

*Be respectful  
Be responsible  
Be supportive*



**Victory**  
Primary

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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.

Over the next few newsletters, I'd like to start unpacking our new school values of Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Rangatiratanga, Kaitiakitanga, Kotahitanga, and Whakapapa and how they relate to our school context. Our values are broad and deep in terms of what they mean and defining them succinctly while capturing their full meaning is an exciting challenge and something that we are currently working in our kura. I will start by unpacking the values of Manaakitanga and Kaitiakitanga, which have some common characteristics. The information that follows is a collection of whakaaro (thoughts) gathered from a variety of sources and we also welcome whānau to contribute their thoughts and ideas too.

Let's start with Manaakitanga. It was very clear from our whānau consultation process that respect, care, hospitality, supporting others, being kind, showing gratitude, having good manners, helping, and showing empathy are all important qualities that you want your children to have and be taught. Manaakitanga is all of these things and more. The word is broken up into three parts; 'Mana' - a condition that holds everything in the highest regard, 'Aki' - to uphold, uplift or support, and 'Tanga', which changes a verb to noun, changing an action to an attribute. Manaakitanga is about enhancing the mana of others and extending manaakitanga requires respect, humility, kindness and honesty.

As part of the process of deepening our understanding of our school values, we have also looked at whakatauki (proverbs or sayings) to help us make connections and define our values further. Some relevant whakatauki relating to Manaakitanga are: "Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai." Nurture the seed and it will blossom (we all need love and care to fully realise our potential). "Aroha mai, aroha atu." Love received demands love returned (love others and love will come back to you). "Kia māhaki mārire tōna mauri, kia noho mārire tōna mana motuhake, kia ngākau māhaki ki ōna hoa tae atu hoki ki ngā iwi whānui". Be content, be humble, be open hearted towards friends and towards all people.

The second value that I'd like to unpack with you in this newsletter is Kaitiakitanga, which is all about the guardianship, protection, and sustainability of the things that are precious to us. There is a clear link between Kaitiakitanga and the environment but it is not limited to just the protection and sustainability of te taiao (the environment). In our school, we are kaitiaki (guardians, protectors) of our environment, our languages, our cultures, and our traditions, and these were all important things expressed by you as part of our whānau consultation.

The word 'Kaitiakitanga' is broken up into three parts: 'Kai' - a person doing an action, 'Tiaki' - to guard and protect, and 'Tanga', which changes a verb to noun, changing an action to an attribute. In terms of whakatauki, we feel that the following saying sums it up perfectly: "E kore tātau e mohio ki te waitohu nui o te wai kia mimiti rawa te puna." We never know the worth of water until the well runs dry (look after the things that are precious to us, before it is too late).

Our school values are really important to us as a school and community and they are central to how we teach Positive Behaviour for Learning in our school. Defining them is still a work in progress so if anyone would like to contribute any more thoughts or expertise in relation to the values above, please get in touch by emailing me at [principal@victory.school.nz](mailto:principal@victory.school.nz). I look forward to unpacking the rest of our school values with you before the end of the term.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Dan George  
Tumuaki



# Victory Happenings



Whānau Koromiko with Matua Hamuera & Whaea Lara exploring the whakapapa of harakeke.

Ako Tahi & Mahi Tahi at Gymnastics.

Rm18 learning to retell a story, including all the important details.

Gardening Club



What is my part in the problem?

*We are learning to resolve conflict respectfully, responsibly and supportively by...*

<i>Kia wairua whakaute - Be respectful</i>	<i>Kia tangata tūtika - Be responsible</i>	<i>Kia ringa tautāwhi - Be supportive</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Say what it was that you did, before you say what the other person did</li> <li>● Use respectful language</li> <li>● Listen to the other person's perspective of what happened</li> <li>● Accept you played a part in the situation (big or small)</li> <li>● Put things right when everyone is calm and ready</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Be honest - tell the truth</li> <li>● Take ownership of your part in the problem</li> <li>● Taking deep breaths</li> <li>● Take responsibility for your own actions</li> <li>● Accept what has happened and move on to focus on what you can do differently next time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accept that the other person's memory of what happened may not be the same as yours</li> <li>● Actively listening when other people are talking</li> <li>● Get an adult to help</li> </ul>

### Kia Toa Awards for T3, Week 6



Ako Tahi: Tiare & Chloe  
 Mahi Tahi: Emil & Japnoor  
 Rm11: Vabie, Do Hnai Sung & Mu Blang  
 Rm12: Karol & Lyrix  
 Rm13: Amos, Chin Ku & Graylynlan  
 Rm14: Rosemelyn & Lal Ram  
 Rm16: Ani & Arvie  
 Rm17: Amiria & Jason  
 Rm18: Ismerika  
 Rm19: Jhon Devyi  
 Whānau Ti Kouka: Chrystal  
 Whānau Koromiko: Kayden & Sade  
 Whānau Harakeke: Lacey & Ruby

Kia Toa Learners of the Week for Term 3, Week 6 from: **Whānau NMKOTW**

**Koromiko:** Manaaki & Manaia  
**Ti Kouka:** Judah  
**Harakeke:** Storm-May & Calliope



### Important Dates

**End Term 3:** 22 Sep 2023  
**Start Term 4:** 9 Oct 2023



**Making bikes available for everyone**

On the lookout for a second-hand bike? You should check out Bike Hub Nelson. 'The Hub' is a not-for-profit, volunteer-powered scheme that repairs bikes donated by the public and the Police and makes them available to the community on a koha-basis.

With over 35 active volunteers on board, Bike Hub Nelson is removing the financial obstacles to bike ownership in our region, and has re-homed over 1000 bikes since its launch in May last year.

You'll find their workshop near the Saxton Field hockey facilities and they're open to the public on Mondays from 5.30pm to 7pm and Wednesdays from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

For more information, check out their Facebook page, visit their website ([bikehubnelson.org](http://bikehubnelson.org)) or contact the co-ordinator Matt Lawrey on 027 406 3434.

Quality bike donations always very welcome.

Photo: Tyzen with the set of wheels he received from Bike Hub Nelson. Tyzen says his bike is "amazing!"

