

Strengthen Pacific community engagement to support student learning

A suggestion for implementing the strategy
'Build community networks' from the Guide:
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Includes:

- Create a dedicated parent space
- Support information sharing
- Support parental engagement
- Support engagement in learning
- Foster pastoral care
- Participate in cultural events

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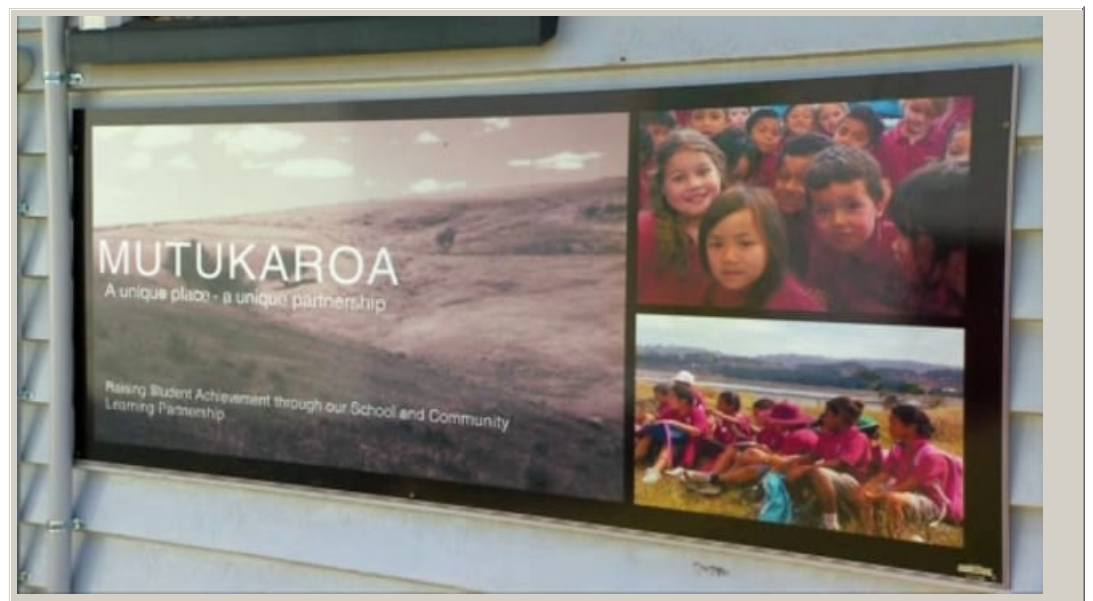
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Create a dedicated parent space

Sylvia Park School created a parents' centre where parents can meet to talk about their children's learning and achievement.



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Support information sharing

Model your commitment to inclusion in the way your school shares information with families and the wider community.

- Use a variety of communication methods, including face-to-face communication, newsletters translated into Pacific languages, telephone contact, and home-school communication notebooks.
- Include illustrated success stories about all students.
- Share ongoing stories of your school's commitment to inclusive practices and next steps.
- Make materials available in the languages of your school community.
- Ensure that written material is supported with graphics to support understanding.
- Clearly explain how parents can connect with teachers and support staff at your school to talk about their child.
- Offer digital and hard copy materials, so that families can select an access option that works best for them.
- Extend open invitations for parents to join the school parent and teacher group, and other groups they can belong and contribute to.

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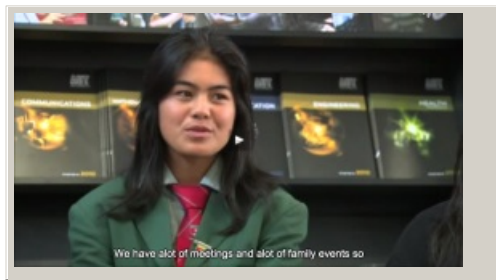
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Support parental engagement

Consider group seating arrangements, providing refreshments, and providing translations of written material or translators for discussions.



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Support engagement in learning

Explore the viewpoints of students, teachers, and parents on the involvement of parents and communities in schooling.



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Foster pastoral care

Clint Samaseia, discusses the pastoral support that Pacific learners need. He shares ways to develop community engagement to increase parental involvement.



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Participate in cultural events



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