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KAIRANGI MANAAKITANGA WHANAUNGATANGA

NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 10: Friday 25 September 2026



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orāna, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Salam! *Ka pai students practising te reo maaori language, and in line with last week's Theme, how to say some tricky te reo town names. Ngaa mihi nui e te whaanau for joining our Te Reo Maaori Language School Assembly. Ka rawe Mrs Fakaalofa and the Junior Cultural Group for their most confident and disciplined opening waiata performances. Ka mau te wehi ngaa kaiako for leading vibrant aakonga waiata performances too – arohatia te reo!! Tino pai recipients of the Values and Phonics Awards, as well as Lamia, Sofiya and Mikayla, our Kindness Manaaki recipients!*















Victorious voices! *Mr Sello (R26 Teacher/Conductor) and the Viscount School Choir performed on Tuesday 8 September at the Kids Sing Festival in the Town Hall. They sounded glorious, heavenly, so beautiful! We're SUPER PROUD of our students and Mr Sello!!! Out of 48 participating schools, they received 1) Silver Award; 2) Best Choir Award, and 3) Mr Sello won Best Conductor Award! NGAA MIHI NUI Mr Sello for his Kairangi high expectations and consistent efforts that led the Viscount Choir to an exemplary standard!*





Terrific technology! *This Term, classes have enjoyed their technological EOTC trips and studies about 'planet earth & beyond' (Y1–3), artistic design (Y4–6) and entrepreneurial endeavours (Y7–8). R12 had an absolute blast making astronauts and following papier mache instructions to craft planets. Y7–8 students' have been convincing readers with their persuasive writing – way to go, Matthias and Aiyana (R1) with your 'shark tank pitches'! Tino pai Y4–6 for hosting a most stunning Tech Expo – our eyes and ears were dazzled! Congrats Middle Team for leading your students through tricky tech processes and bringing their cross-curricular creative capabilities to life* (see p.2). *Next Term begins with the Tread Lightly mobile van visiting with all classes engaging in fun interactive activities and exhibits. We look forward to the students' curiosity and creative action related to their environmental sustainability studies.*



"Every Moment Matters" for your child's future 🎯🏅 *It's been wonderful to see SOOOO many students return over the past four weeks, after SOOOO much yucky sickness! WOOHOO we returned to 90%s school wide day attendance **AND** beat our Term Target, **AND** beat previous years' stats **AGAIN**! Nice job, everyone!!!* 💚 *Thank you parents/whaanau, and our fabulous staff for another beaut successful Term. Reflecting on finding pathways to success, I close with this whakataukii: "I orea te tuatara ka patu ki waho" (adapting, persisting, creative solution-seeking, until there's a breakthrough). Kia pai te raa whakataa, have a peaceful weekend, we hope you have some special time with friends and whaanau during the Term break. See you Monday 12 October, bright and early* 🌺

1ST PLACE TOP TERM 3 ATTENDANCE WINNERS		
YEAR 1–3	YEAR 4–6	YEAR 7–8
Room 15	Room 27	Room 8

Fa'afetai tele lava
Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal – Pule o le Aoga

Are you sick and tired of having a heavy and cluttered back pack? Well, we've decided to create a bag that reduces the weight of the bag straps while also being spacious inside, making it easier to organize your daily items. Truth is, having a cluttered and heavy backpack can make even the simplest tasks feel overwhelming. Just to make it worse, the weight of the straps can cause physical strain on your muscles. Our solution is a long-lasting leather bag that will give you a luxurious feeling on your shoulders!
Matthias R1

Do you just hate it when you brush your hair and it gets stuck between the bristles? Owwww-ch!! Don't worry! Introducing the self-cleaning hair brush! One click and the second layer pops off with all that hair as well! Then apply that layer back on - it works faster than you can blink your eye! To prevent you from accidently pushing the button when brushing, with a hard push, it'll stay put. A product just right for any woman. Boys, or men can use it, including Sir L (our teacher)! Eco-friendly and convenient.
Aiyana R1

Middle Team Y4-6 Tech Expo!













