to share our presentation on Pacific Resources and initiatives. Myself, Bryan Leilua and Rose Lamont from Cluster 12 had the privilege of sharing the work and mahi Tautai Pacific were doing for our schools and communities. The focus was around the Action Plan for Pacific Education (A.P.P.E.)

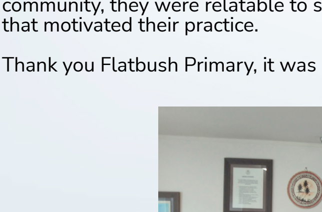
With over 60 Cluster Managers and Lead Principals at this conference, it was an amazing experience and a privilege to represent Cluster 10 at this forum. The feedback received from our presentation was very positive however for the three of us, it was about promoting the importance of the A.P.P.E and ensuring that this was a necessary part of all RTLB Clusters' Strategic Plan.

We look forward to the National Fono where we will have 3 fantastic Pacific Principals who will be sharing their experience of how their vision and aspirations for our Pacific communities are making a difference for their students and the importance of building strong foundations for young Pacific leaders through key shift 5.

TAPASA WORKSHOPS AT FLATBUSH PRIMARY



The fine kaiawhina at Flatbush Primary recently completed the sessions for unpacking the Tapasa document and identifying what it looks like, sounds like, feels like within their classrooms and programmes they run.



The journey to better understanding the identity, language and culture of Pacific people, to connect, collaborate, and co-construct teaching and learning with Pacific children, young people, their parents, families and communities was accomplished through discussion groups where we have been able to learn from each other through the rich talanoa and korero, through song, and sharing of experiences.

Over the past two terms Fetu O Le Aniva created a bespoke Tapasa inspired professional development that occurred at times that were convenient to Flatbush Primary's schedule. We walked hand in hand through the Tapasa document, highlighting the importance of identity and culture- both of students, whanau, teachers and leaders. We explored the importance of reciprocal, responsive relationships with whanau and community. We spoke on the pride we felt when we saw our students succeed including STNDRD, the latest music group that were born, raised and attended Flatbush Primary School.

Through the workshops we found that the Kaiawhina had a strong link and awareness of their community, they were relatable to students and they have the cultural knowledge and etiquette that motivated their practice.

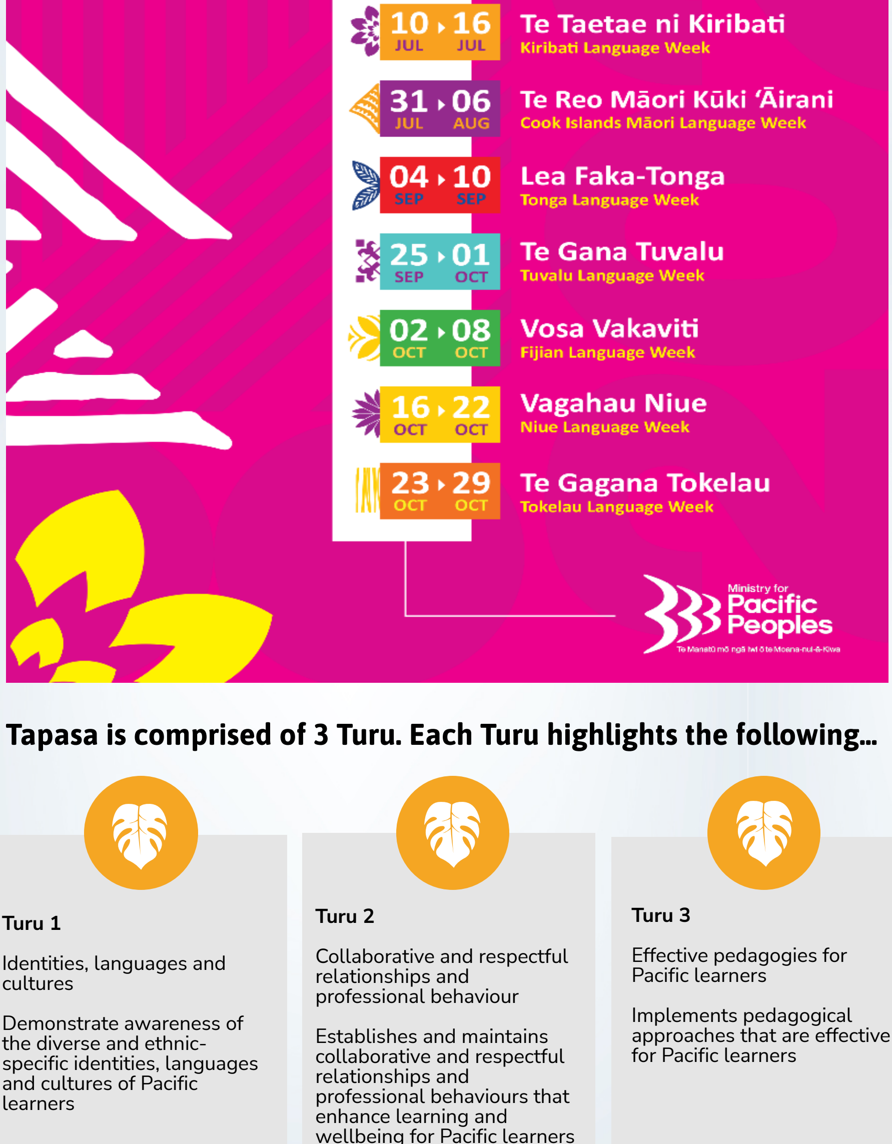
Thank you Flatbush Primary, it was an honor working with you.

