

Tataiako PD

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Title: Recognising Maori culture and bringing it into the classroom

The Presentation focused on the ways of bringing Maori culture in the classroom. It also emphasised on some useful tools that are available for teachers to use.

Maori culture can be recognised in the classroom through use of language, building relationships and promotion of cultural customs. Sharing of food is one of the ways we can promote Maori culture in the classroom.

There are many ways of bringing Maori culture into the classroom which includes; writing the date on the board, greetings, identifying language and making sure that the culture of Maori learners is recognised. Teachers can create a safe environment for learning and group work is one of the effective ways of promoting teamwork. Group work can also cater for the diverse needs of students (auditory, kinesthetic and visual learners).

The discussion had been on the importance of promoting relationship between Kaiako and akonga. That can be promoted through recognition of each others culture and identity.

There were some suggestions given about some useful tools. These tools include; Maori Dictionary online, maoritelevision.com, Te Ara Encyclopedia etc. These tools are quite handy as it can provide teachers with added knowledge and information about how to develop better relationship with Maori learners.