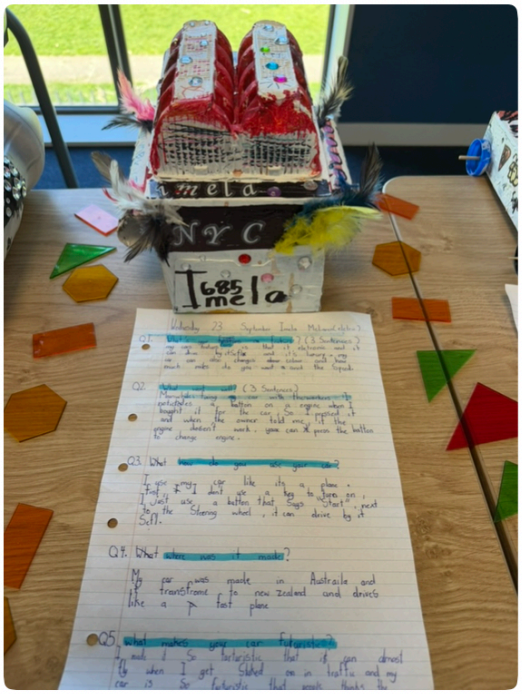



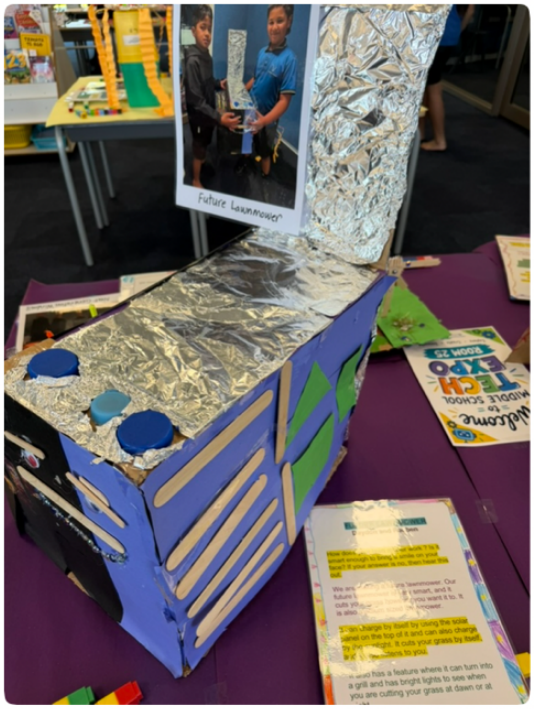

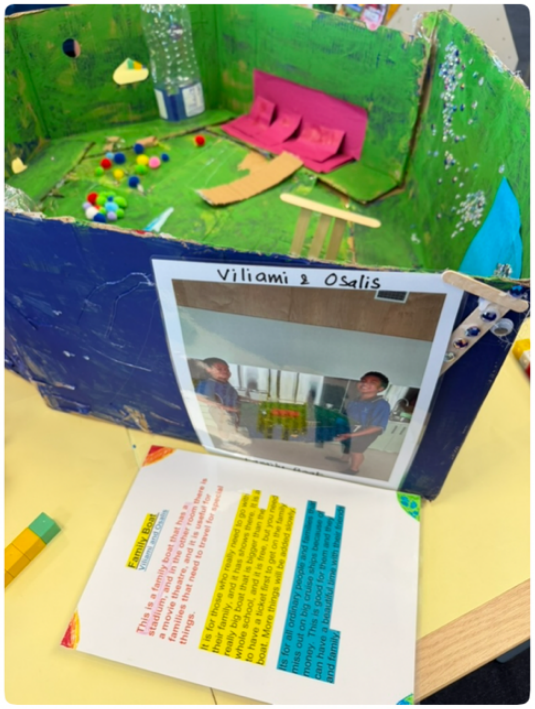

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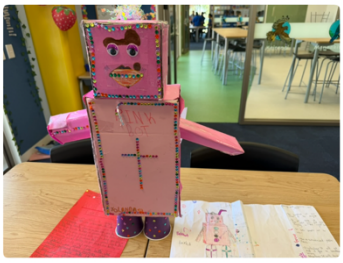

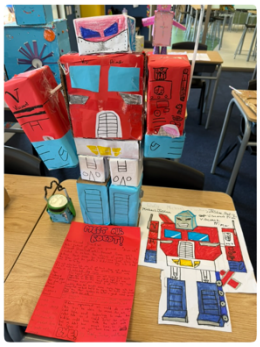











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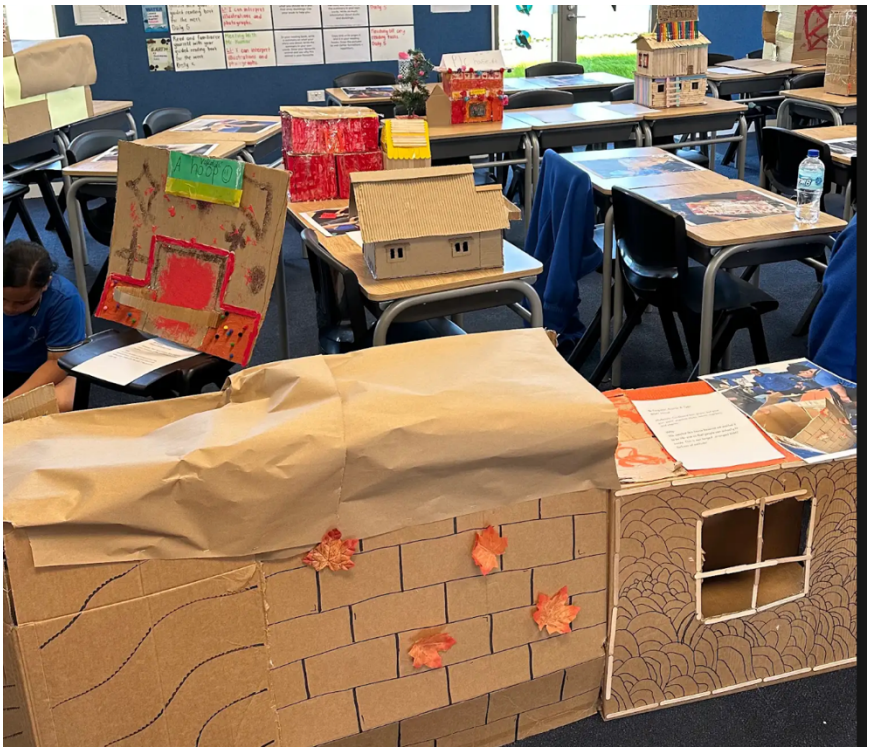














