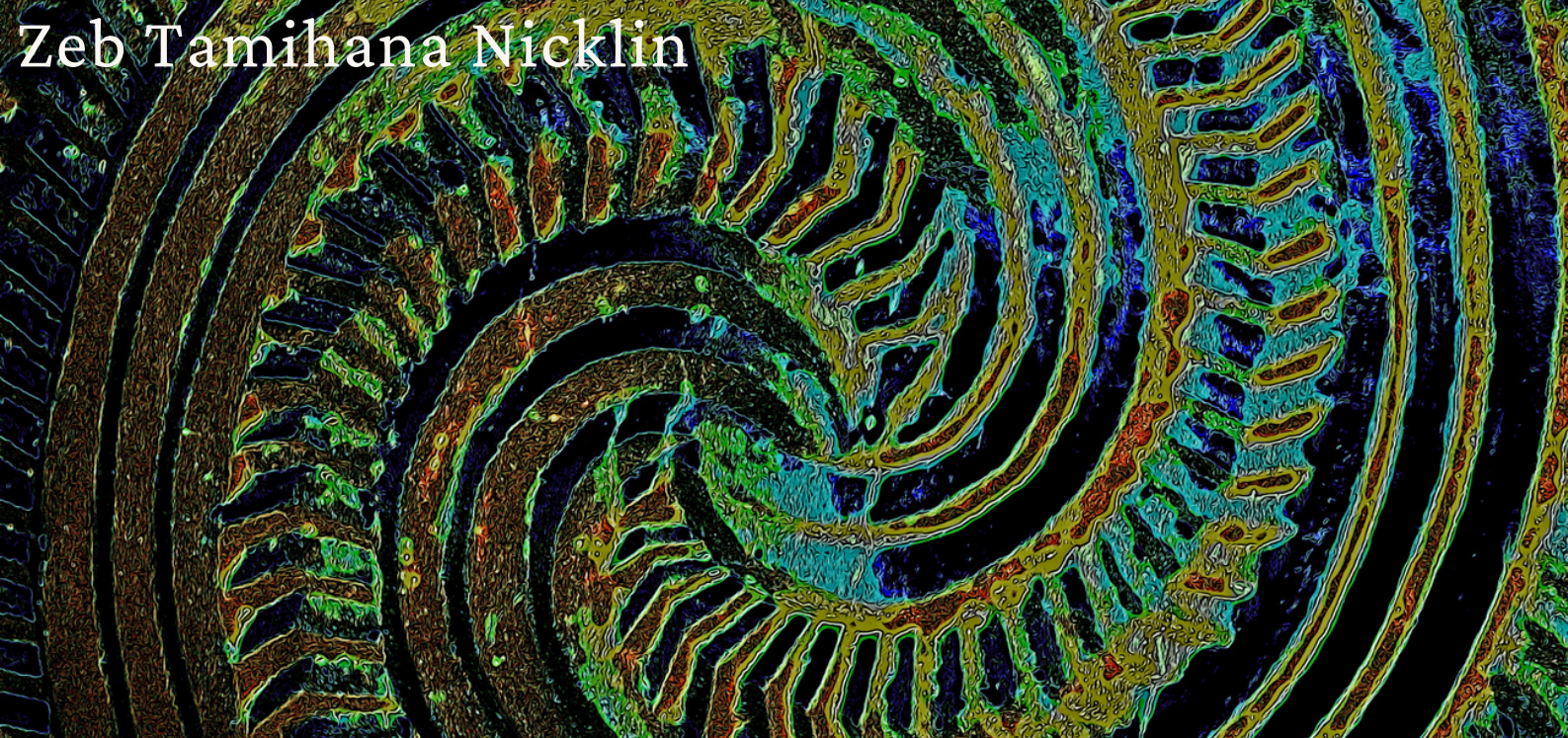


# Zeb Tamihana Nicklin



Kia ora! I am Pāhauwera, and although I never grew up in Raupunga or Mōhaka this is the place I am welcomed by whānau and feel at home.

**‘He kupu ki te pepa, he whakairo ki te rākau, nui wana kōrero hai tūhonohono i te tangata. He pī ka rere tēnei i roto i te ao tuhituhi e ako tou ana au ki āna nekehanga katoa. Ngākau nui ana au ki tēnei mahi tuhituhi e kawea ai au kiao kē, ki te ao o te auaha. Koia te pai ki a au, korekore ana āna here, atu i te tika me te Māoritanga o te reo. Kua aua nei au e ako ana i te reo, ā, ko tēnei mahi tuhituhi e whāngai akoranga tonu ana ki au.’**



**‘I am a teacher, only because I was given the chance to see after moving away from Pāhauwera the opportunities in the cities.’**

- **Where did you grow up?**

Palmerston North, we moved from Te Pūtere in the 1980's.

- **What was your favourite subject at school and why?**

Te reo Māori, because I was interested in knowing it.

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- **Ko wai tēnei?**

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- **What's your favourite food in the whole world?**

Kai Māori

- **Can you share a Pāhauwera ancestor of yours?**

Hēmi Huata - Rōpine Aranui

- **Who were your favourite teachers and why?**

Irene Pēwhairangi, my te reo Māori teacher, and Jo Frost my basketball coach. Both of these teachers encouraged me and didn't give me any options to fail.

- **Tell us your favourite whakataukī:**

‘Mā te manako i te koura e kore ai’

Wanting a crayfish doesn't make it appear. It reminds us when you want something you have to go and get it, but if you give up you won't get it.



What do you recommend to help someone get through a bad day?

**‘Chop some wood,  
go to the gym or write  
a story’**

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