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Subject Director Pacific Success Report

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## Introduction

This is a memo to report on all activities this month that have contributed to the achievement of the actions of the Pacific Success Strategy and Pacific Success Operations Plan.

## Highlights / Achievements

- Pacific Centre staff continue to support Pacific learners online with both academic and pastoral support.
- Pacific Success Navigators and Pacific Learning Advisors are becoming more and more engaged with the leadership teams and staff members of the Schools they are each allocated to.
- The Bridgepoint School have met with the Pacific Centre to start preparations for the upcoming IER
- The Pacific Success Research looking at why Pacific learners are withdrawing and not completing their programmes is under way.
- The Pacific Centre met with the Manukau Institute of Technology Pacific Centre team members to discuss ways the two centres can work together. The two centres have agreed to meet once a month to share and discuss ideas.
- During lockdown, online Talanoa sessions have been held on Fridays as part of the Unitec Health & Wellbeing activities. The online Talanoa session run by the Director of Pacific Success has been focussed on shared dialogue by the participants on 'Resilience during Lockdown' and have conducted discussions on quotes, songs and movies that motivate resilience in people. These sessions were open to any staff member wishing to attend.

## Updates from Pacific Success Strategy & Operations Plan

| Priority  | Action  | Partners                                    | Outcomes  |
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| 1.3 Ensure Schools are supported and resourced to regularly track, monitor and evaluate their Pacific success and | 1.3.1 Re-establish Pacific Success Fono to evaluate and monitor Pacific Success and Completion rates. | Pacific Centre & Pacific Success Champions. | Third Pacific Success Fono of the year held on Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April. Pacific Champions sharing initiatives happening in their Schools.<br><br>Through this Success Fono, |

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| completion rates.  |   |   | a number Pacific Centre staff are supporting and collaborating with a number of Schools on project and initiatives.  |
| 2.2 Through the Unitec values of 'Generosity of Spirit' and 'Accountability', ALL staff are inspired to increase their awareness of Pacific knowledge and culture through Pacific cultural competency workshops and experiences. | 2.2.1 Make the 'Understanding Pacific' workshop a part of the suite of professional development available to all staff through the Learning & Develop programmes. | Director of Pacific Success and Learning & Development. | Understanding Pacific workshop delivered online for the first time on Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May. This was attended by ten Unitec staff members.   |
| 3.2 Ensure Pacific cultural values and practices are embedded in the student experience.   | 3.2.3 Celebrate all Pacific Language Weeks.   | Pacific Centre and Unitec staff                         | This year was the first time New Zealand officially celebrated Rotuman language week held from 10 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> May. The Pacific Centre interviewed Unitec's only Rotuman staff member, Rudolf Mario, a lecturer in Trades & Services. Short videos were made of Rudolf speaking short Rotuman phrases and this was shared on the Pacific Centre facebook page for staff and students to view. |
| 4.2 Ensure Pacific peoples have access to Unitec for their development and to increase their participation in economic, social and wellbeing opportunities.  | 4.2.3 Invite Pacific organisation onto Unitec to run Pacific community workshops e.g. health & wellbeing workshops, Pacific language workshops, art and culture.  | Pacific Centre and Industry Partnerships.               | Maori and Pacific teams successfully partnered with the Tuputoa organisation to deliver an online event promoting internships to Maori and Pacific students. Tuputoa have partnered with Unitec for a number of years now and each year has seen the number of Unitec Maori and Pacific students gaining internships grow.   |

**There are No Exceptions this month**

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