



Term 3

Week 8

4th September 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 whanau

Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi want to hear your thoughts on the work they have done to make Viscount Street and the Rovers Car park safer for children.

It is really important that you tell them what you think of the changes as *they are proposing to convert the temporary changes into permanent structures before the end of June 2024 and want your feedback now*. We know that it has been difficult to get in and out of the carpark and there can be a lot of cars arriving and leaving at 3pm.

The meeting is at 2.30pm on Thursday 7th September. Do come along or send an email to admin@viscount.school.nz telling Auckland Transport what you like and don't like about the changes.

From their letter to the school:

A drawing showing the proposed changes can be accessed by the below QR code.



Shirley Hardcastle
Principal

KEY DATES

TERM 3

Mon 4th - Fri 8th Sept

TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Mon 11th – 15th Sept

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

Mon 18th Sept

BOT meeting

Thurs 21st Sept

Market Day

Fri 22nd Sept

Last day term 3

Monday 9th October

First day term 4

Friday 20th October

BEATZ of Mangere
Mountain View School

Tuesday 24th October

School Athletics Day

Monday 30th October

Photolife

Tuesday 14th November

Staff Only day - Curriculum
refresh

Friday 24 November

Diversity day parade

Tuesday 12 December

Sports Assembly

Thursday 14th December

Graduation Assembly and
Graduation dinner y8

Friday 15 December

Last day Term 4

Board of Trustees news

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection but -

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to the school office marked:

Attention

Tinei Tagaloa Leniu

Presiding member

Viscount Board of Trustees

C/- Viscount School Board of Trustees

OR send your request to

tineit742@gmail.com

By the 20th September, 2023

Early pick ups

As part of our safety review, we have found we need to change the way children can go home early. It is a huge problem for teachers to have their learning interrupted by requests for children to go home early and is hard to manage at the office.

So, **from Monday 11th September**, parents or caregivers who need to take a child out early for an appointment will need to **come to the office between 11.30-11.45 only to sign their child out**. Otherwise, all children will need to stay **until 3pm** and we cannot release children before this time.

Please also note that only parents or caregivers can sign children out.

Making a wish

Thank you so much for your wishes and thoughts. There were many wishes from parents for their child's success and we will do our best to make that happen. There were also many wishes for a swimming pool, devices and new playgrounds as well as to see our new buildings start to be built.

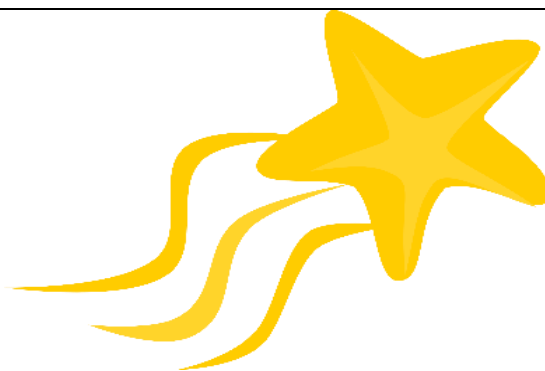
There was a lot of good information for our Board to add to our 2024-5 Strategic plan. Thank you everyone.

The architects did the draw for our hamper prizes on Friday and the lucky recipients of the hampers are:

1 – Anna Valu, Rm 27

2 – Centri Tahana, Rm 2

3 – Miki Opeti-Finau, Rm 27



Board signs off on new build design

Last Friday the Board agreed to sign off on the designs for the school rebuild classrooms. We know it will take a while to get the building work started but this is a good step forward. If you meet any politicians make sure you tell them to make sure they have the money to pay for Viscount School's new buildings. We don't want anyone to forget about us!

Lockdown practice

We had a lockdown practice last Tuesday. Everyone completed the drill, and we were told it was an excellent practice by Harrison Tew who supervised the practice. We hope we never need to do this for real but will let you know through our school website www.viscount.school.nz if we ever do need to lockdown.

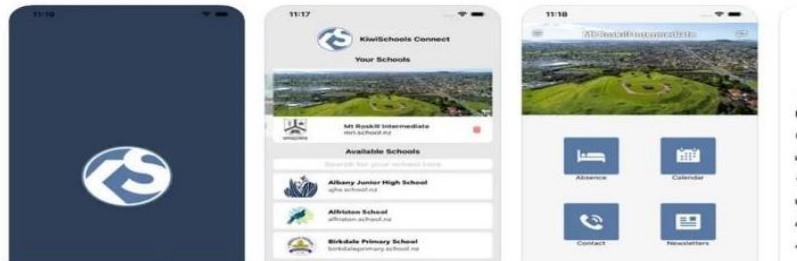
Viscount School app

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



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iPhone Screenshots



School Uniform

Sadly, due to supply issues beyond our control, we have needed to move to a local supplier. We have tried to keep the style and quality similar and the price as close to the original as possible. Students can continue to wear previously purchased items.

The good news is that you can now order online and a link that is enclosed here and is on our website. A new price list is also available online.

<https://www.uniformhub.co.nz/collections/viscount-school>