

# Ideas for working with whānau

Suggestions for working closely with parents, caregivers, and whānau.

- ✓ Communicate and share information in ways that work for everyone, for example, social media, playground conversations, email, group text messages, video calls, a notebook, class blog, newsletters with photos.
- ✓ Value parents' and caregivers' knowledge about their child and assessments they have had done out of school.
- ✓ Involve whānau in determining strategies to support student learning and well-being at home and school.
- ✓ Work with programmes or materials parents are using to maximise consistency and support for the student.
- ✓ Share information about out-of-school programmes that may boost self-esteem (for example, groups for music, art, or sporting interests).
- ✓ Recognise areas of expertise and experience and look for opportunities to explicitly value and utilise them in the classroom.

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