Tokoroa North School

Together we learn for life - Ako ngatahi ki te ora

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Kia ora koutou

It has been so nice hearing the laughter and fun from our students on their return back to school. Welcome to new students and families who have joined us during this time with many of you having your first day today.

Thank you for your patience at the school gates on entering and leaving and following procedures to keep us all safe.

Following is a message of support from Raewyn Whiteman-Thorne:

By the time you read this most of you will have sent your children back to school. They will all have been given information and shown routines to keep themselves safe. Classrooms are set up and all children are reminded about physical distancing.

Some of them will have been a little anxious as many of you will have been. I'm sure at 3pm they will meet you excited to have spent the day with their friends, albeit at a distance.

For those of you who had apprehensive children I want to pass on that the focus this week will all be about rebuilding relationships and keeping children safe.

Just one tip for you when they are a little anxious. Try not to say "It will be OK". Children know the virus is not OK. Children want to hear you say that you are there to help them through this time, that you and their teachers will talk about it and look after them. Explain to them that we are all earning together. Please share your knowledge and your thoughts, but not your worries, with them. If they ask a question and you are not sure of the answer check the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education websites rather than quoting Facebook or Google. Saying it's OK is such a habit. I'm wondering if I will say it this week and how many times I will hear others say it!

Sincerely

Judith McLean
Principal