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KAIRANGI MANAAKITANGA WHANAUNGATANGA

# NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 6: Friday 20 November 2026

***Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orāna, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Salam!*** ***Nau mai haere mai, welcome new students and parents/whaanau!*** *Term 4 is whizzing by fast! Ka pai students, with only four weeks remaining, keep showing our VS Values* ***Kairangi, Manaakitanga*** *and* ***Whanaungatanga!***






***Marvellous maths!*** *All students have been expanding their reasoning skills and efficient use of materials to 'show' and explain their number thinking. Big thanks to Rob Proffitt-White for his effective modelling sessions with all Year Levels. Rob says our students are enthusiastic mathematicians, as are our responsive teachers* 👏🏽

***Wonderful writers!*** *Tino pai students practising their 'to entertain' writing skills. We're super proud of your endurance during the assessments too! Nice one, Najuma R15, for sharing your descriptive wave story!*




***Book Battle!*** *Congrats to Middle School students Samuel, Lloyd, Frankie and Buona who battled it out in their first South Auckland inter-school literacy competition! The crew won a book voucher and Buona won a book prize! Super proud of their* ***Kairangi*** *attitude! Big thanks Mrs Ash for inspiring competitive courage and nurturing love of literature.*



***Junior School Zoo EOTC:*** *Ka rawe Y1-3 students who loved their learning at the Zoo yesterday. Huge thanks to the many parent volunteers who provided supervision support!* 🤩 *Like the practical Tread Lightly Van visits, students explored how animals are sustained in different habitats and cared for by groups of people in the community. Learning how to take manageable action, aakonga are discovering practical ways to care for people, place and the provisions in their environment. We love Matthew's detailed drawing that supported his writing about the endangered tiger!* 🧡

***Athletics Y4-6:*** *Thank you for joining us at our Manu Whaanau Athletics! Super proud of students who gave their fullest effort in the events, to place winners, and to our Y7-8 reps who participated in the South Western Zone Competition. Ka rawe* ***Kaahu Manu*** *who scored the highest points on the day! Superb Y4-8 kaiako organisation!*








*We've noticed an attendance dip on rainy days. Kia kaha - when it's raining, students still need to come to school. Please remember the black rain jacket is very useful. Through our united Viscount School community efforts, let's have all students attend each day* 💚 *"Every Moment Matters" for your child's future* 🎯🎖️
***If you're unsure about your child's health, always please speak with your child's teacher or call the Office.***

***Congratulations*** *to our wonderful* ***Mr Joash Kumar*** *on his two years' teaching completion, and super proud of you at the registration ceremony!* 🎖️ *Thank you for your excellent mahi with our students. Reflecting on this quote: "Taking care of the needs of today, without compromising the needs of tomorrow", I close with this whakataukii:* ***Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua*** *(Care for the land, care for the people, go forward). Kia pai te raa whakataa, have a peaceful weekend.*




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

**TERM FOUR 2026:** Mon 12 Oct – Fri 18 Dec
**TERM ONE 2027:** Tues 2 Feb – Fri 9 April
**TERM FOUR BOARD MEETINGS:**
Mon 7 Nov & Tues 8 Dec @ 5:30 pm

**!!BOARD SURVEY DRAW** for 3 $200 vouchers
(winners contacted via email)
**!!REMINDER:** Junior School Athletics Wed 9 Dec
(students wear Manu Whaanau colour t-shirts)

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:





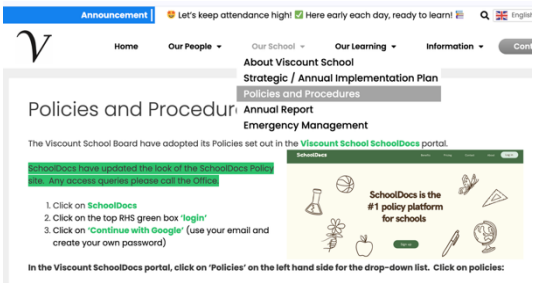


- Viscount School uniform is compulsory. Please purchase the blue collar top, with the black shorts or skort. The blue hat is compulsory for all students Term 1 & 4. Black sandals Term 1 & 4 or black shoes – NO crocs or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe). The new fleece full zip is compulsory for 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 are found on our School Website. Please see new logon using your own Gmail. We welcome your review of Term 4 2026 Policies ☺

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)