



How can you best support Māori and Pacific gifted learners and the social and emotional learning of gifted kids?

Join our **FREE Gifted NEX 2022 Online Symposium to find out!**
 Wednesday, 27 April
 8:45am-12:30pm, keynotes | 1:00pm - 2:00pm breakout discussions

We are delighted to be presenting our 2nd FREE Online Symposium targeted at Gifted NEX members but extended to supporters of gifted learners.

We've already had an enormous response - get in now to secure your place.

International and national leading education provokers and disrupters – **Janelle Riki-Waaka, Dr Matt Zakreski** and **Aiono Manu Fa'aea** - will share stories, research, wisdom and challenges.

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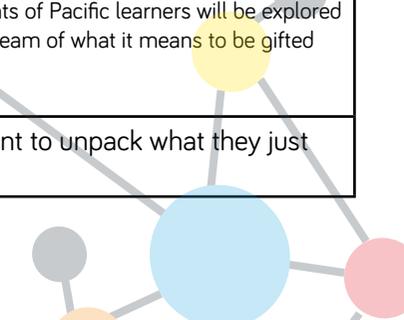


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Gifted NEX Online Symposium Timetable

Delivered by Zoom Webinar and registrations are now open at
<https://forms.gle/pcbQFV31LCboNBW16>

8:45am	Opening	
9:00am	KEYNOTE 1 Janelle Riki-Waka	He Mana tō te tamaiti In this session we will discuss the limitless potential and gifts inherent in our tamariki and rangatahi Māori. We will discuss ways these gifts can be identified, celebrated and enhanced so that our ākonga can serve and contribute to our people living and succeeding as Māori. We will explore the notions of success, innovation and giftedness and how they might be considered through a Te Ao Māori lens. Janelle will also share some practical suggestions about how we might best support our ākonga Māori to be grounded in their own language, identity and culture while walking confidently in two worlds.
Mini break		
10:15am	KEYNOTE 2 Dr Matt Zakreski	Improv-ing Social Skills: Using Improv Games to Develop Social Skills in Gifted Students I need an occupation... a place... and two different types of aquatic mammals. Sounds strange? Not in Improv! Improvisational acting (or Improv) games are a fun and effective way to teach and shape social skills. These games rely on quick thinking, verbal skill, creativity, and enthusiasm. As the content for the games is supplied by the participants, having broad and varied interests also serve to make the games better. Research has indicated that Improv games are effective in teaching prosocial behavior, emotional resilience, cognitive flexibility, failure tolerance, and sustained social engagement.
Mini break		
11:30am	KEYNOTE 3 Aiono Manu Fa'aea	Arise Moana Affirmation of Pacific learners continues to be a key factor in honouring their heritages, languages and cultures. How do we challenge our own assumptions about how we define giftedness for others who have different lived experiences to ours? How can we support the growth of our own learning? Sharing approaches about how we elicit the gifts and talents of Pacific learners will be explored in this keynote with scope to dream of what it means to be gifted and brown.
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Facilitated breakout sessions for those who want to unpack what they just listened to.	



Meet our Keynote Speakers



Janelle Riki-Waaka

Tainui, Ngāti Hauiti
Kaiwhakahaere (Director) Riki Consultancy Ltd

Janelle is a highly experienced leader and consultant specialising in areas such as developing cultural competencies, Te Tiriti o Waitangi education and digital technologies. Her career has been dedicated to improving the education journey for all of our tamariki with a particular focus on empowering Māori and all indigenous peoples to live, create and innovate in ways unique to them and that will improve the lives of their people, their language, culture and identity.



Dr Matt Zakreski

Matthew Zakreski, PsyD is a high energy, creative clinical psychologist who utilizes an eclectic approach to meet the needs of his neurodiverse clients. He is proud to serve as a consultant, a professor, a speaker at national and international conferences, and a researcher on Giftedness. Dr. Zakreski is a member of Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted and the National Association for Gifted Children from the United States. Dr. Zakreski is the co-founder and lead clinician at The Neurodiversity Collective.



Aiono Manu Fa'aea

Fasito'outa/Fagaloa (Hāmoa), Tamakimakaurau
Senior Pasifika Manager, Manukau Institute of Technology

Aiono has worked across education in Aotearoa sector-wide focusing on Pacific learners and educators of Pacific learners. Her research focused on identifying gifted Pacific students and connecting gifted Pacific students to their musical talent. Aiono is passionate about Pacific learners and their families being confident in their own cultural narratives and what shapes them as a gifted learning community.