

# Acknowledge cultural and community connections | Ngā hononga ahurea, hāpori hoki

- ✓ Ask yourself: Are the child's cultures, languages, and identities visible in the classroom or in the school? If not, what can be done to be more inclusive?
- ✓ Connect the transitioning whānau with existing cultural groups in your setting to build a sense of belonging.
- ✓ Host events that connect and enhance cultural ties and community.
- ✓ Is there a parent buddy system to help new parents feel comfortable in the new setting? Are they culturally safe? Some parents feel disconnected from education and this can be a barrier. How can you build belonging?
- ✓ Invite whānau and ākongā to participate in events and celebrations.
- ✓ Ask how whānau can find out more about you and your values in teaching and learning.

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