FONO PASIFIKA FINDINGS 2022

TEACHER

STUDENT VOICE

- Step out of their comfort zone and find out about the different cultures within their classroom.
- Ask Whānau for support in helping this understanding, parents are keen.
- Participate in cultural groups or Fono to build relationships with community.
- Research about the Pacific and their history with New Zealand.
- New Zealand's obligation to the Pacific as many Pacific Islanders were brought to New Zealand for work and many have remained e.g. Samoan were brought to NZ for Labour purposes, Cook Islands, Niuean, Tuvalu and Tokelau are New Zealand citizens and have free association with New Zealand.
- Be aware: There is a diversity within the Pacific Community:

- Making connections at the start of the year

 introduce yourself (pepeha). Share a little
 something about yourself that they do not
 know about you already. Understanding
 how they learn BEST!
- Curriculum & content delivery Take a look at your units of work. Are there opportunities where the student can incorporate their language, culture and identity?
- Understanding how they learn best -Survey - your class with a series of questions that will help you understand what works for them. Include questions based on the student voice feedback.

PARENT VOICE

- Include parents in the decision making in the school
- Hold regular academic tracking updates targets communicated clearly to parents eg 100% UE, Merit & Excellence endorsement targets etc
- Hold regular Fono with parents
- Parent groups set up to have a voice/ input in the school eg Komiti and Whanau groups
- Remember, you are enrolling the family.
- Collect parent voice and include them in decision making about their chidlren's learning.
- Parents would like more accessibility to teachers/ Deans/ Senior leaders

RATIONALE SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING THROUGH STRONG PACIFICA COMMUNITIES. STRENGTHENING THE TIES AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OUR SCHOOLS, OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, TO SUPPORT STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING THROUGH A PACIFICA CULTURAL LENS.

RESOURCES AND RECORDINGS

Please visit the website: www.acckahuiako.ac.nz or scan the QR code below to visist the resources page and find recordings and resources for the Pacific Language Weeks and Online Fono.





