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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.

The above languages are particularly relevant this week in reference to our Cultural Diversity Day celebrations and I feel so proud of our school and what we have achieved. Our cultural diversity is what makes Victory Primary School such a unique and special school and the 60 flags that surrounded the perimeter of the hall this week represent all of the nationalities, regions, and cultures that make up our school and community.

Our hall looked incredible on Wednesday with a range of culturally inspired art works as part of our Ngā Hau e Whā exhibition. Directly translated, 'ngā hau e whā' means 'the four winds' and it's a reference to people coming to Victory Primary School from the North, South, East, and West. The collaborative floral artwork by Room 18 summed it up perfectly by using the quote "At our school we are all different but we grow together", which links directly to our school value of Kotahitanga (partnership, collaboration, and togetherness). The variety of art work on display was a sight to behold and it was the culmination of weeks of hard work by our children and staff. Our exhibition included a giant installation artwork entitled 'What is on your Plate' as well as a beautiful combination of other displays involving painting, clay modelling, print making, pastel, pencil sketching, photography, dot art, shadow art, collaborative art, knitting, sculpting, craft work, weaving, tukutuku panels, taonga, taonga pūoro, decorative plates, and more!

The involvement of our community made the day even more special and our children looked amazing in their cultural attire. Not only was it a feast for the eyes, but during lunch time we had shared kai including food from all over the world. Our tamariki had the chance to try new things and eat together while learning about different cultures at the same time. Our friends from Ngāti Rārua also came to the party by providing a cultural inspired lunch menu for the week. All in all it was a great chance for our kids to feel proud of their own identity while appreciating and valuing the many cultures that make us who we are at VPS.

It's been a hive of activity at school in recent times and for the last four weeks, our tamariki have had the opportunity to take part in swimming lessons at Hampden Street Pool. We've been so lucky to have such great weather and our children have made a huge amount of progress, while learning some really important skills to improve their confidence in the water. As always, it's been an amazing programme and I'd like to give huge thanks to our awesome teachers, support staff, and parent volunteers for making it happen!

Our Year 4-6 Athletic Sports took place recently and it was another fantastic day of children giving their all to throw further, run faster, and jump higher and longer than they have before. Great sportsmanship was shown by all and it was encouraging to hear children supporting each other and seeing them competing with smiles on their faces! The inter-school athletics is taking place on Wednesday 29th November and we wish the team of athletes that will be representing Victory Primary School the very best of luck!

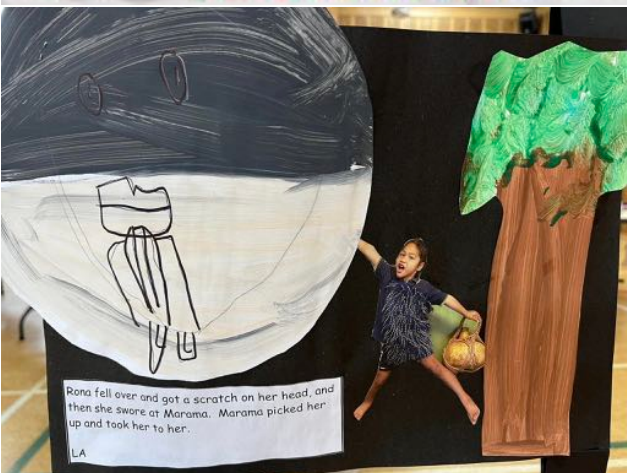
In terms of things coming up, we have a **STAFF ONLY DAY** on **FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**, which is the same as all of the other primary schools in our kāhui ako. School will be closed for instruction on this day and as a staff we will be working on some professional development relating to the curriculum refresh as well as some work on our new school values and our new graduate profiles in both English Medium and Māori Medium, which are due to be rolled out at the start of next year.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Dan George
Tumuaki
Victory Primary School

Ngā Hau E Whā - The Four Winds

A collection of cultural inspired artwork by VPS Students for Cultural Diversity Day 2023.



Important Dates

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

End Term 4: 20 Dec 2023

Start Term 1: 7 Feb 2024

Kia Toa Learners of the Week for Term 4, Week 4 from: Ngā Mana Kākano o Te Wairepo

Koromiko: Laila & Te Ahi

Ti Kouka: Brooklyn

Harakeke: Tinipere & Aaliyah

Kia Toa Awards for T4, Week 4

Ako Tahi: Maya & Louis
Mahi Tahi: Flint & Rem Rem
Rm13: Bae Reh & Leo
Rm14: Pray Reh & Parku
Rm16: Bawi & Minnie
Rm17: Lincoln & Zain
Rm18: Thomas & Jasper
Rm19: Noah & Arianna
Whānau Ti Kouka: Nivharn
Whānau Koromiko: Kordell & LA
Whānau Harakeke: Nadia & Hunter



Kia Toa Learners of the Week for Term 4, Week 6 from: Maitahi

Ako Tahi: Jean

Mahi Tahi: Japnoor

Kia Toa Awards for T4, Week 6

Ako Tahi: Rheanna & Ayaan
Mahi Tahi: Sui Tha & Talise
Rm11: Deklyn & Thiago
Rm12: Mercy & Jacob K
Rm13: Sanidhya & Melissa
Rm14: Muta & Sabina
Rm16: Sebika & Zeke
Rm17: Jenny & Nabila
Rm18: Thomas & Eh Tee Ku
Rm19: Manumi & Jhon
Whānau Ti Kouka: Aubree
Whānau Koromiko: Maylar & Faith
Whānau Harakeke: Tai & Jayms



Nau mai, haere mai

UNDERSTANDING
TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

Facilitated by Jen Bennett

**Saturday November 18th, 2023 | Whakatū | Nelson CBD
9am-2pm**

Light refreshments provided

**Sliding scale payments/bring a friend options
EMAIL FOR INFO**



"I thoroughly enjoyed the training with Jen. It was eye opening, emotional and so informative. All presented in a fun, safe and supportive way. I think everyone should be given the opportunity to do this course. I feel sure that it could be run every week and be a sell out. Ngā mihi"

Workshop participant

HE ARO | PURPOSE

- Understand the context and history of Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Explore the roots and impacts of racism, resistance, and anti-racism in our society
- Develop insights and perspectives, and explore practical ways of taking action towards an equitable society

ENQUIRE/BOOK:
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