If you would like Fetu O Le Aniva to provide culturally sustaining workshops, please feel free to reach out to your RTLB liaison or to the Cluster Manager. We can create tailor-made workshops to suit your teachers and school philosophy.

PASIFIKA LANGUAGE WEEKS

Ua tagi le fatu ma le eleele

The stones and the earth weep



Tapasa is comprised of 3 Turu. Each Turu highlights the following...

Turu 1

Identities, languages and cultures

Demonstrate awareness of the diverse and ethnic-specific identities, languages and cultures of Pacific learners

Turu 2

Collaborative and respectful relationships and professional behaviour

Establishes and maintains collaborative and respectful relationships and professional behaviours that enhance learning and wellbeing for Pacific learners

Turu 3

Effective pedagogies for Pacific learners

Implements pedagogical approaches that are effective for Pacific learners

PASIFIKA HEROES 2022

It ***Takes a Village*** offers Maori and Polynesian cultural resources. Pulusea and Afa produce hand painted peg dolls along with Maori waka and Polynesian outriggers, myths and legends, language weeks packages and much more.

Wellington born Pulusea and Afa Seumanu hold a Samoan heritage, his Dad belongs to the village of Salelologa and his Mum from Leulumoenga. The Seumanu aiga relocated to Palmerston North and landed in Auckland for church obligations and service. Pulusea talks about how different it was attending High School in Palmerston North where the Pacific community is small. He recalls being one out of ten Pacific students at the time and how his destiny lay in Auckland among his people in South Auckland. Pulusea has always known he has wanted to teach in South Auckland where the statistics of Pacific students are high, he wants to make a difference.

Talking about lockdown, Pulusea said it was easy- "It's how we lived in the islands, the village life is normal and simple. We played with sticks and stones. We didn't rely on technology."

Last year during the lockdown- Pulusea and his brother Afa who is a signwriter of over 30 years, wanted to connect with their culture. They always knew that 'It Takes a Village' would be a side business, but one that they wanted to do properly. "We are representing our grandparents and family" with this labour of love. It truly has been a learning journey, being able to make connections with our Kiribati, Rotuman cultures and being able to represent them in a authentic way. The research that has gone behind the patterns and colours, the myths and legends have been a fun and exciting stamp of reciprocal learning.

"We want our Pacific children to be able to touch, hold it, talk about it and relate to our pieces. Afa handles the same piece at least 20 times, as he hand paints all the pieces."

"We wanted our work to be of a high quality, we want to keep costs down, and make it affordable for our people, and keep it local."

"We are trying to normalise students seeing themselves and their culture when they leave their homes and come into their learning environment. We want to honor our grandparents who left their village to create a new one here in NZ."

PASIFIKA YOUTH 2022

Meet Lelei Ma Manaia

(De La Salle College, Mangere, Auckland)

A team of De La Salle young entrepreneurs have set up Lelei Ma Manaia, a Polynesian-owned business distributing Polynesian culture with a Samoan cookbook.

The Lelei Ma Manaia crew explain, "we are a Young Enterprise team from De La Salle College in Mangere with the aim of promoting Polynesian dishes and culture with our favourite recipes – keep an eye out on our socials for our first cookbook launch."

Follow Lelei Ma Manaia on Facebook, or Instagram. Visit the YES website for more information.

AMAZING!

Text and images from the Ministry for Pacific Peoples
https://www.mpp.govt.nz/news-and-events/latest-news/hungry-for-young-enterprise-success

COMMUNITY LINKS

Pasifika futures
PROSPERITY FOR PACIFIC FAMILIES

A better way of working with families

Our approach to change starts with the family at the centre and as the unit of change, so building family capabilities - builds child outcomes, it builds individual outcomes.

- Family centered approach
- Family driven
- Families set their own their path

https://pasifikafutures.co.nz/

southseas HEALTHCARE

South Seas Healthcare is Otara's largest Pacific health provider, delivering a range of clinic, community and social services throughout South Auckland. Our vision is excellent health and well-being for Pacific people and all communities. South Seas is a member of the Alliance Health Plus PHO (Primary Health Organisation), which is New Zealand's only Pacific-led PHO.

https://www.southseas.org.nz/