

Be respectful
Be responsible
Be supportive



Newsletter No.8, 16 June 2023

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.

This week's newsletter is all about two important kaupapa (initiatives) that have happened in our kura in recent times. Both of these things are the result of a huge team effort and are significant stepping stones in terms of our future direction as a school. We are proud to share this mahi with you and excited about the opportunities for learning and growth that lay ahead of us.

The first of these kaupapa is our new set of school values, which have been developed following a thorough review process and consultation with key stakeholders over the last year. We were able to share these values with whānau at recent whānau hui and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those families that attended these evenings. Our new Kia Toa values are the product of a massive amount of work from a lot of people, including contributions from staff, children, whānau, iwi, and our wider school community. They are values that represent our whole school community and we look forward to continuing to deepen our collective understanding of what they mean to us in our own Victory Primary School context.

Our new Kia Toa values are listed below followed by some of the key words that help us make sense of what they mean. Please note that we are still developing our English definitions of these uaratanga (values) and we are well aware that a simple translation in English is unlikely to capture the depth of meaning and mana that these values carry in Te Reo Māori. This is one of our next steps and we will keep you updated.

Manaakitanga (respect, care, and hospitality)
Rangatiratanga (leadership, integrity, and self-determination)
Whanaungatanga (relationships, connections, and family)
Kaitiakitanga (guardianship, protection, and sustainability)
Kotahitanga (partnership, collaboration, and togetherness)
Whakapapa (identity, belonging, and legacy)

The second major kaupapa that I would like to share is related to the blessing of our new school taonga that took place this week. It was a very special occasion at Dennes Hole on the banks of the Maitahi River and I would like to thank everyone that attended. Ngā mihi nui to the team from Ngāti Rārua and to all of the kaikorakia, kaikōrero, kaikaranga, kaimahi, tamariki, and whānau that were involved in the ceremony. These taonga represent everyone in our kura and we are so honoured to have them.

Each taonga has been created by a local artist and represents one of our rōpū whānau (house groups), which connect to our school pepehā. We are hugely thankful to everyone who has worked so hard bringing this kaupapa to life. Our children are currently learning about these in class and we have been practicing a new school waiata all about our taonga that we look forward to sharing with you all as part of our Matariki play. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our four taonga and the rōpū whānau they represent:

PAKOHE

Taonga Name: Te Tūāhu
Description: A toki (adze) made from pakohe
Artist: Layton Robertson

PŪTĀTARA

Taonga Name: Rongo Taketake
Description: A pūtātara (conch shell instrument)
Artist: Brian Flintoff

POUNAMU

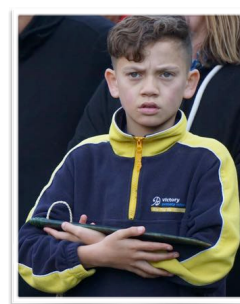
Taonga Name: Te Ika Kuratea
Description: A mere (short, flat weapon) made from pounamu
Artist: Fayne Robinson

WHARARIKI

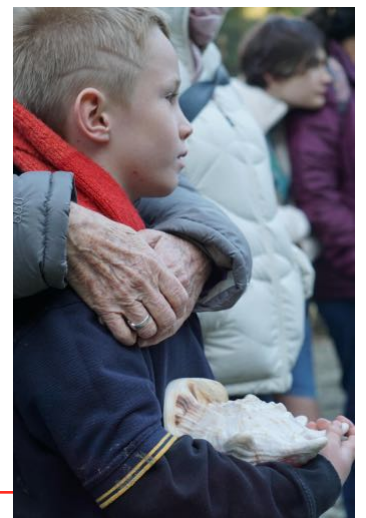
Taonga Name: Te Maruawatea
Description: A hieke (cloak) made from wharariki
Artist: Missy Broughton

Ngā manaakitanga,

Dan George
Tumuaki



**Taonga Blessing at Dennes Hole for
our new Rōpū Whānau
VPS Values & Music Lessons
Samoan Language Week**



Important Reminder for Absentees

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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 tautāwhi - Be supportive</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asking nicely to use equipment or gear ● Using kind words and manners ● Being mindful of the space and equipment you are using when playing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lining up or turn taking fairly ● Waiting patiently for your turn ● Looking after equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letting or helping others have a turn ● Being patient - waiting for your turn ● Listening to others when they are talking

Kia Toa Awards for T2, Week 8

Ako Tahi: Hannah
 Mahi Tahi: Sian Pi & Arianna
 Rm11: Guy
 Rm12: Jacob K
 Rm13: Cung Cung & Alex
 Rm14: Masa & Van Bawi
 Rm16: Teresa & Hedi
 Rm17: Ella & Amelia
 Rm18: Eh Tee Ku & Sawyer
 Rm19: Lena
 Whānau Ti Kouka: Topeora
 Whānau Koromiko: Finn & Seb
 Whānau Harakeke: Lucas & Tinipere



Kia Toa Learners of the Week for Term2,
 Week 8 from: **Whānau NMKOTW**

Whanau Koromiko: JoJo & Indie
 Whanau Ti Kouka: Mika
 Whanau Harakeke: Fu'a & Ruby

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