



Term 4 Newsletter

Week 8

29th November 2023

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

Dear parents and whanau,

Time is quickly slipping by, and we are coming toward the end of Term 4 and the 2023 school year. Most of the term's activities are drawing to a close with only the Auckland championships left for our wonderful relay team and a shot-put finalist.

We would like to have to get in one more Talanoa next Thursday. This will be to have a chat about Camp for next year's Year 7 and 8 and get your thoughts on the Health curriculum. It will be at 4.30 on Thursday 7th December.

Please also note the dates and times for the school prizegiving's. As we can't all fit in the Hall at the same time, please note the different times for different classes. All are welcome.

School starts for students on the Thursday 1st February 2024, and I understand the day will involve a welcome to the new principal.

Best wishes,

Shirley Hardcastle
Principal

Fruit Trees

The student council worked with Auckland Council and people from the Ngaa Hau O Mangere Ngahere project to choose fruit trees for Vickers Park and this Friday they will go there to plant them as an early start on redevelopment. The school has been telling the council for ages that there needs to be more play areas in Mangere West – perhaps they are starting to listen.

We will leave about 9.30am and plan to be back at school around 11.30am. If wet, we may need to postpone, but we are rapidly running out of days so let's hope the forecast is right!

KEY DATES TERM 4 2023

Mon 27th Nov–Wed 13th Dec
Life Caravan

Wed 29th Nov
Yr 1 Ambury Farm trip

Thurs 30th Nov
Yr 7-8 Interzone Athletics

Friday 1st Dec
9.30am – Vickers Park Fruit Tree Planting

Thurs 7th Dec
4.30pm – Talanoa

Tues 12th Dec
9am – Yr 4-6 Prizegiving
11.45am – Yr 1 -3 Prizegiving

Wed 13th Dec
9.15am – Yr 7-8 Prizegiving
6pm – Yr 8 Graduation

Thurs 14th Dec
9.30am - Farewell
Reports will come home.

Fri 15th Dec
12.30pm - Last day Term 4

TERM 1 2024

Wed 24th – Fri 26th Jan
9am-12pm – Office open for Enrolments

Thurs 25th – Fri 26th Jan
9am-12pm – Uniform Pop-Up Shop

Thurs 1st Feb
8.55am - First day for students



Talanoa

We would like to invite you to a session next Thursday 7th December at 4.30pm. We would especially like to see parents of Year 6 and 7 students as the Year 7/8 staff are planning a school camp for March next year. The school has paid for most of this trip and has applied for grants to cover most of the rest. Do come along and hear about this.

We would also like your feedback on the Health curriculum and there is information below for you to think about before the night. You do not need to have to speak - you are welcome even if you have come to listen or just get to know a few other families in our school community.

HEALTH CURRICULUM

This statement was developed by Viscount School as part of our intention to consult our school community about how our Health Education will be implemented at Viscount School. This statement is based on the NZ Physical Education and Health Curriculum and identified student learning needs.

Our programmes are based on the New Zealand Health and Physical education curriculum, emerging student needs, community input and strategic goals to promote hauora/ wellbeing.

Some programmes stand alone, and some are woven into our term theme work.

We aim to encourage students to make healthy choices and have the knowledge and skills to develop healthy habits.

We encourage a range of experiences to develop self-confidence, self-management and relational competencies as identified in the NZ curriculum.

The curriculum is currently developed through four areas.

- **Personal health and physical development** – to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to maintain their personal wellbeing and physical development.
- **Movement concepts and motor skills** – Positive movement and positive attitudes towards physical activity
- **Relationships with other people** – develop knowledge, skills and attitudes that enhance their interactions and relationships with others.
- **Healthy communities and environments** – contribute to healthy communities by taking responsible and critical action.

Mental Health/ Relationships	Physical activity/ Sports/ EOTC	Programmes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mitey• PB4L• Cybersafety• Restorative practice• Kia Kaha – anti- bullying• Making positive choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PE programme• Lunchtime programmes• Sports teams• Cycling• Camps• EOTC – each term• Leadership coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feed my whanau.• Fruit in schools• Gardens• Cooking• Travelwise• Sun safety• Positive puberty• Life Education• Stop smoking and vaping

Property news

The work on the school rebuild is continuing with the architects starting on the drawings for the builders. In the meantime, we will have some classrooms tidied up so they can be used fully until they are no longer needed. This will mean there will be contractors in the school during the holiday break. As staff may not be on site for many of these days, we cannot manage truck movements, so we ask for the safety of your child, that you do not allow your children to use the school grounds in the holidays.

Farewells

We are saddened to receive resignations from Salma Tavita, Amy Shew and Esther Ganta. 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 you know who as soon as the appointment process is completed.

2024 Enrolments and Uniform Pop-Up Shop

The school office will be open next year on Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th January, from 9am-12pm, for pre-enrolments. Enrolment packs will be available from the office, otherwise please see our school website.

There will also be a pop-up uniform shop opening in the school hall for those wanting to purchase uniforms. They will only be open on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th January from 9am-12pm.

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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.

Viscount School app



iPhone Screenshots

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