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Pasifika Education Fono
Auckland, 27-28 June 2014
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**Opening Speakers**

**12.00 pm | Opening and Closing Speaker**
**Fa’anana Efeso Collins**

Fa’anana Efeso Collins is our opening and closing speaker. Efeso is an outspoken social commentator and broadcaster, and is currently studying towards a doctorate in Indigenous Education. He holds the Samoan alii matai title of Fa’anana from the village of Satufia, Satupaitea, Savaii. Faanana Efeso Collins is Samoan/Tokelauan and the youngest of six children. His family grew up in Otara south Auckland. He is married to Fia, they have a young daughter and attend a Samoan church in west Auckland.

**12.15 pm | Judith Nowotarski**

A Head teacher at Hawera Kindergarten before taking up the reins of National President at the start of last year, Judith is motivated by striving to deliver through the education sector what is best for children – always remembering that “at the heart of the matter is the child”

“I believe strongly in quality public education for all children and creating an environment that enables quality teaching and learning for children and their whanau.”

Judith grew up in Hawera, and did her teacher training as an adult student through the then Palmerston North College of Education, completing it extramurally. She comes from a large whanau, all of whom help keep her grounded.

Judith has had nearly 20 years union experience including a previous term as National Vice President in 2010. Leadership roles within NZEI Re Riu Roa have included Te Reo Areare Kaihautu, co-convenor of Early Childhood National Caucus, Negotiation Team Leader and Industrial Committee Chair.

She has been a member of NZEI Te Riu Roa and the Ministry of Education working groups including Kindergarten Job Evaluation and Pay and Employment Equity groups, and led the development of NZEI Te Riu Roa Whakakore Tukino Tamaiti – Stop Child Abuse.
Lili Tuioti is currently a Strategic Planning Adviser, Lead the Planning and Monitoring Unit (PMU) for the Tokelau Government. She has had extensive experience in the education sectors in New Zealand and more recently in the Pacific Islands. Lili was formerly the Director of TKC Consultancy and Teuila consultancy before leaving our shores to work in other areas of the Pacific.

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Keynote Speech:
Leo Tokelau – a tiny voice in action – say it and do it. For the last ten years I have been blessed with the opportunity to work for the government of the second smallest nation in the world. The lessons I have gained working for Tokelau have been exciting and very humbling. In my address to you, I would like to highlight some actions of fearlessness and humility which this tiny Pacific nation has undertaken to have its say in the global arena and to draw analogies that I hope will prove relevant to the theme of the Conference.
Connections, Conversations and Cultural Intelligence supporting ...

Pasifika families, communities and Kindergartens to access services that meet their needs. Wellington Region Free Kindergarten Association are working in communities to engage and sustain participation in early childhood education through connections, conversations and cultural intelligence. We have had successes, challenges and opportunities that contribute to our story about maintaining quality early childhood education services and the support from community agencies and organisations in Porirua.

Convenor | Caroline Mareko

Caroline has taught for 18 years in Porirua primary schools. She was then appointed as the Pasifika Education Coordinator for the Central South region in the Ministry of Education. After working for 15 months as a Review Officer for the Central Region in the Education Review Office she has recently been appointed as the Pasifika Coordinator for the Wellington Kindergarten.
Researching Parents’ Lived Experiences: Listen More! Talk Less!

This presentation will discuss an overview of my current research results on parents’ lived experiences in regard to the establishment of a'oga amata and Samoan bilingual units. The participants’ lived-experiences imply a continuity of the past with its own present future. The participants’ remembered the inner structure of meanings in relation to their morals, beliefs and values. Sharing stories was only a matter of “giving voice” to the participants to re-perform and re-activate their beliefs and values, which are significant elements in the education of their children. Because knowledge is socially shared and distributed, Pasifika parents and communities in New Zealand like the Samoans have become powerless in mastering their own rights to make decisions about the education of their children.

Politically, economically and socially imposed educational relevance is beyond the Pasifika parents’ control. Such imposed knowledge with imposed relevance has become a living present for some Pasifika people and, therefore continuous to be traditionalised. The presentation will share some stories that highlight the participants’ powerless struggle to decide what was and what was not relevant to their lives and their children’s education. Such a struggle was caused by imposed relevance with unfulfilled anticipations. Parents’ lived experiences speak louder with meaningful and relevant aspirations for their children’s education. Our education system and/or decision makers need to “listen more and talk less.”

