



Better Every Single Time

TERM 1 WEEK 2: Friday 9 February 2024

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kamusta, Salam, Bula, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum!

Welcome to Term One 2024! We're at the end of our second week already! It's been a successful launch into learning! We do hope that you had some special time with family and friends during the holidays, and also on Waitangi Day ❤️



Talofa lava! I am delighted to join Viscount School as your new Principal! Last Thursday was a beautiful day to welcome staff and students. I thank our awesome staff for organising a special welcome for myself and our new teachers. Fa'afetai tele lava to our Presiding Member Miss Tinei Tagaloa-Leniu and our Deputy Principal Mrs Jan Sila'ila'i for your warm, kind words. I was very impressed with our students who confidently led the welcome: Zerbirdy, Fredrick, Mafi and Molisi. Super well done to our Choir, and the whole School who sang with strong confidence – first day back! Wow! How awesome that we're part of a culturally rich and vibrant community, close to the beautiful Mangere Mountain *Te Pane o Mataoho* and the Manukau Harbour *Manukanuka a Hoturoa!*

Welcome new students! I've really enjoyed meeting lots of new parents/whānau and your beautiful children. We're delighted you've joined Viscount School! Thank you for attending our pre-enrolment days and working with the Office Team to ensure a smooth start. We're confident that your children will launch into a successful learning journey.

Welcome new teachers! We're super happy to have new staff who'll share their strengths and talents to ensure BEST learning opportunities with our students: Mrs Kumar R12, Mrs Marcos R13, Mrs Ash R17, Mrs Archana R28, and Miss Pauling our Art specialist in R10.

School Strategic & Annual Plan Goals: I thank our staff for focussed efforts to ensure a smooth launch into learning routines. I'm super proud of our teachers who've prepared learning programmes and engaged in PLD before School began. Our PLD links to Annual Goals for enhancing cultural connections and strengthening teachers' BEST practice in reading.

Important School information: Please see page 2. The weather is fabulous! We look forward to all students attending each day and being on time for learning. Let's work together to be *Better Every Single Time*, enabling our students to **SOAR** to new heights! We're all super excited about the Term and year ahead! I look forward to meeting you. Take care, kia pai tō rā whakatā ☀️



Fa'afetai tele lava 🌺
Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal



IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS ☺

See previous Newsletters emailed to you and on our website.

Road Safety: there are road improvements happening outside the School in the next few weeks. For the safety of all, there is no drop off inside the School gate. Please remember to safely use Manukau Rovers car parks and/or surrounding streets. Thank you for your co-operation ☺



2024 Term 1: Thursday/Rāpare 1 February to Friday/Rāmere 12 April
Board Meetings: Twice a Term, Mondays @ 5:30 pm

Student arrival and leaving times

- School starts 8:55 am and finishes 3 pm
- If late, students must sign in at the Library and go straight to class (learning time has already begun)
- If you need to collect your child earlier for an appointment, call the Office in advance. **Children must be collected and signed out from the Office only between 11:30 to 11:45 am**

Drop off / Pick up:

- Only use the Manukau Rovers car parks and/or surrounding streets. When parked in Rovers, please follow the safety layout, traffic flow, exits and staff on duty. **No stopping or parking at the cones**
- For everyone's safety, please do not park in or drop off inside the School gate (this is for staff parking and regular utility vehicles need safe access to our drop off and exit areas). Safety first please ☺

Walking to and around School:

- Safely walk on the paths and use the pedestrian crossing

Queries, concerns, School info:

- See your child's teacher first. You may then like to see the Team Leader, DP, AP or Principal. You're welcome to visit, call the Office or email the teacher, TL, DP or Principal. Please do not delay

Enrolments:

- Visit or call the Office first and we'll help you enrol your child

Uniform, stationery & devices:

- Viscount School uniform is compulsory. Uniforms are no longer ordered at the Office. Make an online order here: <https://www.uniformhub.co.nz/collections/viscount-school> We supply stationery for your child
- **No student cell phones at School**

Food/Drink/Free healthy lunches:

- Free lunch. Any dietary change, please contact the Office
- Water only (no fizzy, juice) – students bring a bottle each day
- Keep sweets, gum and processed convenience packaged foods at home

Wheels – bikes, scooters:

- Students are responsible for their own bike/scooter. Students must wear helmets and are responsible for securing their own bike/scooter

Breakfast Club:

- Some social fun for tamariki as they enjoy some healthy kai in the Hall 8:20 am – 8:45 am

Notices, Newsletters:

- Emailed to parents/caregivers Friday fortnightly
- Also posted on our School website www.viscount.school.nz (our main online communication)

