



NZ PASIFIKA PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION (2007)

Vision: "To Ensure Educators Achieve Success for Pasifika Learners"

Values: Alofa, Aroha, Aloha, Ofa – LOVE / Tautua – SERVICE / Faamalosi – STRENGTH / Faaloalo, faka'apa'apa – RESPECT

20 January 2025

Malo lava le soifua maua ma le lagi e mama and warm Pacific greetings to all our current and prospective NZPPA members.

2025 is upon us and I hope this finds you and your respective families and loved ones well rested and ready to take on the challenges of a new year at the helm. As the current president of NZPPA, building on the work of Jerry Leaupepe and Saane Faafo Oldehaver, will be big shoes to fill, but our strength as an association has always been in our collective approach for our students, families and the communities we serve. We are in a landscape which is ever changing, but on the shoulders of our parents and those who have gone before us, our unity as one can help us to strive and achieve our vision together.

NZPPA is an association and a strong network of Principals who are dedicated to ensuring that Pasifika students, teachers, leaders and families experience success in education. In 2024 we celebrated having over 70 financial members and a network of over 100 Principals across the country. We are a supportive network for Pasifika Principals including aspiring Pasifika Principals and have our own professional development arm in - Tautai O Le Moana.

NZPPA involvement in the education landscape is aligned to our Strategic Goals:

- **Pasifika Education:** Proactively advance the cause of Pasifika Education in Aotearoa NZ.
- **Curriculum:** Successfully connect Pasifika learners with the curriculum.
- **Advocacy:** Be the professional voice to influence educational policy that will accelerate the achievement of Pasifika learners.
- **Professionalism:** Contribute to and critique the development of educational professionalism for Pasifika learners.
- **Career Pathways:** Advocate for the development and retention of Pasifika educators into Principalship. Increase the number of Pasifika principals in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Here are the dates and venues for our planned meeting for 2025:

- **Term 1:** Auckland, week 8 Wed March 19 & 20 - *Pass Academy High School, Otahuhu.* (Executive 10am-12pm, Members 12pm - 2pm).
- **Term 2:** Central North Island (*likely Hamilton or Palmerston North*), week 7 Wed June 11 & 12 - *Venue to be confirmed.* (Executive 10am - 12pm / Members 12pm - 2pm)
- **Term 3:** Dunedin at Sara Cohen Special School, week 7 Wed Aug 27 & 28. (Executive 10am - 12pm / Members 12pm - 2pm)
- **Term 4:** Auckland (AGM), Kelston Intermediate School, week 7 Wed Nov 19 & 20. (Executive 10am - 12pm / Members 12pm - 2pm)

I would like to thank all our current members for their continued support and I now invite you all to become a member of NZPPA for this coming year. God bless and keep you all safe and well.

Warm regards

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