



Briefing Note: Visit to the Ministry of Education National Pacific Staff Fono on 15 March

To:	Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education		
Cc:	Associate Minister of Education (Māori Education): Hon Kelvin Davis		
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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is to support your video address to the Ministry of Education National Pacific Staff Fono on 16th March 2023, 9:30am.

The briefing note gives you some background information about the national Pacific staff Fono and context about the Fono programme.

Key People

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Background

1. The National Pacific Staff Fono is a bi-annual event for Ministry of Education staff with Pacific heritage.

2. The last Fono was held in 2021 and a commitment was made for the next Fono to be held in 2023 to support further development opportunities and network sharing for all Pacific staff.
3. The number of Pacific staff has increased since Fono 2021 from 154 to 205 with 179 staff registered to attend Fono 23.

Context

4. We will present the video address from Minister Tinetti on the 16th at 9:30am.
5. Te Tai Raro takiwā is hosting the event as an opportunity to:
6. The theme for Fono is Leadership; *we are called for such a time as this*.
7. Build and strengthen Pacific capacity, capability, and wellbeing across all business units in Te Tāhuhu.
8. An opportunity to showcase Pacific Providers, working with learners, families, communities, and the sector to improve education outcomes for Pacific. These providers have been funded out of the Pacific Education B20 funding commitment.
9. Further focus will be on the Action Plan for Pacific Education 2020-2030, Ka Hikitia and the four shifts outlined in the Secretary for Education's Decision Document:
 - Taking practical action to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
 - Give priority to regional and local voice
 - Deliver greater responsiveness, accessibility and integrated services and support
 - Improve feedback loops and information flows.

TIME	Programme/item
730-8:45AM	Breakfast
9AM - 915AM	Settle in - devotion, housekeeping etc
9.30 - 9:50AM	Keynote: Minister Tinetti, Minister of Education
9:50-10:00AM	Acknowledgement of speakers
10:00 - 10:15AM	Workshop introduction and instructions
10.15AM - 11:15AM	Workshop Session 1
11:20AM - 12:20PM	Workshop Session 2
12:30 - 1:00PM	Keynote Address: Chief Executive and Secretary for Education - Iona Holstead
1PM-1:45PM	LUNCH
2:00-3:00PM	Workshop Session 3
3:10-4:10PM	Workshop Session 4
4:15-4:30PM	Reflection and closing of part one

Key Risks and Benefits

10 There is minimal risk due to the planned Teachers' strike on Thursday 16th March.

Next Steps

11 The Fono begins on Wednesday the 15 March and concludes on 17 March. There will be various notable guests throughout the two-day programme, including Hon. Aupito William Sio, MP for Māngere on the evening of Thursday 16 March.

Other Relevant Information


12 Additional Acknowledgements:

- A representative from Te Tai Whenua will be opening the day with a devotion and prayer
- Iona Holsted, Chief Executive, Secretary of Education, who will be joining the Fono on Thursday 16th in the afternoon at 12:30PM
- Te Tai Raro Hautū and sponsor of Fono 23, Isabel Evans.
 - a. the Te Tai Raro, Tangata Moana Pacific Caucus and Fono working komiti for organising Fono 23

Proactive Release

agree that the Ministry of Education release this briefing once it has been considered by you and the visit has occurred.

Agree


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Te Mahau I Te Tai Raro
10/03/2023


Hon Jan Tinetti
Minister of Education
Ministry of Education
14/03/2023

Annex 1: Speech Notes

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