

TAUTUA MO SAMOA KOMITI MEMBERS

Vailoa Milo-Harris Ta'ita'ifono (Chairperson)

Talofa Lava. Mālō le soifua maua ma le lagi e māmā.

My name is Vailoa and I hail from the villages of Solosolo & Luatuanuu (Father's side) and from Vailoa Aleipata & Leone Tutuila (Mother's side). I am of Samoan descent, born and raised in Samoa. My husband Richie Harris and I have two sons, Lisati (final year in 2014 and currently studying at Auckland University) and Marcel (Y10). We have been involved in the school for a few years and are proud to be part of the St Peters community. With a fulltime leadership role in the philanthropy sector, I am well connected to business, local government and the wider community of Auckland and Northland. Studying (MBA graduate) and teaching at tertiary level is a lifetime experience I am familiar with and can share to support the journey of our Samoan boys at the College through co-ordinated school-wide activities. I am committed to working with your son and your aiga and look forward to connecting with you all.

Fau Tiatia-Farani Sui Ta'ita'ifono (Vice Chairperson)

Talofa Lava! I am originally from Wellington, raised in Porirua and made the big move with our family to Auckland over 10 years ago. I have strong connections to Savai'i with my father from Avao - Itu o Tane district, my mother Iva - Fa'asaleleaga and husband Malakai from Faia'ai. This is our third year at St Peters College with our son Wesley currently in Y11. My life consists of working as a Senior Lecturer at Manukau Institute of Technology, supporting my children (and extended family) in their academic success through various positive role-modelling, mentoring and training programmes. I'm currently in my final year of part-time study towards a Masters in Education, specialising in eLearning at the University of Waikato. It's a busy household but I look forward to engaging and working together with our community for the benefit of the current and future generation of Samoan boys at SPC.

Frances Fuamatu: Failautusi (Secretary)

Fa'aulu Tomuli-Afoa: Teutupe (Treasurer)

Komiti Members:

James Fuamatu, Nikki Iuli, Jacinta Morrison, Saane Faafo-Oldehaver

SCHOOL LIAISON PERSON

Our Komiti reports directly to Mr James Bentley, Associate Principal of the College.

TALOFA LAVA. MĀLŌ LE SOIFUA MANUIA

E fa'atalofa atu i le mamalu o matua o alo ma fanau Samoa a le aoga Sagato Petelo.

O se fa'amatalaga lenei mo lo outou silafia i le Komiti a Matua Samoa, o tama fanau Samoa i totonu o lenei aoga.

This information sheet is created to inform you of the SPC Tautua mo Samoa Komiti (SPC Samoan Community Parents Komiti).



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW PARENTS TO ST PETERS COLLEGE

BACKGROUND

In April 2013, the inaugural Samoan Parents Komiti was formed through a nomination process held at a Samoan parents community meeting at SPC. The first official meeting was held in June 2013 and an Executive Committee was formed. The Komiti tenure was for a duration of one year. In May 2014 a new Komiti was elected at a community meeting. Membership has changed for a tenure of two years.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Komiti is:

- ❖ *To promote engagement with the community*
- ❖ *To foster working relationship with the College*
- ❖ *To support College initiatives, contributing to Samoan boys' success*

HOW TO CONTACT US

- ❖ Send us an email on spc.samoan.community@gmail.com
- ❖ Click 'LIKE' on our FaceBook page - St Peters College Samoan Community

WIRELESS NIUS

We endeavour to have a news item in the School newsletter to keep you updated and informed. So watch this space!

FA'AFETAI LAVA MA IA MANUIA

IDENTIFIED KEY FOCUS AREAS OF THE KOMITI

ACADEMIC

Goal: Improve academic results of Samoan boys across all levels within SPC

Short Term Plan

- ❖ Establish targeted subject study groups according to Year levels - with specific focus on Maths, English and Science
- ❖ Support the establishment of the MoanaSina Programme as part of Samoan Academic Achievers within SPC
- ❖ Promote awareness to our Samoan community of academic resources and support systems available to support success
- ❖ Promote alternative learning opportunities and pathways that provides an effective transition to further education, training or employment.

Long Term Plan

- ❖ Increase the number of Merits / Excellence results in NCEA L1, 2 & 3
- ❖ Increase the number of Scholarships gained by Senior boys
- ❖ Offer the Samoan language as a subject option from Y7 - Y13

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Goal: Improve connection with the School and its wider communities.

Short Term Plan

- ❖ Communicate regularly to the community through meetings, SPC newsletter, Tautua Mo Samoa Facebook and SPC webpage
- ❖ Link Samoan parents with other parents of the SPC community
- ❖ Provide notices and key dates on the Samoan webpage on SPC website
- ❖ Provide a platform for support to parents and boys on a needs basis

CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Goal: Develop an awareness and knowledge of Samoan culture at SPC

Short Term Plan

- ❖ Identify, develop and support initiatives to promote awareness and knowledge of Samoan culture
- ❖ Work with the school to support Pasifika cultural awareness professional development for staff

Long Term Plan

- ❖ Adopt Samoan cultural component to school-wide programmes
- ❖ Incorporate Samoan cultural competency into school charter

SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

Goal: Develop a focused collaborative way of engaging and partnering with the School, contributing to the success of Samoan boys

Short Term Plan

- ❖ Establish a collaborative way to support the School in specific situations, eg pastoral care; engaging with families
- ❖ Promote a co-ordinated approach to supporting school-wide activities, eg Maori & Pasifika Careers Evening, PILOT, Leadership Program, Scholars Academy
- ❖ Initiate conversations to develop a Pasifika Cultural Awareness program for SPC in partnership with the school
- ❖ Promote Komiti initiatives at Board level through the BOT Maori and Pasifika sub-committee

Long Term Plan

- ❖ Adopt a Pasifika Cultural Awareness program for SPC staff
- ❖ Increase Pasifika teaching personnel at SPC
- ❖ Sustain Pasifika voice at Board of Trustees level

OUR PLANS FOR 2015

- ❖ Implement study support structures for specific subject areas at all Year levels
- ❖ Support the establishment of the MoanaSina programme
- ❖ Maintain an improved engagement and communication strategy for the Samoan community
- ❖ Facilitate a strategic collaborative partnership with the College on specific initiatives (refer Key Focus Areas)
- ❖ Participate in cultural and school events of relevance to our Samoan Culture - Polyfest, College Fair, Samoan Independence day, Samoan Language Week
- ❖ Support the Pasifika & Maori Careers Information Evening at SPC
- ❖ Host a Samoan Celebration Dinner at the end of the year for our Samoan community and farewell our Year 13 boys (including non-Samoan boys and their families who participated in the Samoan Group Polyfest 2015)

OUR KOMITI NAME - SPC TAUTUA MO SAMOA KOMITI

- ❖ Aligns with SPC motto to love and to serve.
- ❖ It also embraces service and leadership - tautua ma le alofa.
- ❖ Our logo was designed by Reid Leaupepe (Y9) in 2013.

