



Term 3 Newsletter

Week 10

18th 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 met with staff, parents and the Ministry of Education to discuss Viscount Street and the council car park. While some changes such as the raised crossing and cutting down on parking in Viscount Street are helpful, some changes are not.

We have told them that it is vital that a second exit from the car park is made. If there is anything else to add, do let me know.

Shirley Hardcastle
Principal

Sports shoes

Following a wonderfully generous offer from one of our whanau, some lucky children got to send in their shoe size to get a pair of sports shoes. The first batch of these arrived on Monday 18th – mainly for younger students. I am told the rest will arrive in the next few weeks, so the remainder will be given next term.

We are amazed and delighted at this generous gift. Im sure this will spur some of our future sports people on to achieving great things.

Early pick ups

As part of our safety review, we have found we need to change the way children go home early to ensure every child is safe. It is also 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, as of Monday 11th September, parents or caregivers who have needed to take a child out early for an appointment, have had 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.

KEY DATES

TERM 3

Mon 18th Sept
BOT meeting

Thurs 21st Sept
Market Day

Fri 22nd Sept
Last day Term 3 - 3pm

TERM 4

Mon 9th Oct
First day Term 4

Mon 13th Oct
Photolife

Fri 20th Oct
BEATZ of Mangere
Mountain View School

Tues 31st Oct
School Athletics Day

Tues 14th Nov
Staff Only day - Curriculum
refresh and Prof Russell
Bishop

Weds 22nd Nov
Our Kids Online parent
meeting - 6pm

Fri 24 Nov
Diversity day parade

Fri 15 Dec
Last day Term 4 - 12.30 close

Market Day - Thursday 21st September - 12.00pm-1.30pm

On this day children will sell products they have been making as part of the terms work and learning around enterprise – a separate email with more details has been sent.

Please note that children should remain at school when Market Day finishes until 3pm.



Go the Viscount Reds and Viscount Blacks

Bev Teraitua and Justine Montague have been coaching two very enthusiastic basketball teams. They have reached the finals which will take place this Thursday after school at the Mangere Town Centre swimming pool basketball court. Watching them is even more exciting than watching the Warriors!

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 Wednesday 20th September 2023

Other news

Tēnā koutou katoa Viscount School whanau/community,

On behalf of the Board, I am announcing that our principal, the lovely Mrs. Shirley Hardcastle, will resign at the end of this year, 2023. For the years that Shirley has been with our school, with her dedication and hard work, she has helped turn around our school with the many positive changes that have and will continue to benefit our students and the wider school community.

The board are now working closely with Ian Fox from FoxEd Education Consultant, who supported the board with the appointment of Shirley and Madeleine East, who was involved with our school before as Commissioner and Lead Statutory Manager (LSM) and has remained a good friend of our school. Altogether, we will begin work on recruiting a new principal.

The board appreciates that you will want an experienced and hardworking Principal who will ensure our students will continue to enjoy very high standards of teaching in a safe environment, but if you wish to make a comment or have any specific thoughts about the appointment, please leave a message at the school giving your contact details and myself or another board member will be happy to contact you.

Ngā mihi,
Tinei Tagaloa Leniu
Presiding member, Viscount School Board

Making a wish

We asked Chat GPT to sort out the wishes. Here is their summary:

Chat GPT – Sept 2023

It looks like you have a collection of statements, wishes, and suggestions related to various aspects of education, school, and students' well-being. To help organize these statements, you can categorize them based on common themes or topics. Here's a categorization of the provided statements:

Category 1: Educational Goals and Aspirations

- "To be smart and learn from my teachers and friends."
- "To be great and better in school."
- "To have a successful life and reach all planned goals."
- "To get ahead in school and become famous."
- "To excel in every subject."

Category 2: School Environment and Facilities

- "More water fountains."
- "More safety procedures put in place for Earthquake, Fires, Floods, Shooting."
- "A better pick up and drop off zone."
- "To have a swimming pool."
- "Heat pumps in every classroom."
- "Bigger Hall and more chairs."

Category 3: Sports and Physical Activities

- "To join sports teams."
- "More sports activities during playtimes."
- "More equipment to play with at break times."
- "Summer and winter uniforms."
- "More sports days."
- "Field hockey."

Category 4: Curriculum and Learning

- "Learn from experiences not just from books!"
- "More science projects"
- "Provide sketch books so they don't draw on their workbooks."
- "Complete construction as planned and have a special Art room and art teacher."
- "Improve in reading and math."
- "Māori cultural group and more Māori influence so my daughter can embrace her heritage."

Category 5: Communications and Community

- "Good communication between teachers and students."
- "A newsletter every month."
- "More trips."
- "To encourage creativity, problem solving and decision-making skills."
- "To embrace every opportunity and excel in all subjects."
- "To stimulate curiosity in learning through discovery and exploration and positive interactions with teacher and peers."

Category 6: Miscellaneous

- "Gum to be banned from the school."
- "A cafeteria and clean toilets."
- "Lunch options."



- “Use plastic plates and bowls for lunch.”
- “Vending machine.”
- “Fast food day.”

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>

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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