TERM FOUR 2026: Monday 12 October – Friday 18 December

TERM FOUR BOARD MEETINGS: Monday 9 November & 7 December @ 5:30 pm

Reminder: Teacher Only Curriculum Day: Friday 6 November (no school)

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS ☺ See previous Newsletters emailed to you and on our website.

Student arrival and leaving times

- Students **arrive by 8:30 am**. School starts 9 am and finishes 3 pm
- If late, students must sign in at the Library and go straight to class (learning time has already begun)
- If you need to collect your child earlier for an appointment, call the Office in advance. **Children must be collected and signed out from the Office only between 11:30 to 11:45 am**
- **3 pm is home time for all students. There is no supervision after school. No students should return to School after hours. Let's all keep safe**
- Safely walk on the paths and walk across the pedestrian crossing





Drop off / Pick up:

- Only use the Manukau Rovers car parks and/or surrounding streets. When parked in Rovers, please follow the safety cones, traffic flow, exits and staff on duty. **NO stopping or parking at the cones**
- For everyone's safety, please do not park on yellow lines or drop off inside the School gate (this is for staff parking and regular utility vehicles need safe access to our drop off and exit areas). Safety first please ☺

Food/Drink/MoE healthy lunches:





- Any food wrapping brought to School, goes home with your child/in their lunch box **'Pack In Pack Out'**. We are a health promoting School, please consider healthy snack options, rather than highly processed and sugary foods
- If packing your child's own food, consider using containers to reduce waste
- MoE lunch and fruit provided daily. Any needs/changes, please call the Office
- Water only (no fizzy or juice) – students bring a bottle to fill with water each day
- **NO sweets, NO gum.** We do not have class parties/party food (health/allergy reasons)

Uniform, stationery & devices:





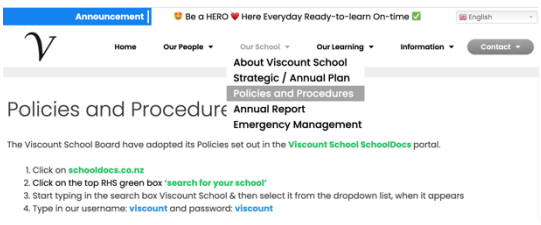


- Viscount School uniform is compulsory. Please purchase the blue collar top, with the black shorts or skort. The blue hat is compulsory for all students Term 1 & 4. Black sandals Term 1 & 4 or black shoes – NO crocs or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe). The new fleece full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3. Students can wear our supplied free black jacket (ask at the Office), to/from school, outside, during Term 2 & 3. Black trousers optional, only worn in Term 2 & 3. **NO tights worn as pants**
- To buy uniform, please visit our new supplier, NZ Uniforms (Unit 5, 20 Lambie Dr, Manukau) shop or order online. Ask at their info desk for orders/your needs
- We supply free stationery for your child upon enrolment
- **NO student cell phones at School, it is illegal (as is smoking and vaping onsite)**

Enrolments:

- Visit or call the Office first and we'll help you enrol your child. Also see our School Website (zone)

Queries, concerns, School info, Policies:



- **See your child's teacher first.** You may then like to see the Team Leader, DP, AP or Principal. You're welcome to visit, call the Office or email the teacher, TL, DP or Principal. Please do not delay
- Our Policies can be accessed on our School Website in the Viscount SchoolDocs site. **Term 3 2026 Policy review closing soon ☺ SchoolDocs new look site in Nov**

Viscount Breakfast Club:

- Some social fun for tamariki as they enjoy some free healthy kai in Room 7 at 8:30 am – 8:45 am

Wheels – bikes, scooters:

- Students are responsible for their own bike/scooter. Students must wear helmets and are responsible for securing their own bike/scooter. Wheels must be walked in School grounds. See the DP for information about safety routines and expectations for bringing any wheels to School

Notices, Newsletters:

- Emailed to parents/caregivers Friday fortnightly (let us know if your details have changed)
- Also posted on our School website www.viscount.school.nz (our online communication)
- Download the *KiwiSchools* App to your mobile (see link on our School Website)



Board Meetings – twice a Term, Mondays (for dates, please see our School Website Calendar)