Convenor | Patisepa Tuafuti

Patisepa Tuafuti currently works at the University of Auckland, School of critical Studies as a senior lecturer. She was a teacher at Favona Primary School Mangere, Clydemore Primary in Otara, which is now part of Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate campus, and Robertson Road Mangere, before joining the Education Advisory Services as a Pasifika Education Advisor from 1995 to 2000.
Workshop One
~ option three ~

What is Pasifika Professionalism?

This workshop looks at educational benchmarks for professional practice and discusses the notion of ‘Pasifika professional practice’. Participants will be challenged to review their own understanding of educational and Pasifika professionalism; how these are reflected in their practice today and the connect/disconnect between the two.

Convenor | Dr Jean Mitaera

Jean is Cook Islands Maori, born and bred in Newtown, Wellington. Former senior policy adviser who has taught at Victoria University of Wellington and currently the Social Work Leader at Whitireia New Zealand. Jean is part of a Pasifika research team undertaking an Ako Aotearoa funded project entitled, “Articulating and implementing a “pedagogy of success” for Pacific students in tertiary education”. A researcher, educator, trainer and facilitator.
Humble Beginnings and Relationships - ECE

This presentation covers the migration of the people from the Pacific to Aotearoa NZ. The history of the emergence of Pasifika Language Nests here in Aotearoa will be covered along with the challenges, issues and impact of emergent in the education system. At the very core is relationships and this will be woven throughout the presentation. We will also be taking a look at the Pasifika Education Plan.

Convenor | Taime Pareanga Samuel QSM

New Zealand based Cook Islander Taime Pareanga Samuel QSM is a high achiever and role model for younger Cook Islanders with leadership aspirations. A dedicated educator, she is an early childhood teacher by profession, in Flaxmere, Hastings. She has served on various Boards and Panels advising on Early Childhood Education (ECE). In 2001 she was invited to be part of then Prime Minister Helen Clarke’s delegation to the Cook Islands. For some six years she was on the ECE Advisory Group to the NZ Ministry for Pacific Island Affairs and she has been on the Pacific Advisory Group for the Ministry of Education in NZ. In 2009 she was awarded the QSM - Queen’s Service Medal.
Pacific Children Have the Best Possible Start to Life

In this workshop Jacinta will explore how TAHA exists to improve the health and wellbeing of Pacific mothers and infants during pregnancy and the first year of life.

Convenor | Jacinta Fa'alili-Fidow

Jacinta Fa'alili Fidow is Manager of TAHA Well Pacific Mother & Infant Service based at the University of Auckland.

Jacinta was born in Samoa and was raised and still lives in South Auckland. She has held roles in primary care quality coordination (Pasifika Healthcare, now called West Fono Trust), research funding processes (Manager Pacific Health Research, Health Research Council) and public health services policy, funding and planning (Portfolio Manager, Ministry of Health).

With a Masters of Public Health, married to Abba and now mother of three sons: Cisco, James and Peter, Jacinta is able to translate her passion for maternal and infant health into action through TAHA’s focus on improving Pacific pregnancy and parenting.
Growing Pasifika Leaders

In this workshop Sina Wendt-Moore will engage the attendees in an interactive and challenging conversation that considers what 21st century leadership looks like for Pacific peoples living in Aotearoa, and how do we grow authentic, ethical, successful Pacific leaders. We will discuss:

- How do we define ‘leadership’? Whose world view defines this?
- What does a ‘good’ leader look like? Who decides?
- How do we help young Pacific people embrace leadership whilst balancing the tensions and complexities of different cultural value sets, worldviews, expectations?
- How do we help them build cultural intelligence (CQ) to navigate the multiple terrains that exist in NZ society?

Convenor | **Sina Wendt-Moore**
Chief Executive, Leadership New Zealand

Sina is a Pacific woman of Samoan, German and English heritage. She brings a wealth of experience from commercial, public and community sectors. Committed to helping grow a new generation of authentic and ethical leaders for 21st century leadership, Sina works to develop leadership, governance and the strategic capability of individuals, organisations and communities.

