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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.

The last newsletter of the term is all about celebrating Term One and all of the things we've achieved over the last 10 weeks! To say that I'm proud of where we are as a school would be an understatement and it is a real privilege to be leading such an amazing staff and community. I've had lots of positive feedback about our school from the Ministry of Education and the Education Review Office in recent times, which has been encouraging to know that we're on the right track in terms of the direction we're heading.

Our schoolwide inquiry kaupapa this term has been taonga (treasures) and our values focus has been whanaungatanga (relationships, communication, and collaboration). It's been the perfect way to start the year focusing on how we build relationships, how we work together, and how we communicate with each other. Taonga, as we have learned, come in many forms and we know that we need to play an active role in sustaining and caring for these things. The learning that has taken place has been enriching and inspiring and it has laid the perfect foundation for us the build from in 2024.

Our most precious taonga are our tamariki, our mokopuna, our kids, and Cultural Diversity Week has been the perfect way to celebrate them and our term's learning. Throughout the week, we have learned about each other's cultures, languages, and traditions. We've learned about different countries and made connections between cultures. We've watched spectacular performances, seen some beautiful cultural clothing, and tasted food from all corners of the globe. It's been an incredibly special week in our school and I want to thank everyone for contributing because it's been an enormous effort from our whole school community.

If you've been into our school hall this week, you will have seen the 60 flags that surround the perimeter and you will have got a sense of how unique and special our school is. The flags represent the collective identities of our students, staff, and families and they are a symbol of our diverse cultural narrative. Our tamariki from Ngā Mana Kākano o te Wairepo opened and closed our week with the sounds of taonga puoro, karakia, mōteatea, mihimihi, and waiata, and it was the perfect way for us all to be united as Te Tiriti partners in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Before we head-off into the holidays, I want to thank the amazing team of students, parents, staff, and community members who contributed to our school working bee over the weekend. They planted,

pruned, weeded, cleared, tidied, mulched, fixed, and cleaned, and our school environment is looking great! Special shout out to Joshua Fitzgerald for the massive amount of time and effort he put into get-

ting donations from community organisations to make it all happen and thanks again to those people who dedicated their time and got their hands dirty... you are all amazing!

Have a safe and happy holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 29th

Ngā Manaakitanga Dan George, Tumuaki







#### **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 <u>admin2@victory.school.nz</u> 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.

Kia Toa Learners of the Week for Term 1, Week 8 from: Whānau Ngā Mana Kākano o Te Wairepo

#### Nikau & Judah



#### Kia Toa Awards for T1, Week 8

Ako Tahi: Elliot Mahi Tahi: Sui Tha

Ti Kouka: Sifa & Cooper Harakeke: Kupa & Topeora Koromiko: River & Manaaki Thawng Tha & Shiron Rm12:

Elsie & Jasper Rm13: Rm16: Samuel & Joel Rm17: Lincoln & Harrison Rm18: Cung Tha & Tluang Rm19:





## Community Notices



### **Important Dates**

Fri 12 April: Last Day of Term 1

Mon 29 April: First Day of Term 2





