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Victory
Primary

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Kia Toa Be Victorious

Tēnā koutou katoa, Namaste, Mingalaba, Sua's Dei, Nan dam maw, 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.

It's been a warm start to our summer term and an action-packed one as well with our school wide swimming programme up and running! With the days getting hotter and with our focus on being sun smart, I can't emphasise enough the importance of your children wearing hats and sunscreen. Our sun is strong in Aotearoa and we want to instil good sun safety habits for everyone at Victory Primary School. As a school we would really appreciate your support with this at home.

If you have been through the front entrance of our school on Vanguard Street lately, you will have seen that it's looking tidier and brighter than ever. We've said goodbye to the washed out concrete and hello to a new coating of blue paint, which does a great job of making our school stand out and letting people know how proud we are to be Victory Primary School. This is part of a number of different projects that we have committed funding to in order to improve the appearance of our school. Other things that are ongoing in this area include the external painting of our school, some internal painting in classrooms, and hiring specialist gardeners who come in once a fortnight to help keep our grounds looking tidy. In the coming weeks we are installing a new all-weather sports turf with two new basketball hoops on the back court so keep your eyes peeled for updates on that exciting project!

Attendance is a huge focus from the Ministry of Education this year and like other schools across the motu, we are doing our best to promote regular attendance to maximise opportunities for your child(ren)'s learning. Our attendance goal is for children to attend school at least 90% of the time and we have an internal attendance team that are working hard to support whānau with this. We understand that there are a number of factors that can influence a student's attendance and our main message is that our school is an awesome place to be with lots of exciting opportunities for our kids to learn, collaborate, have fun, and feel valued and supported. The more often a child is at school, the more uninterrupted learning they get to experience, and the influence of this on a child's achievement cannot be underestimated. If your child's attendance is below 90% for the year then someone from school will likely be in touch soon to offer support and hear from you about anything you think we can do as a school to help increase attendance rates.

Over the last week, we've had a couple of things to celebrate with our school chess team traveling to Auckland for the national tournament and also our school rock band performing at Rockfest. Whaea Cathryn and Whaea Jess took our chess team of five children all the way up to Tāmaki Makau Rau for the tournament and they all did exceptionally well representing our kura on the national stage! As with any national tournament, it was a great chance to test our skills against the best and an awesome experience for all involved! We were also very proud of our school rock band who had their first live performance in front of an audience at the Nelson Rockfest on Tuesday! They've only been playing together for 4 weeks and only just started learning instruments this year! It was a great day and we loved performing as well as listening to other bands (including some of our ex students)! Thank you very much to our staff involved in coordinating, supporting, and equipping our tamariki with the skills to succeed in both of these events!

As we continue into Term 4, there are still lots of exciting learning opportunities for our kids. It's an exciting time for our region with Te Mana Kuratahi happening this week and all of the best primary and intermediate Kapa Haka groups travelling to Whakatū to perform. We will continue our school swimming programme and you will receive a notice soon about Cultural Diversity Day, which is coming up! We've got classes preparing for Market Day, school athletic sports, shows booked, snorkelling and waka ama trips for some classes, and so much more!

Have a great weekend and go the All Blacks!

Ngā manaakitanga,

Dan George

Tumuaki



Victory Happenings

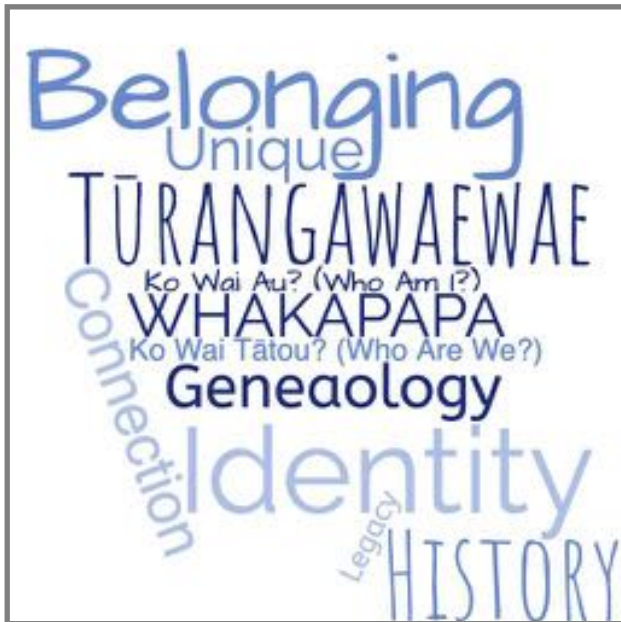


What a super weekend our wee Chess Team had in Auckland at the National Tournament. Lachie, Jacob, Rejata, Ardie and Theo were a delight to take and played their little hearts out. They were part of the top 1% of players in NZ and certainly did VPS proud. They all showed immense manaakitanga and rangitiratanga while away from their whānau and came home with certificates, pride and huge smiles! A beautiful weekend for sure, very very proud of them all. Cathryn :-)



VPS Rockband performing for the first time at Rockquest. Awesome effort after only playing together for 4 weeks!





Our Kia Toa Values

This term classes are exploring our new Kia Toa Values. The word clouds above show Whakapapa: building a foundation of identity and connections between people and places. And also Manaakitanga, Manaakitanga is to show respect, humility, kindness & honesty.

Kia Toa Awards for T4, Week 2

Ako Tahi: Tiare
 Mahi Tahi: Vel Thawng
 Rm11: Thay Mo & Rose Mū Blang
 Rm12: Timote & Oscar
 Rm13: Seba & Cung Cung
 Rm14: James & Jason
 Rm16: Ani & Jacob
 Rm17: Sharna & Jake
 Rm18: Walker & Bei
 Rm19: Elizabeth & Lena
 Whānau Ti Kouka: Tautuhi
 Whānau Koromiko: Zen & Azaleah
 Whānau Harakeke: Taimāri



Kia Toa Learners of the Week for Term 4, Week 2 from: Whānau Te Aorere

Rm16: Harriet Rm17: Vera
 Rm18: Christine Rm19: Mason M

Important Dates

15th Nov: Our Cultural Diversity Day this year will be an art exhibition: Ngā Hau e Whā: The Four Winds (see back page for details).

17th Nov: Y6 Visit to NIS

Fri 24th Nov: Staff Only Day, school closed for instruction.



NGĀ HAU E WHĀ

The Four Winds

A collection of cultural inspired artwork prepared by the students of Victory Primary School

Wednesday 15th November
Victory Primary School Hall



9am-4pm

Te iho whakairo, he haka
he whakairo, he whakairo he ao kōkō.
Artistic excellence makes the world sit
up in wonder.

Community Notices



ATHLETICS NELSON

ATHLETICS NELSON CHILDREN'S TRACK & FIELD CLUB

COME ALONG TO OPENING NIGHT THURS 12/10/23

FOR AGES 7-14 YEARS (TERMS 4 & 1)

Opening and information night for new and returning athletes:
Thursday 12th October 2023, Saxton Track 5:15pm

For more information go to:
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Saturday 18th Nov
9am - 5pm
Sunday 19th Nov
9am - 4pm
\$2 Entry
Cash Only
Under 3
Free

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