

*Be respectful
Be responsible
Be supportive*



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Kia Toa Be Victorious

Tēnā koutou katoa, Namaste, Mingalaba, Nan Dam Maw, Sua's Dei, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Kia Orana, Bula, Fakalofa Atu, Hola, Guten Tag, Bonjour, Ni Hao, Xin Chào, Kumusta, Ayubowan, God Dag, Hallo, Dzień dobry, Merhaba, Assalaam Alykum - Warm greetings to you all.

First of all, thank you so much to everyone that came along to our Wānanga Takitoru / 3-way Learning Conferences last week. We love sharing your children's learning and progress with you and the partnership between home and school is so important as we strive to grow mauri ora and a sense of well-being and achievement across our school. We always do our best to ensure positive outcomes for all of our tamariki so if you didn't manage to book a time with your child's teacher last week, please feel free to get in touch with them if you want to discuss anything in relation to your child's learning or well-being.

Our school-wide inquiry kaupapa for this term is "I oreā te tuatara ka patu ki waho - a problem is solved by continuing to find solutions" and there has been some awesome learning happening in relation to this throughout our kura. Aside from our regular curriculum, we've also had some engaging and fun learning experiences including visits to Natureland and hosting the St Andrew's College Jazz Band who came to perform for us earlier this term. Our localised curriculum is also humming along with many classes taking the opportunity to do Matariki planting on the banks of the Maitahi River and our kids working with Matua Rick and the team from Enviroschools to test the water and clean up Te Wairepo (York Stream) at the back of our school.

Last week was a memorable week for our kura as we celebrated Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani - Cook Islands Language Week! At VPS we have staff and students from the Cook Islands and we also have a Cook Island Language Class that runs once a week. During the week, children and staff learned about Cook Island culture and did some beautiful tapa cloth artwork. We also shared some delicious traditional kai including raw fish, chop suey, potato salad, coconut, fresh fruit, and more! Meitaki ma'ata, Whaea Tapita, Matua Nelson, and Matua Jim for all your mahi ensuring Rarotongan culture has an important place in our kura.

Congratulations to our VPS netball team who recently finished their netball season with many wins and showing improvement with every game. Last weekend was the Future Ferns parade and final game of the season. The dress-up theme was the Netball World Cup so our girls dressed as the umpires! Not only did they win their last game but they also won the best dressed award! A huge mihi to Whaea Row and Whaea Kelly for their awesome coaching, the kōtiro on such an awesome season, and to their whānau for their support throughout!

Lastly, I'd like to give a really important reminder for families about children arriving at school before 8:30am. We DO NOT have active supervision in place before this time and no road patrol to monitor our crossings so it is the responsibility of parents/caregivers to ensure the safety of their children before 8:30am. We had a close call last week involving a young child crossing the road by himself at 8:15am so it is critically important for children to be supervised by an adult if walking before 8:30am. Please be safe and remember our Breakfast Club is always an option for tamariki that need to be at school slightly earlier. Children can be dropped off at the Victory Community Centre to have supervised kai between 8-8:30am, Monday-Friday.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Dan George
Tumuaki





Tree Planting along Maitahi awa.

100 day learners celebration in Rm13.

Rm18 & Rm19 Natureland Visit.

Tommy competing at the Regional Cross-country Champs at Rabbit Island, finishing in 6th place!

VPS Future Ferns Netball team, winning last game of season & also best dressed team award!



Important Reminder for Absentees

If your child is absent from school it is important that you let the office know either by **calling on 5484779**, emailing admin2@victory.school.nz or texting **02102984330**. If you are calling the school please clearly give your name, your child's name and room number and the reason for absence.



We are learning to be respectful, responsible and supportive by using gentle hands and feet...

<i>Kia wairua whakaute – Be respectful</i>	<i>Kia tangata tātika – Be responsible</i>	<i>Kia ringa tautāwhi – Be supportive</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep your hands and your feet to yourself ● If you touch someone be calm and gentle ● Give other people space and time to calm, walk away ● Share equipment and areas with others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Check before you touch somebody (e.g. body language, facial expression, appropriateness of the situation) ● Use different strategies to calm e.g. deep breathing, find a quiet place ● If someone is bothering you, STOP and think – what is the best thing for me to do? ● Use the Kia Kaha Strategy – Use your words, Walk away, Ignore, Get help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Respect people’s personal space ● Ask if someone would like help with what they are doing ● If you see someone hurting another person you should get help from an adult ● Remind others to use the Kia Kaha strategy ● Let others join your game ● No play fighting

Kia Toa Awards for T3, Week 4

- Ako Tahi: Bawi Sang & Anna
- Mahi Tahi: Sofia & Huon
- Rm11: Ira & Sonny D
- Rm12: Rita & Oscar K
- Rm13: Jasmine & Tluang
- Rm14: Khamerin & Lal Ram
- Rm16: Arthur & Minnie-Rose
- Rm17: Harrison & Amelia
- Rm18: Slaydin & Tristin
- Rm19: Sofia & Manumi
- Whānau Ti Kouka: Tiaki & Evangelina
- Whānau Koromiko: Isaiah & Hohaia
- Whānau Harakeke: Aaliyah & Rangipotiki



Kia Toa Learners from: Whanau Te Aorere

- Rm16: Ayan
- Rm17: Jason
- Rm18: Wee Meh
- Rm19: Isabela



Important Dates

- Last Day of Term 3: 22 Sep 2023**
- First Day of Term 4: 9 Oct 2023**