She is the Chief Executive of Leadership New Zealand, an organisation with a vision to grow, celebrate and weave together Aotearoa New Zealand’s diversity of leaders through conversation, and to build active leadership in a connected community. Through this her numerous board roles (incl YWCA AotearoaNZ, Global Women Associates, Leadership Pacific, Pacific Music Awards, PACIFICA Auckland, appointbetterboards) Sina is directly able to fulfil her purpose to influence and empower a diversity of leaders across society.
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Professor Toeolesulusulu Damon Salesa

Dr. Toeolesulusulu Damon Jeremia Salesa (born in Auckland, New Zealand) is a head Professor at Auckland University’s Centre of Pacific Studies and the author of a number of books on the History of the Pacific, and on the British and U.S. empires. Dr. Toeolesulusulu Damon Salesa completed his B.A and M.A (Honours) in History at the University of Auckland, New Zealand and then went on to Oxford University, United Kingdom, as a Rhodes Scholar where he completed his D.Phil in 2001. Dr. Toeolesulusulu Damon Salesa spent the last ten years from 2002-2011 as an Associate Professor at the University of Michigan, United States. He returned to New Zealand as Associate Professor at the University of Auckland’s Centre for Pacific Studies in 2012. Dr. Toeolesulusulu Damon Salesa is the first Rhodes Scholar of Samoan and Pacific descent. Earlier in 2012, his book Racial Crossings: Race, Intermarriage, and the Victorian British Empire won the coveted international Ernest Scott prize.
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Engaging with Parent Community - WAIPESI

This workshop will explore the unique grassroots initiative developing in Wainuiomata Valley. At the heart of this initiative is the desire to make a difference for our Pasifika fanau, and clearing a pathway for greater parent engagement in their school community. Participants will learn with, from and about one another in order to take away practical ideas and inspirations to apply to their own context.

Co-convenor | Vai Alailefaleula

Vai is the President of Komiti Pasifika, NZEI Wellington branch and the Assistant Principal of Wainuiomata Intermediate School. Vai believes that the partnership between teacher, parent and child is crucial for education success. Instilling this has been her passion throughout her 32 years teaching experience.

Co-convenor | Tute Porter-Samuels

Tute is the President of Wainuiomata Branch of NZEI. She is an experienced primary school teacher and RTLB in the Te Awa Kairangi Cluster. Tute believes every child brings to school unique gifts and that our role as teachers is to grow and nurture those gifts so that they may achieve their potential.
Workshop Three
~ option three ~

Current Educational Issues

Part One - Investing in Educational Success and National Standards
In this session we will explore the governments proposed Investing in Educational Success (IES) policy and how these new roles link with many other changes underway in schooling that may further imbed National Standards as a single high stakes measure of success.

Part Two - Living Wage
What is a Living Wage? What is it about?
New Zealand businesses, organisations, schools and communities are uniting to address poverty and inequality through the Living Wage campaign.

Co-convenors

Lynda Stuart, Fiona Matapo and Te Aroha Hiko are all members of the NZEI Te Riu Roa National Executive Pasifika Working Group. Lynda is currently Principal of May Road School, in Mt Roskill Auckland, where there are two Samoan bilingual classrooms and 70% of the community are Pasifika.

Fiona is currently working as a PLD facilitator, Literacy Maori Medium. She has been actively working with our Pasifika members in the South Island to support Pasifika initiatives.

Te Aroha is working for the Ministry of Education as a Special Education Advisor with a Maori focus and has supported Pasifika members throughout the Hawkes Bay area.

All of these executive members are passionate about supporting the Pasifika initiatives of NZEI Te Riu Roa and have been involved in a number of ways in supporting the Leadership Group in organising this fono.

