

*Be respectful  
Be responsible  
Be supportive*



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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.

Nau mai ki te wāhanga tuarua! Welcome to Term 2! I hope you all had a great Easter and wonderful time with whānau and friends over the holiday break. Our inquiry kaupapa for this term is 'Kei te tāria mai koe e te ao, tukuna kia rere! The world is waiting for you, get ready to soar', which comes from Ngā Kawatau me ngā Tūmanakotanga o Te Taihū (our guiding document for the aspirations of local iwi). It's a broad kaupapa with a lot of potential for learning in different shapes and forms with the overarching idea that every child has huge potential and our aim is to create opportunities to allow them to flourish. I can't wait to share some awesome learning with you as the term progresses!

A big part of our learning programme this term is 'Keeping Ourselves Safe', which is a programme run in conjunction with the New Zealand Police about personal safety and preventing child abuse. We held whānau hui about this programme last night and it was great to have such a large turnout. We are aware that not all whānau were able to make the information evening so I will email out a brief rundown of the programme so that everyone is well informed.

There are a number of other exciting things that have started this term including gymnastics sessions through Gymnastics Nelson and our Vamos Latin American Percussion and Dance Classes, who are run by the Nelson Centre of Musical Arts. Add the regional chess tournament (write-up on the back) into the mix and it's being a pretty exciting start to the term! There are loads of things coming up too so keep an eye out on your class digital platforms and our school Facebook page for more information!

We have been extremely lucky over the last couple of weeks to have a beautiful table made and donated to us by the Nelson West Rotary Club and some library shelves made and donated to us by The Menz Shed Richmond. We also had a huge amount of support from Mitre10 Nelson Helping Hands at our recent community working bee, where they supplied a BBQ lunch and drinks for all of our hard-working volunteers! The community working bee was a huge success and has really helped make our school gardens tidier. Thank you so much to all the parents, children, and community volunteers that helped... it really made a big difference! We are so grateful to our community and the different groups that support us. We couldn't function without you! Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou!

Lastly, we have a couple of exciting announcements coming up next week! We are announcing our new school values and we are also finishing the last of our Kia Toa student leader interviews so we are ready to announce the first Kia Toa Leaders of the year and present them with their badges. I'm really excited to share our school values mahi with you and I want to thank everyone that has been part of the process and shared their whakaaro. It hasn't been a quick process but I'm confident that we have consulted widely and used all available information to come up with a great set of school values that will be an integral part of our kura now in the future.

Ngā manaakitanga

Dan George  
Tumuaki



## Victory Happenings

What a great bunch of artists we have here at VPS. We held an Easter colouring competition and had our pikitia ataahua up on show, ka mau te wehi everyone. Here are our two lucky winners with their prizes and smiley faces! Ka pai te mahi to Quinn R18 and Feta R17.



Last week we were gifted this beautiful picnic table from the Nelson West Rotary Club. It was built by Rod Witte, the Grandpa of one of our students (it even has a special engraving underneath and a beautiful big 'KIA TOA' engraved on top!)

The table was purposely made out of 5 different types of wood from around the world to reflect the diversity of our school. Elm from Europe, Redwood and Macrocarpa from North America, Teak from Asia, and Totara from Aotearoa. The trees that the wood came from all grew in New Zealand but like the tamariki at our school, their ancestors came from all over the world.

All of the different elements come together to make a beautiful, strong table and all of the different wood is necessary for the table to be strong and functional. This table and the time, effort, thought, and work that went into it is such a taonga and it's the perfect metaphor for us as a school. We are blown away and immensely thankful to Rod and the team from Nelson West Rotary Club for your mahi and support! Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa! He tēpu ataahua!!



Ngā mihi nui to **The Menz Shed Richmond** for making these two new shelves for our Whare Pukapuka. These are a koha from the Menz Shed which will be much appreciated and utilised by our tamariki.



### 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 are learning to be respectful, responsible and supportive by using kind words...*

Kia waihua whakauru - Be respectful	Kia tangata tōtika - Be responsible	Kia ringo fautahi - Be supportive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using kind words</li> <li>Using a warm tone of voice</li> <li>Taking turns to speak</li> <li>No teasing or swearing</li> <li>Tell the truth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thinking before speaking</li> <li>Using appropriate language</li> <li>Noticing if you're angry and cool down before you speak</li> <li>Don't make up unkind stories about others or spread unkind stories</li> <li>Walk away - calm down - get help</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kōrero pai</li> <li>Using encouraging words</li> <li>Using your own language for good</li> <li>Listening to others</li> <li>When something unkind is said - think how you would feel.</li> </ul>

**Putting it Right / follow up:** Apologise and put it right, Do something kind to make the person feel better, Apology Letter, Reflection sheet, Time out, Ask an adult for help

Session One (Tell)	Session Two (Show)	Session Three (Practice)	Session Four (Monitor)	Session Five (Reflect)
Watch <a href="#">Kind Words video</a> and brainstorm what this expectation is and why it is important. What did you notice in the video?  Watch <a href="http://www.catthegoat.co.nz">www.catthegoat.co.nz</a>	In groups role-play using kind words and share these back with the class i.e. supporting someone who is upset by using kind words.	Discuss and practise the expectations with different scenarios. Losing a game, accusations, saying something that is untrue, teasing gone wrong, when feeling left out.	Revisit resources, remind and reward expected behaviours with Kia Toa tickets. Coach students i.e. "Sam used kind words" when...	Students share specific examples of them demonstrating this expectation and explicitly state the positive outcomes of this.

### Kia Toa Awards for T2, Week 2

Ako Tahi: Ruby  
 Mahi Tahi: Matthew  
 Rm11: Sui & Finley  
 Rm12: Thawng Tha & Lacie  
 Rm13: Bae Reh & Biak  
 Rm14: Rosemelyn & Sian Siam  
 Rm16: Rose & Alex  
 Rm17: Jason & Sharna  
 Rm18: Mischa & Emmanuel  
 Rm19: Isabela  
 Whānau Ti Kouka: Autumn  
 Whānau Koromiko: Manaaki & Manaia  
 Whānau Harakeke: Harper, Sonny, Calliope & Reiaata



Kia Toa Learners of the Week for Term 2, Week 2 from: **Whānau Maitahi**

**Ako Tahi:** Ruby  
**Mahi Tahi:** Matthew



### Important Dates

**School Cross Country:** Thursday 18th May:  
Juniors 10am, Seniors 12pm

**Inter-school Cross Country:** Tuesday 6th June.





What an awesome bunch of budding chess players we have in our club here at VPS. We have recently competed in our Regional Chess Tournament and brought home the bacon!!



Congratulations to ALL our super stars, what a great day they had.

Special mention to Jacob Karolyi for being the overall winner and getting an invitation to Auckland to attend the Champion of Champions Tournament later in the year.

Also our Junior Tahi team for coming third overall and gaining a position at the Nationals in Christchurch in October.

Both Lucas and Wyatt achieved placings in the new Rookies team, their first time at a tournament.

Our team from VPS certainly did us proud and had a super day in Riwaka.

As we have quite a number of new players wanting to learn, our super stars will be mentoring these new tamariki with pride, what a great bunch!!

*Whaea Cathryn*