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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 end of the year is fast approaching but that has not slowed down our momentum in terms of the great learning experiences still happening at our school! The last day of the school year is Wednesday 20th December but we still have lots to learn and celebrate before then. End of reports will be going home soon for some families and all children and whānau will receive a letter from their 2024 teacher to let them know which class they will be in next year. We have made some exciting changes to the structure of our school for next year but these will all be communicated in a separate pānui (notice). We are really looking forward to our end of year celebrations including our Parent/Helper Morning Tea, Kia Toa Fun Day, Moana Pasifika Awards, Year 6 Graduation, and also our Kia Toa Award Ceremony and we hope that you will be able to join us for some of these.

We have had a lot to celebrate in recent times at school and I am excited to announce that two big projects have been completed. We now have an amazing all-weather sports turf on our back court and two new adjustable basketball hoops, which I'm sure will be well loved by our school and community for a long time! We also have a new addition to our main office in the form of a beautifully crafted cabinet to house our four school taonga. This cabinet was created by Ari Thompson, who is a Dad of two of our tamariki in Whānau Harakeke. They both look awesome and we are really happy with how they turned out. Over the summer break, there will also be lots of action at school as our Ngā Mana Kākano o Te Wairepo classrooms get upgraded. Exciting stuff!

We've had some great sporting successes in recent times as well with our inter school athletics team doing extremely well and our school volleyball team also experiencing success. The Inter School Athletics was held at Saxton Track and we had a number of outstanding individual achievements as well as team successes with all of our school relay teams either winning or placing. A special mention goes to Thiago Solis Viveros, who placed first in all his events except the 800m, where he placed second. Huge congratulations to our senior girls volleyball team as well, who won their Division One final on Monday night beating Hampden Street School 25-13, 25-5, 15-2, which was an awesome result! We've also had some great results and experiences with touch rugby, football, and waka ama this term and we're really proud of our sporting efforts as a whole! Ka pai tamariki mā!

This week, we celebrated our VPS Book Day in conjunction with Nelson City Libraries and the Victory Community Centre. It was an amazing day had by all and included a spectacular array of book-related activities consisting of a book swap, read-out-loud battle, puppet shows, shared readings, book mark making, collaborative artwork, tee shirt making, school values booklets, and of course our annual book parade! Our children and staff looked amazing in their costumes and the variety and creativity was incredible! Thanks so much to Matua Mike, Whaea Cathryn, and the double-Steve combo (from the VCC and Nelson Libraries respectively) who made the magic happen!

Maungatapu has had the privilege of working alongside Tasman Bay Guardians in recent times learning how to snorkel and getting the chance to experience snorkelling in a marine reserve. They've learned all about the species that live under our moana and learned about our role as kaitiaki of these. For many of these children, it was their first time experiencing snorkelling and their first time visiting Cable Bay and to quote the feedback from the Tasman Bay Guardian kaiako, "we loved working with Victory Primary School and your kids were exuberant, excited, and grateful". Well done to all involved!

Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Whaea Meghann on her full teacher registration and also thank Matua Tom, who recently finished his time as a kaiāwhina at our kura. It's awesome staff like these two that help make Victory the school it is. Please make sure that you keep an eye on the communication around upcoming events in the next week and a half and if you haven't already, please join our Victory Primary School Facebook page to keep updated with all of the things happening in our kura.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Dan George
Tumuaki



Victory Happenings

Maungatapu enjoying sea & snorkelling time with Tasman Bay Guardians at Cable Bay.



VPS Senior Girls Division 1 Winners at the Tasman Kiwi Volleyball Competition



Our brilliant new basketball court and hoops with many thanks to the following Trusts for making this possible: NZ Community Trust, Air Rescue & Community Services, The Lion Foundation & Pub Charity Ltd.



Important Reminder for Absentees

If your child is absent from school it is important that you let the school 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...

| <i>Kia wairua whakaute - Be respectful</i> | <i>Kia tangata tūtika - Be responsible</i> | <i>Kia ringa faufāwhi - Be supportive</i> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to the speaker • Sitting quietly and still, facing the speaker • Shaking hands or hongi with the Principal or member of staff giving out certificates • Following instructions given by the speakers and staff • Taking pride in and responsibility for taonga/trophies/certificates received at assemblies and celebrations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing and sitting without talking • Putting hands up to share/ask questions • Joining in and participating • Walking sensibly with our class to and from assembly • Coming into the hall/leaving the hall with your class quietly and sensibly • Keeping our hands and feet to yourself at all times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pakipaki to celebrate others' successes • Being welcoming and respectful to our visitors and whānau • Ignoring/discouraging inappropriate behaviour • Singing during songs such as the National Anthem • Following tikanga of celebrations (pōwhiri, end of year celebrations etc.) • Congratulating students that have achieved certificates, awards or trophies after the assembly |

Kia Toa Awards for T4, Week 8

Ako Tahi: Maisie
 Mahi Tahi: Jiyaan & Van Van
 Rm11: Erin
 Rm12: Timote & David
 Rm13: Magdalin & Tha Tha
 Rm14: Masa & Ishant
 Rm16: Kayla & Rose
 Rm17: Ayanna & Prasangsa
 Rm18: Edith & Jacob
 Rm19: Matthew & Sofia
 Whānau Ti Kouka: Chrystal
 Whānau Koromiko: Kyla, Sophia & Maddox
 Whānau Harakeke: Hunter & Taimāri



Kia Toa Learners of the Week for Term 4, Week 8 from: Whanau Maungatapu
 Rm11: Lakyn Rm13: Sofia G
 Rm12: Mercy Rm14: Maylin



Important Dates

Wed 20th December 2023: Last day of school year, finishing at 12pm.

Wed 7th February 2024: First day of Term 1.





VPS BOOK DAY
2023