Linda Jordan is an active member of NZEI Te Riu Roa and is currently the secretary of the Manurewa Branch. She works at James Cook High School as the Year 11 Teacher Aide/ Learning Assistant. Linda has actively campaigned to advance the issues of Support Staff members. She is now also the Living Wage Campaigner for NZEI and her session will provide you with a depth of information about this campaign.
‘Lalaga’ Weaving Success for Pasifika Children Through Pasifika Leadership

The Innovations within Wellington Region Free Kindergarten Association (WRFKA) have enabled both success and participation for Pasifika children, families and teachers. The innovations highlighted today will include the leadership learning that sits behind the establishment and ongoing operation of New Zealand’s first two Pasifika kindergartens, Nuanua Kindergarten and Toru Fetu Kindergarten; Etu Ao a home-based service for Pasifika children and families and the leadership impact this has had on the educators, community members and children; and Talanoa Pasifika which was a conference organized for Pasifika teachers through the collaboration of Pasifika teachers and Senior Teachers. These innovations each highlight the importance of shaking off traditional palagi lens of leadership and embracing a new way of leading. Caroline Mareko will share one of their WRFKA Senior Teacher, Andy Cairn’s story about her learning whilst making connection and critique to current leadership theory and research as well as the joint work they do in these innovations.

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Unpacking the Realities of Leading Education for Pasifika

Leadership is a term which has so many different meanings. It is a term which I believe gets over-used and at times abused to suit the needs of the individual or group promoting it.

In our discussion during this session, I would like to provide some of my own insights into leadership of a school and leadership within a Pacific national public service, by sharing ideas on what has worked and more importantly sharing those things that failed miserably.

This will be an interactive session and it is the hope of the facilitator that attendees come prepared to share their ideas and navigate round some difficult issues which expose or vulnerabilities but also give us strength.

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Pasifika Principal’s Perspective on Aspiring Leaders

This workshop will be focussed on “Aspiring Leaders in Education”- with a focus on my personal journey as a Samoan gaining Principalship. I will talk about the importance of strong family values and how this has impacted on my current school.

Convenor | Jenny Bernard

Jenny Bernard is the principal of St Joseph’s Catholic School in Grey Lynn. She has been a principal for 8 years and has 30 years experience teaching in primary and intermediate schools. In 2011 she completed her Masters of Education with her thesis focused on mentoring. Jenny brings this knowledge to her leadership to build leadership capability in others, supporting diverse groups of people to work more effectively and collaboratively. As a Principal Jenny has gained a wealth of knowledge in building and maintaining positive relationships with whanau from a range of cultures.
Workshop Four
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Engaging with Parent Community

Ben will share his experiences of the wide range of responsibilities of Boards of Trustees - how they undertake their responsibilities; perspectives and concerns in regards to being involved at the governance level; and the importance of Pasifika peoples’ involvement in Boards of Trustees.

Convenor | Ben Taufua

Ben is Massey University Albany campus’ Pasifika directorate, widely involved in health and education sector management and consultancy. He studied political science at the University of Auckland, and gained an MBA at the University of Waikato. Ben was formerly president of the Pacific Peoples School Trustees Aotearoa, is a former board member of the New Zealand National School Trustees Association and former senior manager of Pasifika Health at Middlemore Hospital. He has been Chairperson of the Papatoetoe High School Board of Trustees for several years.
Growing Pasifika Leaders

Hon. Luamanuvao Winnie Laban will be running a workshop facilitating an interactive discussion on Growing Pasifika Leaders.

Convenor | Professor Hon. Luamanuvao Winnie Laban QSO

Associate Professor Hon. Luamanuvao Winnie Laban QSO
Assistant Vice Chancellor (Pasifika), Victoria University of Wellington

My parents, Ta’atofa Kenneth Poutoa Laban and Emi Asi Tunupopo Patu, migrated to New Zealand from Samoa in 1954. I was born in Wellington and educated at Wellington Girls College and by the religious sisters at Erskine College who provided me with strong models of compassionate women leadership. I graduated in Social Work from Victoria University and later worked as a community worker, probation officer, and school guidance counsellor. In 1992 I was bestowed the Samoan chiefly title of Luamanuvao. During the 1990s I coordinated the South Pacific Consumer Protection Programme working in 15 Pacific Island nations and completed a post-graduate qualification Development Studies. In 1999 I was elected as the first Pacific Island woman in the New Zealand Parliament. From 2002 to 2010 I was the Member of Parliament for Mana, serving as Minister of Pacific Island Affairs, Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, and Associate Minister of Social Development, Economic Development, and Trade. I resigned from Parliament in October 2010 to take up the new position of Assistant Vice Chancellor (Pasifika) at Victoria University of Wellington. In 2011 I was awarded Companion of the Queens Service Order.
Lalaga’ Weaving Success for Pasifika Children Through Pasifika Leadership

