



Term 2 Newsletter

Week 2

5th May 2023

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lati ahu, Bula, Namaste, Ni hao and Hello to everyone

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians,

We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter and holidays with your whanau.

This term will be a busy time of learning. Staff spent time on our Staff Day learning about a health programme called Mitey. This programme is designed to help students and staff learn to take care of their own wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. This term the focus is on identity and recognising our feelings.

Kapa Haka

We are also seeking to develop our programmes so that our cultural experiences happen throughout the year and not only in Language or Diversity weeks. There will be more information on this in the next few weeks.

Shirley Hardcastle
Principal

Visitors to our School

We welcomed a few visitors to our school. This week we welcomed Christopher Luxon so we could show him how well our students are doing and to make sure if he is elected that he continues to help the school rebuild.



We will also welcome Whaea Mere Komene, a mana whenua kuia who we have invited to help guide our rebuild. We also hope to have Mr Hipkins here later.

KEY DATES

TERM 2

Tues 16th May

Yr 7/8 Girls Football

Thurs 18th May

4:30pm - Talanoa

Fri 19th May

Pink Shirt Day

Tues 23rd May

Yr 7/8 Boys Football

Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June

Samoan Language Week

Mon 29th May

5.30pm -BOT Meeting

Tues 30th May

Yr 7/8 Girls Rugby

Weds 31st May

9am-10am Pre-school Visits

Mon 5th June

King's Birthday
(SCHOOL CLOSED)

Tues 6th June

Yr 7/8 Boys Rugby

Mon 26th June

5.30pm – BOT Meeting

Thurs 29th June

Last Day of Term for students

Fri 30th June

Parent-Student-Teacher
Conferences.

Rebuilding the School

Work is continuing with this project with staff working with the architects to plan out the new learning spaces and to think about all the things we want to keep or change. As well some staff have been out visiting other schools.



Three key ideas behind the design and colours.

Did you know that Viscount was the name of the most popular passenger plane in New Zealand at the time the school was built.

Ideas and Origin	Relation to Learning
Soaringnearby airport.	To achieve at a high level.
Resting place....looking to our birds who rest in this area and in the nearby Manukau Harbour.	Quiet, safe place to learn.
Navigatingour way to Mangere and through life.	Working collaboratively together as we navigate our learning journey.

We will soon be holding another talanoa time for whanau to come along and talk about the buildings and what is important to keep. I have been working with an arborist on the trees to make sure they do not cut them all down.

Stages

The school will be rebuilt in three stages:

A: 2 class blocks and demolition of the main two storey block.

B: 3 class blocks.

C: Build a new hall and admin area and demolish the rest of the old classrooms.

There will be a lot more information – and probably some changes too, as we move forward.

CONCEPT

VISCOUNT AEROPLANE OVER AUCKLAND

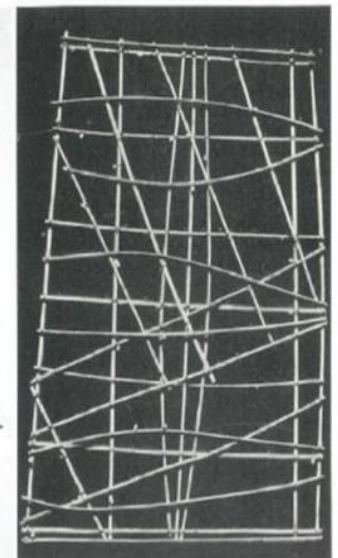


KUAKA / GODWIT BIRD



"The Kuaka, or bar-tailed Godwit, has a strong sense of place. This resilient bird undertakes one of the longest known migrations with an annual 11,000 km non-stop migration from the arctic to New Zealand. Kuaka fly in a flock, taking turns between leading the pack and supporting the leader."

POLYNESIAN NAVIGATION STICK CHART





Staff Movements

We were sad to farewell Linette Mathew of Room 15, at the end of term 1. Linette has jetted off to the UK to work and travel. Linette was at Viscount School for over 5 years and was a very effective teacher. We wish her well. In her place, Kate Hopkins and Jennifer Moon have taken over the class.

NZEI

Teachers are currently considering the latest pay offer and will vote by 10th May on this. I hope we can avoid any further strikes.

Stand with us against Bullying!





Friday 19 May

- Wear a pink shirt or a bright colour to school
- Bring a gold coin donation
- By taking part we will be helping to stamp out bullying by promoting kindness and inclusion

Funds raised will support the Mental Health Foundation

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora!
Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



Community Notices



ME Family Services presents

Manaaki Whanau Fun Day

WALTER MASSEY PARK
MANGERE EAST

SATURDAY, 17 JUNE 2023
10:00AM - 2:00PM

FREE

FOOD | LIVE MUSIC | DJ | GAMES
BOUNCY CASTLES | PRIZES
CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

