

Hālau Mōhala ‘Ilima Class Information

- Who: **Kaikamāhine (girls) ages 4, 5, and 6**
- When: Saturday mornings, 9 to 10 a.m.
- Where: Hinawaikoli‘i (the name of our upstairs studio)*
776 Kailua Road, Suite 202
Kailua, O‘ahu 96734
(Cross the bridge into Kailua town and turn left; we are above Kimo’s Surf Hut on the Kāne‘ohe-side of the building)
- Teachers: Kumu Māpuana de Silva
‘Anakē Māhea Barbieto
- Tuition: \$50 a month. A discount is offered to families with more than one student enrolled in HMI. Scholarships are available; please speak to Māpuana for details.
- Registration: New students will be accepted in January 2019. Make inquiries or register now by clicking on any of the *Contact Us* links on our website, or by emailing Mapuana de Silva directly at: kumumapuana@gmail.com

Kaikamāhine in this class are also identified by bird-names that they will retain throughout their keiki years in the hālau:

the current 4-year-olds are the:	‘Ō‘ō
the current 5-year-olds are the:	Mamo
the current 6-year-olds are the:	Palila

Kaikamāhine in this class benefit from instruction that is most often in Hawaiian. ‘Anakē Māhea is a Hawaiian language immersion teacher at Waiiau Elementary. She and Māpuana are assisted by two Hawaiian-speaking moms from our Merrie Monarch class: Kahikina de Silva and Puanani Connelly. Seven of these girls are Hawaiian immersion students.

*Hinawaikoli‘i (perhaps: “the barely visible water of Hina”) is the name of a feather that transforms itself into a water container in which Kahinihini‘ula, the hero of Samuel Keko‘owai’s mo‘olelo of the Mākālei (*Makalei ka Laau Pii Ona a ka I-a o Moa-ula-Nui-Akea i Kaulana*, Nupepa Kuokoa, 1922 -1924) is able to see distant events and work to a positive future. We think of our Hinawaikoli‘i as offering us a similar perspective through the lens of hula and aloha ‘āina,