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Ways to welcome new students

Discuss ways to welcome and support the new student with the class.

Suggestions can include:

- ✓ sending an email or a letter from the class
- ✓ sharing food and mihi on their first day
- ✓ creating a welcome booklet
- ✓ welcoming a hearing-impaired student using NZSL
- ✓ inviting a student to be a buddy to the new student to provide social and in-class support.

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