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This is a piece that I was sent from a parent in another school that I feel is really pertinent for us all. (I hope you agree?)

School has started for 2024, so I am asking you to please sit down with your tamariki for just 5 minutes and explain that being very tall, short, chubby, skinny, black or white is no joke, and that you should not tease other kids if you think they are one of those!

That there is nothing wrong with wearing the same shoes every day, or in fact wearing no shoes at all.

Explain to them that a used backpack, or brown paper bag carry the same dreams, and do the same job as a new one,

Teach them not to exclude someone because they are "different" or do not have the same opportunities as others. Explain that teasing hurts...and that they go to school to LEARN, NOT to compete.

YOU AND I HAVE THE SAME VALUE! EDUCATION STARTS AT HOME...

It's *AT HOME* that tamariki should learn to say:

- 01 - Good morning
- 02 - Good afternoon
- 03 - Good evening
- 04 - Please
- 05 - With your permission
- 06 - Sorry
- 07 - Forgive me
- 08 - Thank you very much
- 09 - Thank you
- 10 - I was wrong

It's *AT HOME* that we also learn to:

- 01 - Be honest
- 02 - Be punctual
- 03 - Do not insult
- 04 - Be polite
- 05 - Respect everyone: friends, colleagues, elders, teachers, authorities

Still *at home* we learn to:

- 01 - Eat everything
- 02 - Do not talk with your mouth full
- 03 - Have personal hygiene
- 04 - Don't throw litter on the ground
- 05 - Help parents with their daily chores
- 06 - Don't take what doesn't belong to you
- 07 - Be content with what you have
- 08 - Work honestly to earn a living
- 09 - Dress with modesty

***At home* we still learn to:**

- 01 - Get organized
- 02 - Take care of your belongings
- 03 - Do not touch other people's belongings
- 04 - Respect the rules,
- 05 - Speak your mother tongue(s), master your culture and spirituality

Because *AT SCHOOL* teachers should teach: ■ Mathematics ■ English ■ Science ■ Health and Physical education ■ Art and Music - Well Being - Te Ao Maaori: Tikanga me Te Reo Maaori - Support their growth of self esteem and confidence - Be proud of who they are.

And only reinforce what the tamariki have learned *AT HOME*!!! Because it is from what we have learned *AT HOME* that the individual will be respected, that he/she will respect life.

Kind Regards

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Principal

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