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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.

Ngā mihi o te tau hōu Māori! Mānawatia a Matariki! Welcome to Term 3! It's been an action-packed start to the term but what a great start it has been! Thank you to everyone that came along to our Matariki celebrations last Friday, it was an awesome turnout and a fantastic way to celebrate Matariki together. As the tumuaki of Victory Primary School, I was so proud of our Matariki Whakaari (play) and the way that our tamariki performed and represented our school. The success of our performance was down to a huge team effort from everyone including children, staff parents, and the wider community. Special thanks go to Whaea Lara for her work writing and directing the play, Whaea Chestine for her work creating the costumes, and Whaea Bailee and Whaea Wirihana for their work with our school waiata.

The Matariki fun didn't stop with our school play, and we were lucky enough to collaborate with the Victory Community Centre to ensure everyone was fed and entertained throughout the evening! Our school kapa haka group, Te Rōpū Whakamanamana performed beautifully alongside the tamariki from Te Pītau Whakarei from Nelson Intermediate School and Whaea Bailee (with the help of Whaea Hana) did an amazing job to ensure their performance was polished and sounded great! Ngā mihi maioha ki a kōrua! Other highlights of the celebration included our hāngi, our Matariki light display from Te Ramaroa, our school taonga photos, shared soup, fire poi, African drumming, community performances, and our lantern hīkoi. Thank you so much to Steve, Jenni, and the team from the Victory Community Centre for their wonderful organisation.

The end of last term / start of the holidays was another exciting time for our kura as we proudly displayed our school Te Ramaroa installation titled 'Matariki Ahunga Nui, Matariki Hunga Nui'. Our installation shone brightly over the pond in Queen's Gardens and it was another 'proud tumuaki moment' with artwork from all students in our school decorating the nine whetū (stars) of Matariki. Massive thanks go to our RMM Landscape Architects for their support with this project and huge thanks to Whaea Lynda and Whaea Jane, who did an immense amount of artistic and organisational work putting it all together. Our display was featured on national TV on the Breakfast show and the feedback received was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you so much for everyone's collective efforts to make it such a success!

Another huge milestone for our kura recently has been sharing the photos of our tamariki with our four new school taonga. These photos include children that represent all eight iwi of Te Taihū (top of the South Island) and six different continents to reflect the diversity of our school. They're a visual display of tangata whenua and tangata tiriti and we could not be more happy with how beautiful the photos turned out. Thank you so much to Naomi Aporo Manihera for her incredible photography to capture both our taonga and our tamariki in such a beautiful way. These taonga represent our four rōpū whānau and the strong connection we have to our school pepeha and cultural narrative. They will be treasured in our school for a long time!

Lastly, there are a few important things coming up at Victory Primary School with our 3-way learning conferences next week, our school photos the week after that, and a freshly updated school website ready to launch soon. The pānui (notice) for 3-way learning conferences went home this week with all the information about how to book a meeting time with your child's kaiako (teacher). Please remember that **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE at 1pm ON WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST** to allow these conferences to take place. School photos are on Thursday 10th August so if you want to book in any haircuts or buy any new uniforms, that's the day for the kids to look their best!

Ngā manaakitanga,

Dan George
Tumuaki





Rm13 Vamos Performance
- Brazilian Percussion and
Dance.

Basketball donation from
the Tania Dalton Founda-
tion.

Rm17's Rocket Challenge

Taonga Photography

Matariki



Matariki ahunga nui, Matariki hunga nui

RMM Landscape Architects with Victory Primary School, Nelson Whakatū

Matariki has many admirers, Matariki brings us together. Victory Primary School is delighted to have had the opportunity to work with RMM Architects to create this installation. Students were able to imagine and be part of creating an artwork on a large scale.

Their artwork acknowledges our school's whakapapa and the tamariki have inquired into, reflected on, and created artworks inspired by the unique properties of each whetu in *Te Iwa o Matariki*. The children's learning will become part of our school's rich cultural narrative.

*Ko Maungatapu te maunga
Ko Maitahi te awa
Ko Aorere te moana
Ko Whakatū te marae
Ko Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Toa Rangitira, Ngāti Rarua
Ko Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa ki to Rā Tō, Rangitāne
Ko Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Tama
ngā iwi mana whenua
Ko Wikitoria te kura
Toitū te mana o Te Wairepo*

*Maungatapu is our mountain.
Flowing from Maungatapu is our river, Maitahi.
Our river flows to our sea, Aorere.
Whakatū is our marae.
Our iwi mana when are Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Toa Rangitira, Ngāti Rarua, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apat ki the Rā Tō, Rangitane, Te Ātiawa and Ngāti Tama.
We are Victory Primary School.
Let us sustain the mana of our awa Te Wairepo.*



Important Dates

Wed 2 Aug: 3-way Learning Conferences, school finishes at 1pm.

Thu 3 Aug: 3-way Learning Conferences, normal finish time.

Thurs Aug 10: Class & Individual School Photos with Heritage Productions.



Kia Toa Awards for T3, Week 2



Ako Tahi: Tiare
Mahi Tahi: Olivia & Machin
Rm11: Su Meh & Sui
Rm13: Tha Tha & Sam
Rm14: Joel & Bianca
Rm16: Zeke & Lucie
Rm17: Amiria & Ella
Rm18: Lockie & Dua
Rm19: Barry & Kaisa
Whānau Ti Kouka: Tia
Whānau Koromiko: Maddox & Summah
Whānau Harakeke: Seini & Julian

Kia Toa Learners from: Whanau Maungatapu

Rm12: Simone

Rm13: Amos

Rm14: Liam

