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Te Pānui o Literacy Waitākere

Learner Stories

The highlight of our AGM is to hear our learners' stories. This is Sateleni's story.

Sateleni Kalapu

Talofa, good evening, kia ora.

My name is Sateleni Kalapu. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak at the AGM.

I came from the paradise island nation of Tuvalu when I was 31 years old. I went to study in Fiji on a scholarship. I studied nursing in Fiji and went back to work in Tuvalu for 4 to 5 years before coming to NZ in 2009. I am married and I have seven children. One of them was born in Tuvalu, one was born in Fiji and five were born in NZ.

I first came to Literacy Waitākere in 2012 for a one-on-one IELTS class. I wanted to pass the IELTS with a band 6.5 score so that I could qualify as a nurse in NZ. My plan was delayed because of family commitments. I came back to the IELTS class at Literacy Waitākere again in 2018 but couldn't carry on because I had no one to help me with my kids.

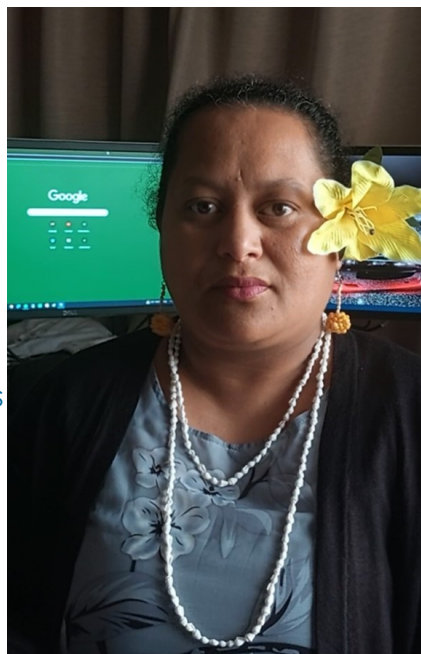
My connection with Literacy Waitākere didn't stop there. During lockdown in 2019, my faiakoga, Anne contacted me to offer a Digital Literacy Skills course so that I could study online with a Chromebook. I am very grateful to Literacy Waitākere for that opportunity. Thank you.

In early February, I was accepted by MIT to study the Level 5 NZ Diploma in Enrolled Nursing course. During the course, I realised how much I needed to use the things I learned in my IELTS class here at Literacy Waitākere, like paraphrasing, the structure of an academic essay with an introduction, body paragraphs and a conclusion. Also, there was an assignment with the word 'stereotype' in it and I remembered learning it in my IELTS class.

Then I found out about the Level 7 Graduate Diploma in Nursing Pacific offered by Whitireia Polytechnic, starting in July. It's an 18-month long course and when I finish, I can finally fulfil my dream of working as a nurse in Aotearoa. I decided to come back to Literacy Waitākere for a third time to brush up my academic English skills before I start the level 7 nursing course. So here I am, sharing my journey with you.

Thank you for listening.

Fafetai lasi



Did you know?

- We commit to provide student-centred learning at no direct cost to the literacy learner.
- Learners are in control of their learning. They define their own goals, track their progress, and reassess their goals regularly.
- In many cases, new learners can start immediately and continue as long as they need to.
- We have groups at a range of levels to suit different skills.
- We match learners with others of a similar skill level.
- All our tutors are qualified.
- We welcome referrals from anyone in the community.



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Students Reflect on Their Learning

September 8th is International Literacy Day and that week is celebrated as the Festival of Adult Learning Ahurei Ākonga. This year we asked our learners

- What have you learned at Literacy Waitākere?
- How does it help you in your every-day life?
- What does Literacy mean to you?

Their answers populated our Literacy tree. Here are some of them.

"What I like about coming here is that I get to meet new people and to get an understanding about maths which I have achieved and to learn more about literacy, reading and writing."

"Literacy does not just mean having the ability to read and write. It means making sense of various things in this world and applying those things to make live easier: knowing how to learn computer, stress, driving lessons, English, writing reading. Thank you."

"The Beginners Computer course was very helpful. Debbi was very patient which made the learnings very easy."

"I've learnt to make mistakes, then move on and learn to do things different. Not to be so hard on myself. I've become more flexible in the way I see and think about things, not so black and white."

"I can now write with a wider variety of words, improved my vocabulary. Learning strategies to spell sounds in words."

"I have learnt to be patient with myself."

"I have attended the six-week Driver Theory Test course. Now I do the tests 100% correct or with 1-3 mistakes. Learning in a small group with an expert friendly teacher who is productive and gives excellent results."

"I go to supermarket and buy products, sometimes I don't know where products I can ask the store person and easy for me."

"I like coming to literacy because there's a group of people that need to learn like I do."

What I learned in the course on my first term is to feel confident & being prepared as learning new things before the real test.
And after passing licence, I came back in another term & more, to refresh of what I learned & for my driving skill before I passed my restricted lic.

I have learnt it's OK to make mistakes because I can learn from my mistakes.

I enjoyed writing my story and reading it out loud to the group.

