

Communicating with Pasifika families

Suggestions for enhancing communication with Pasifika communities and families

- Use accessible language in communications to families. Avoid professional jargon that might confuse or disempower families.
- Build greater understanding of school activities by providing a rationale for them.
- Ensure that parents know about school activities and opportunities for participation.
- Advise families on the protocol for parent or subject selection meetings (for example, whether the family is expected to ask questions or to simply receive information).
- Use bilingual community liaison people to help bridge language and cultural differences between homes and the school.
- Get parents involved in planning and management (for example, in parent/whānau groups or on boards of trustees).

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