The Innovations within Wellington Region Free Kindergarten Association (WRFKA) have enabled both success and participation for Pasifika children, families and teachers. The innovations highlighted today will include the leadership learning that sits behind the establishment and ongoing operation of New Zealand’s first two Pasifika kindergartens, Nuanua Kindergarten and Toru Fetu Kindergarten; Etu Ao a home-based service for Pasifika children and families and the leadership impact this has had on the educators, community members and children; and Talanoa Pasifika which was a conference organized for Pasifika teachers through the collaboration of Pasifika teachers and Senior Teachers. These innovations each highlight the importance of shaking off traditional palagi lens of leadership and embracing a new way of leading. Caroline Mareko will share one of their WRFKA Senior Teacher, Andy Cairn’s story about her learning whilst making connection and critique to current leadership theory and research as well as the joint work they do in these innovations.

Convenor | Caroline Mareko

Caroline has taught for 18 years in Porirua primary schools. She was then appointed as the Pasifika Education Coordinator for the Central South region in the Ministry of Education. After working for 15 months as a Review Officer for the Central Region in the Education Review Office she has recently been appointed as the Pasifika Coordinator for the Wellington Kindergarten.
Unpacking the Realities of Leading Education for Pasifika

Leadership is a term which has so many different meanings. It is a term which I believe gets over-used and at times abused to suit the needs of the individual or group promoting it.

In our discussion during this session, I would like to provide some of my own insights into leadership of a school and leadership within a Pacific national public service, by sharing ideas on what has worked and more importantly sharing those things that failed miserably.

This will be an interactive session and it is the hope of the facilitator that attendees come prepared to share their ideas and navigate round some difficult issues which expose or vulnerabilities but also give us strength.

Convenor | Lili Tuioti

Lili is currently a Strategic Planning Adviser, Lead the Planning and Monitoring Unit (PMU) for the Tokelau Government. She has had extensive experience in the education sectors in New Zealand and more recently in the Pacific Islands. Lili was formerly the Director of TKC Consultancy and Teuila consultancy before leaving our shores to work in other areas of the Pacific. Some of her work in the Pacific has been the In-service training, Samoa Secondary School Education Curriculum and Resource project, Samoa-School Management Specialist, Samoa Department of Education Institutional Strengthening Programme (AUSAID), Samoa- Consultant, Secondary Education Curriculum and Materials Project, NZODA.

At the beginning of this decade she was an instrumental role model and advocate for Pasifika Education and many projects. These projects included being the Project Director for the Pacific Islands School Community Liaison Project (PISCLP) facilitating the setting up of seven new projects nation-wide. The objective of this project was to enhance the relationship between clusters of schools and Pacific communities. Lili also worked for the Ministry of Education as the Consultant and Facilitator for Board of Trustees Training, Auckland Project Leader for the Otara Schooling Development Plan and the Project Team Leader / Facilitator for Pacific Islands Teacher Professional Development. Her most prestigious accomplishment for the Pasifika communities in Aotearoa was noted in 1993 when she was appointed the position of Principal of Western Springs College and historically became the first ever Pasifika Secondary principal.
How do you Build a Ship at Sea?

In this session, we will explore the challenges we face when we take the helm of a ‘listing ship’. Setting sail - what to keep and what to throw overboard; the tough decisions that have to be made to reach that elusive destination - 85% at or above National Standard (by 2017). We cannot do this alone! Lower the lifeboats, community overboard engagement has to be more than lip-service - “Aye, aye, Captain!”

Convenor | Sose Annandale

Sose Annandale has been principal of Russell School in Porirua since 2011, having been deputy principal previously. With more than 20 years’ experience in education, teaching is more than a vocation for Sose. At Russell she has built a culture of collaboration. High-quality education is important to the well-being and academic success of our children we need to make sure the rich cultural diversity our children bring is integrated in their learning at school.
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Nofo a
Koe kia
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