

Provide leadership opportunities

A suggestion for implementing the strategy

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Cultural leadership

O le ala I le pule, o le tautua.

The pathway to leadership is through service.

Samoan proverb

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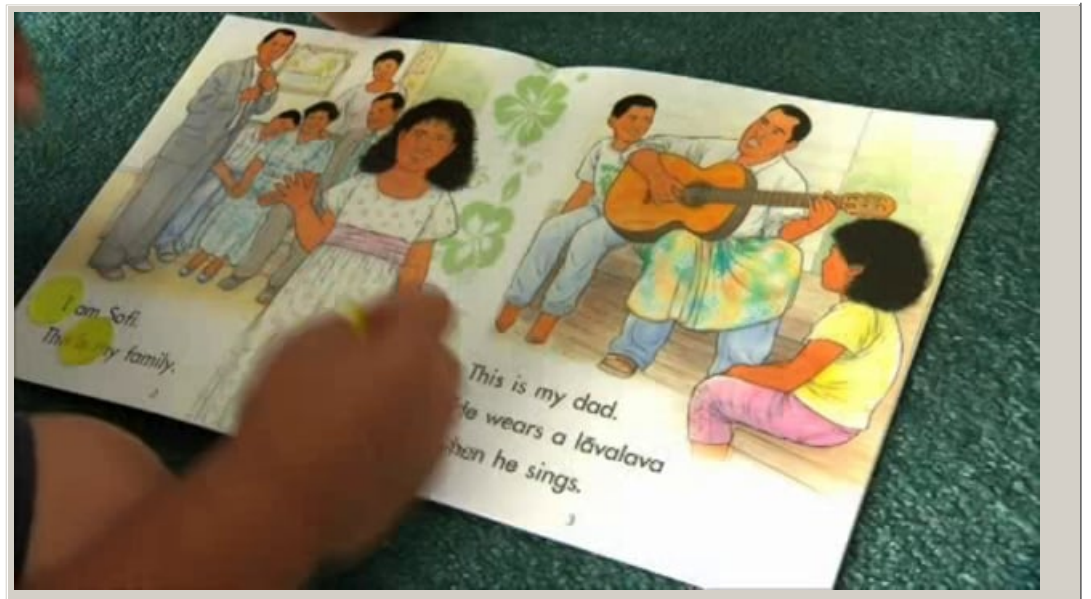
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Foster buddy systems

When teachers deliberately and positively draw on students' knowledge and value the diversity of personal experience, it helps to lift student achievement.



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Language buddies



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Grow leaders

Provide opportunities for students to talk about what they're doing, so they feel valued and feel proud of themselves.



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Foster student leadership

Of Samoan, Tongan, Fijian, Maori, and European descent, Arizona Leger advocates for sharing culture, embracing Aotearoa's multicultural youth, and letting young voices be heard.



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Useful resources



Graduate profiles – a vision of future oriented learners

Kia Aroha College uses Te Marautanga for its rationale, principles, attitudes/values, and to develop graduate profiles because it fits with their school philosophy and direction for their Māori and Pasifika students.

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