

TE PUKE HIGH SCHOOL

PĀNUI

TE RA : 20 MAY 2021



O LE TELE O SULU E MAUA AI FIGOTA.
THROUGH COLLABORATION, THE MOST
DIFFICULT CHALLENGES CAN BE OVERCOME.
- SAMOAN PROVERB.

TE KĀRERE - OUR LEARNING MESSAGES

Cultural Committee

The TPHS Cultural Committee 2021 is made up of over fifty students who are all highly invested in appreciating and celebrating our cultural diversity by promoting cultural awareness.

Our main events for 2021 are: Cultural Week in August (which will see a new approach to our Cultural Gala, Cultural Concert and other events held in lunchtimes on school campus); expanding on our Language Week celebrations throughout the year; and compiling an exhibition of students profiles called the Wall of Fame. The main purpose of the Wall of Fame, which will be displayed on school grounds, is to help build connections and positive relationships with each other by getting to know more about the various cultures and opinions of our student cohort.

We are looking forward to a year full of fun, excitement and celebration of our diversity. We meet as a whole group every fortnight and in self-selected event-orientated groups every other week. Should you wish to join us we have an open door to any new members and are always welcoming chances to connect with our local community. You can contact us at cultural.committee@tepuke.nz. By Raman Toor

Pasifika by Nature

Last Saturday a dedicated team of Pasifika students got up really early to travel to Hamilton to perform in the Pasifika By Nature Festival. The team had been rehearsing together for 12 weeks and were excited to be performing their Pasifika songs and dances to a large audience at Claudelands Events Centre.

Once there, they were able to get a feel for the huge theatre, the lights, the stage and the dressing rooms. A few final practices and then it was show time! The team performed their Kiribati songs and dances, a Cook Island hula dance, a Samoan partner dance and a Tuvaluan finale. Students performed with style, flair and confidence and the audience loved them!

The team won the Best Kiribati and Best Tuvalu award, as well as Most Promising Performance. Thanks to all the teachers who helped out, especially Ms Peina, Ms McDougall and Patrick Rounds.

