

IN 2021 YOUR CHILD WILL BE PART OF

TEAM 5

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Kia Ora/Talofa

My name is Wesley Tugia, and I am one of the core teaching staff at Papakura Intermediate School. I have taught for six years previously and stopped for six years working for Careers NZ/Tertiary Education Commission and Massey University. I took the opportunity to return to teaching and started here at Term 2, 2021. It has been a humbling, challenging and culturally rich experience working alongside the tamariki and whanaus'.

I am a New Zealand born Samoan and lived in Central Auckland, i.e. Newton and Mt Albert. My parents migrated from Samoa in the 1950s, and I have three sisters and one brother. We were all brought up in the Lotu Metotisi Ekalesia/Methodist Church, where my father served as a parish Minister in Ponsonby, Henderson, Hastings and Papakura (Cross Roads Methodist Church).

I am married to Siautu Alefaio, and her family have been part of the Papakura community through her father, who is also the past Minister of Presbyterian Island Church. I enjoy travelling, swimming, basketball, boxing, cycling, reading and playing the piano.

I am committed to our tamariki by giving them the best education in helping them to identify specific skills in finding a job/career for their futures.

