Family-school-community ties: Part of the main game

When schools and families work together, children do better, schools improve and communities flourish. Strengthening ties with families and community is an essential school improvement strategy (Bryk et al, 2010). For schools to develop a coordinated and holistic approach to family and community engagement, improvement efforts should extend beyond the school community sphere, to all spheres of the CEOM School Improvement Framework.

- **Learning & Teaching**: Develop and implement a professional learning strategy to build the capacity of teachers to engage families in learning at home and at school.
- **School Community**: Establish collaborative partnerships with community organisations and other education providers to enhance learning opportunities within and beyond the school.
- **Education in Faith**: Strengthen relationships with the Parish community to promote young peoples’ faith development and commitment to stewardship and service.
- **Student Wellbeing**: Strengthen family and community engagement as part of a whole school approach to enhancing young peoples’ social and emotional development.
- **Leadership & Management**: Review and enhance policies and practices to create a safe and supportive school environment where all members of the community are welcome and respected.