



Term 4 Newsletter

Week 5

7th November 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 whānau

BEATZ of Māngere

Our students gave wonderful performances and we have asked them to repeat these at our Diversity Parade so if you weren't able to get to Beatz you will still have a chance to be "blown away" by our performers. A number of staff put a lot of work in behind the scenes and the result is a credit to them.

Thanks to our staff for organising such a lovely day.

Shirley Hardcastle
Principal



KEY DATES TERM 4

Tues 7th Nov
Yr 7/8 Touch

Tues 7th-Thurs 9th Nov
CM games Yr5-8 Basketball

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

Wed 15th Nov
Yr 4-6 MOSA Athletics Day
Yr 2-3 Zoo trip

Wed 22nd Nov
Our Kids Online – 6.30 pm

Thurs 23rd Nov
Yr 7-8 Zone Athletic Sports

Fri 24th Nov
Diversity day parade

Mon 27th Nov–Fri 13th Dec
Life Caravan

Mon 27th Nov
BOT meeting 5.30pm

Wed 29th Nov
Yr 1 Ambury Farm trip

Tues 12th Dec
Sports Assembly

Wed 13th Dec
School Prizegivings

Thurs 14th Dec
Yr 8 Graduation

Fri 15th Dec
Last day Term 4 - 12.30 close

Board of Trustees News

Tēnā koutou katoa Viscount School Whānau/Community,

As you all know, our lovely principal, Mrs Shirley Hardcastle is resigning at the end of this year and so the school board have been working very hard together with Fox Consultants and Madeleine East to recruit a new principal for our school. It is my privilege to inform you that the Board have appointed Dr Deanna Johnston as the new principal from next year, 2024. We believe that Dr Deanna Johnston, has the vast experience and rich qualities and expertise that will be of great benefit to Viscount. Below is a short bio of Dr Deanna Johnston.

Ngā mihi,
Tinei Tagaloa Leniu
Presiding Member
Viscount School Board of Trustees



Dr Deanna Johnston has been in the education field for 35 years. She is an experienced principal, having led four culturally rich Y1-8 schools, including a school in Māngere. Deanna brings with her, educational leadership experience across a range of diverse settings and in a range of roles.

Dr Johnston brings her passion for and expertise in curriculum, teaching/learning, leadership, instructional mentoring, restorative practice and visual arts. Deanna's academic studies and practical application, focus on high-quality relationships and high-quality teaching/learning. She has recently completed studies in Te Reo Māori.

Dr Johnson is proud of her Sāmoan and Pākehā cultural heritage. Deanna is married to Stephen, a principal and has two sons, William (a computer graphic designer) and Jack (recently entered Medicine/University). She is the Presiding Member of a South Auckland College. Deanna is one of six siblings; one of her brothers is also a principal. In her spare time, Deanna loves gardening, enjoys her Sāmoan traditions, family, walking, music, lego and transformers.

PhotoLife Orders

Access codes were sent out via email for you to order your child/rens photos on Mon 30th Oct. If you do not have your code, please get in touch with the office as soon as possible.

FREE DELIVERY BACK TO SCHOOL ends at midnight on **SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2023.**

Farewells

We are saddened to receive resignations from Kate Hopkins, Lucina Park and Urvi Rana. All have said they are finding the travel difficult and have sought positions closer to where they live. We are working hard to find teachers who can fill these positions and will let u know who as soon as the appointment process is completed.

Mitey

This year the school has run a programme called Mitey. This programme was developed by the Sir John Kirwan Foundation and was designed to help children manage their mental health. The programme ranges from friendships to talking about feelings and how to manage them. We think this programme is needed even more now following the lockdowns of 2020 on. These times not only disrupted learning but it also affected children's social development and we are working hard to help everyone make up for the negative effects of those times.

Year 7 and 8 are exploring Health, here is a sample from two poems:

"Health,
The nature around,
The trees, the leaves, the birds and the ground,
Nature is my home,
For my tinana, body,
And my wairua, soul,
But nature is dying,
And so is my home!
They cut down our trees,
They're polluting our breeze,
They're hurting our planet,
So they can drive by with ease."

J.P – Year 8

"How can you expect to be wealthy if you are not even healthy; healthy mind, healthy soul,
healthy soul, healthy body can you attach all these aspects to your role? Mental, physical,
emotional, and social a lot of healthy habits can gain great profits.
Open your eyes and what do you see? Health may be wealth but what does that mean? Vitamin
A, Vitamin B and C add this to your daily routine. Without health there is no wealth. You can't
get to work when you are sick and weak, you can't care for those who need you the most whilst
deplet-ed, because health is wealth."

S.M – Year 8

Wig Wednesday - 25th October 2023

We raised \$210 for the Cancer Society. Thank you everyone.



Athletics Day – Mon 6th November 2023

So finally, we got a day without rain, and we saw just how fast some children can run. Mr Stevens is putting together a group to go to the MOSA Y4-6 Athletics competition. This is an athletics meet for students in our local schools. A team will also be chosen to go to the Auckland Y7/8 Athletic meet. You will be sent a letter if this involves your child,

Thanks to our staff for organising another lovely day.

Staff Only Day – REMINDER – Tues 14th November 2023

School will be closed for staff only to attend a curriculum refresh training.

Sports shoes

Our wonderful parents will be back soon to supply the students who are still to get their shoes this Thursday.

REMINDER 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.

Parents or caregivers who need to take a child out early for an appointment, 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.

Thank you everyone for helping us to keep your children safe.

Update Contact Details

If you have recently moved or changed home/mobile numbers, please let us know. It is important that we have the correct details to get in touch with you if there is ever an emergency regarding your child.

School Uniform

Uniforms are no longer ordered at the school office. Follow the link below to make an online order.

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

Viscount School app

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