

*Be respectful*  
*Be responsible*  
*Be supportive*



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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, Konnichiwa, Kumusta, Ayubowan, God Dag, Hallo, Dzień dobry, Merhaba, Assalaam Alykum, warm greetings to you all.

Thank you so much for the great turnout for our wānanga Takitoru / 3-way learning conferences this week. It is so important to have whānau onboard to support your children's learning journey and it makes a huge difference when we work alongside each other. With our newly revised strategic plan, we have a clear pathway leading to improved learner outcomes and I look forward to seeing how this takes shape over the next two years.

We recently had a visit from our evaluation partner, Carole Clark, from the Education Review Office (ERO) and she was impressed with the high-quality teaching saw, the strong relationships we have, the way we support all of our tamariki and work with our community, and the plan we have in place to ensure success in the future. We have our ERO evaluation partners from the Pou Reo (Māori Medium) team coming in June to work alongside us to evaluate and set goals for Ngā Mana Kākano o te Wairepo and once they've finished their mahi, our new School Improvement Framework will be published and shared so that you can see all of the great work that's been happening in our kura and see our next steps that we will be working towards for the next three years.

If you've been following our Victory Primary School Facebook page you will see that there has been lots happening in and out of school over the last couple of weeks. Our core learning programme is in full swing and I regularly get visits to my office from eager learners wanting to share their progress with me. It's always a highlight of my day to share in their learning journey and it makes me so proud to see the hard work of our kaiako paying off. As a school, it's our aim to make our core curriculum areas of Reading, Writing, and Maths as engaging and meaningful as possible and one of the ways we do that is through offering a wide-range of experiences for our tamariki that they can draw from to inspire curiosity, creative thinking, and to give their learning a sense of purpose. There have been many examples of this in the last couple of weeks including, visits from a marine ecologist, coding club, listening to authors speak, watching ballet performances, taking part in flag football training sessions, kaupapa Māori well-being wānanga, trips to the Super Art Gallery, Duffy Theatre, and more!

We marked a special milestone last week when we opened our freshly renovated akomanga (classrooms) in Ngā Mana Kākano o te Wairepo. We had a fantastic turnout from whānau (families), kaimahi (staff), tamariki (children), poari (board of trustees), hāpori (community), and local iwi to be part of the occasion and we are thrilled to have these learning spaces full of excited ākonga (leaners) again. Ngā mihi to all of those people that contributed to this process, we really appreciate your efforts!

We always love celebrating the successes of our children and a good example of this was the 55 tamariki from VPS that took part in the recent Weetbix Kiwikids Try-athlon. It was top-notch turnout from an awesome team of kids who gave it their all, showed great sportsmanship, and ran, swam, and biked their hearts out! Thanks so much to our amazing staff Kelly, Jane, and Ash for all of their hard work coordinating it and for the incredible whānau support that we had on the day as well!

Please keep an eye out on things to come in the next few weeks as we roll on towards the end of Term One. We will have a couple of short weeks with the upcoming Easter break and there is also a planned union meeting for teachers at the end of Week 9. We have a community working bee coming up and after the success of last year, it would be great to get another big turnout of people wanting to contribute to the upkeep and of our school environment with our school value of kaitiakitanga in mind. The other event that we are building towards is Cultural Diversity Week, which we will celebrate in the last week of term by focusing on performing arts. So much happening and so much still to look forward to!



Ngā manaakitanga, Dan George, Tumuaki

Flag Football, New Classrooms completed in NMKOTW, Suter Art Gallery Workshops, Tutu's on Tour at the Theatre Royal & a new conveyor toaster donated by ASB to Breakfast Club!



### 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](mailto: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 show Kia Toa values when we are playing with others...*

<i>Whakapapa</i>	<i>Manaakitanga</i>	<i>Whanaungatanga</i>
<i>Rangatiratanga</i>	<i>Kaitiakitanga</i>	<i>Kotahitanga</i>

- Include others to join in games/activities
- Ask nicely to join in & use gear
- Share play spaces and equipment
- Take turns fairly
- **NO** play fighting
- Listen to others when they are talking
- Use the [Kia Kaha](#) strategy
- Get help from a duty teacher if you have used the other Kia Kaha strategies
- When helping others remember to keep problems small
- Kind words
- Gentle hands & feet

**Be Restorative/Actions:**

Put things right with others when things go wrong, miss out on games, equipment or use of particular areas.

## Important Dates

**Sun 24 March:** Nelson Multi-Cultural Festival

**Good Fri 29 March - Tues 2 April incl:** Easter Holidays, school closed.

**Fri 5 April:** School Closes at 1pm for Paid Teachers Union Meeting.

**Mon 8 April - Thurs 11 April:** Cultural Diversity Celebrations.

**Fri 12 April:** Last day of Term 1

Kia Toa Learners of the Week for Term 1, Week 6 from Whānau Ōnewa:

Ruby & James

### Kia Toa Awards for T1, Week 6

Ako Tahi:	Rheanna
Mahi Tahi:	Rem Rem
Ti Kouka:	Kayden & Kaya Lee
Harakeke:	Harriys & Autumn
Koromiko:	Maia & Tāne
Rm12:	Nehe Miah & Guy
Rm13:	Mason & Liam
Rm14:	Sian Pi & Jean
Rm16:	Amelia & Feta
Rm17:	Hedi & Bawi
Rm18:	Jacob & Van Van
Rm19:	Ella & Maria





# WORKING BEE

**FRIDAY 5TH APRIL, 1-4pm**  
**SATURDAY 6TH APRIL, 9am-12pm**

**Victory Primary School**

**\* BBQ food and some  
gardening tools provided**

**Come and help us be great  
kaitiaki of our school  
environment! Whānau,  
tamariki & community  
volunteers all welcome!**