



Term 2 Newsletter

Week 6

29th May 2023

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

Talofa lava matua ma aiga peleina,

Samoan Language week is always a great week. A few days ago, I happened to go to see a teacher and heard such sweet singing of Samoan harmonies. So beautiful.

We have also been asked if we would like Samoan classes after school and places are filling fast. It will be 3:30pm – 5:00pm once a week and parents will need to collect their children afterwards. The tutor is Emi Fepuleai. Application forms are available at the office.

Kapa Haka

We are thrilled to meet up with Whaea Pare and be able to offer Kapa Haka again to our tamariki each Friday and help staff with te reo and building our knowledge of the local area. Ka Pai

Ma le fa’amaoni,
Shirley Hardcastle
Principal

Viscount School app

We have a new school ap. Please go to <http://onelink.to/sb8tvm> to download this ap – free to install and scroll down for Viscount School.



KEY DATES

TERM 2

29th May –2nd June

Samoan Language Week

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

Weds 14th June

School Disco - Matariki

Mon 26th June

5.30pm – BOT Meeting

Thurs 29th June

Pyjama Day

Last Day of Term for students

Fri 30th June

Parent-Student-Teacher
Conferences.

**School is closed for
instruction**

Pink Day

Thank you to everyone for this day when we all said NO to bullying. We say that every day but it is good to have a special day as well. This year we have talked a lot about being an up stander – speaking up and not standing by if bullying happens.

The gold coin donation was just over \$350 which has gone to The Mental Health Foundation. Great work everyone. Thank you for your support.

School Disco – Weds 14th June

Matariki - *Time to shine.*

Matariki falls in the holidays this year so we thought we would have an early celebration to push away all of the bad weather and have some fun.

Years 1-4: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Years 5-8: 6.30pm – 8:00pm

Our DJs will be Fred and Bond.

Children will need a permission slip to purchase a ticket to attend and must be collected by parents.

Tickets will be on sale between 6th and 13th June before school from the Library. Permission slips will be sent out 2nd June.



Pyjama Day – Thurs 29th June

Get ready to have the most comfortable and snuggly day at school this term! Hubbards have asked to support our school on Pyjama Day. They will be setting up a Breakfast Caravan at the front of the school and will be giving a free breakfast to our tamariki.

Awesome!



Staff movements

We are sad to be farewelling **Ms Bickrum** and **Ms Moon** this week. They have both found traveling here from East Auckland difficult and so will be moving to schools closer to their homes. Ms Bickrum has been here for 5 years, and we thank her for her service. Ms Bickrum has completed reports and senior staff will be available to meet with parents at parent conference time. **Mr Sello** will start in Room 23 at the beginning of Term 3 and we will have a reliever in the room until then.

Mrs Langiono- Vilisoni will start work in Room 15 on the Wednesday 7th June and available to meet with parents during parent conference time.

Mrs Balasooriyage will be leaving us later this term to take care of her baby and travel overseas. **Ms Juhl** will take over Room 12. Parents will be invited to meet with Mrs Balasooriyage before she leaves and you can also meet with Ms Juhl at parent conference time on Friday 30th June..

Cyber Safety Evening – Tues 18th July, 7-9 pm

We are very lucky to get two great speakers. Everyone who is online or has a child online MUST come along so you can learn how to keep your child safe. It can be a scary place in cyber space.

We will serve pizza and a cuppa.

Talanoa Time feedback

Thank you to everyone for coming along. Your thoughts are precious to us. I pass them on to the Board and give the Mitey feedback to our Mitey team and the rebuild comments to the architects.

Wellbeing:

We talked about the Mitey programme and showed a video

- Invite specialists to talk about social media/devices safety
- Need more understanding on relationships e.g students, friends
- Problems – social media issues, restless
 - - Parents to come in when they can
- Cultures – understanding each culture is important, traditions, show empathy
- Need school counsellor
- Workshops to educate parents about well-being e.g what is it?
- Discuss Christian values, respect, reach out, friendly,
- Promote well-being activities e.g talent quest
- Online safe talk e.g positive and negatives, educate parents
- Gender Inclusion
- Bilingual Units
- Traffic road safety
- Diversity
- Tikanga/Kawa
- Year 7/8 school camps to teach life skills
- Cultures cont'd...Languages to teach, promote, acknowledge and maintain at school

Rebuilding the School

- Use Kingfisher's colours on the building
- We like the use of local birds including the Kuaka and the Kotāre
- Shaped like a bird
- Community-friendly use e.g school hall
- Hall to hire
- Showers and bathrooms
- Sports facilities included
- Signs to show directions to be clear where everything are e,g office
- Pools for swimming lessons e.g water safety
- Plant more trees around school
- Space for cultural activities e.g hangi, umu

Community Notices



Viscount School presents:

Parents Cyber Safety Evening

With Rob Cope - Author, Parent & Filmmaker of the
2020 documentary: 'Our Kids Online'

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to cyber bullying, predators, pornography, gaming, social media and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.

Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

TUESDAY 18TH JULY 2023 | 7PM - 9PM
65 VISCOUNT STREET, MĀNGERE, AUCKLAND

To find out more about Rob's work
visit www.ourkidsonline.info



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



ME
FAMILY
SERVICES

Gagana Samoa
Samoa Language Week



28 ▶ 03
MAY JUNE



Mitamita i lau gagana, mau'a lou fa'asinomaga

Be proud of your language and grounded in your identity



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