



‘E kore a repo ki te kore a rauropi’

This whakatauki talks about the importance of all living organisms and their dependency on each other.

Ngā Mana Kākano o te Wairepo draws its name from the body of water that once flowed through this area giving life and sustenance to the many life forms that flourished as it made its way towards Te Aorere.

The name reminds everyone that the kākano, our children, have their own mana that is to be acknowledged and treasured in all our dealings with them. It also reminds us that our knowledge is firmly grounded in the steps our tūpuna walked and the models they left for us.

The six classrooms of Ngā Mana Kākano o te Wairepo are named after some of the many plants that grow in the repo, Harakeke, Raupō, Toetoe, Koromiko, Kiekie, Tī kōuka.

Everything in the natural world is interconnected, an interdependence of one to another for the wellbeing of the whole. This ecosystem describes the whanaungatanga we foster in Ngā Mana Kākano o te Wairepo, at Victory Primary School.

The life in the repo, in which the water from Te Wairepo feeds, is both rich and diverse. We recognise that students skills and capabilities are different, as are





their needs. We therefore encourage a culture whereby each student contributes to the educational, emotional, spiritual and social well being of themselves and of others.

The analogy of a repo supports the key value of whānaungatanga. Both whanaungatanga and manaakitanga underpin what we practice at Ngā Mana Kākano o te Wairepo. Manaakitanga is seen in the way a healthy ecosystem

works together to ensure survival. Whanaungatanga is seen as learners, parents, whānau alongside teachers working together to encourage and nurture students to ensure the collective success and achievement of all.

Like the body of Te Wairepo that cleans, filters, feeds and flows through our school of which we name ourselves, Ngā Mana Kākano o te Wairepo is an integral part of a wider learning environment. We see this analogy as our relationship with the English medium part of Victory Primary School. Our role is to keep channels of communication and participation clear, so that our kākano are nurtured in an environment that recognises and builds on who they are and where they are from.

Like Te Wairepo stream flows through the repo, out into Te Aorere and beyond to the open sea, we prepare our students for their full participation in the wider environment, beyond Victory Primary School and beyond Aotearoa in the pursuit of both collective and individual excellence, aims and dreams.

‘E kore e hekeheke, he kākano rangatira’. Our noble heritage will never perish.

