



Better Every Single Time

TERM 1 WEEK 6: Friday 8 March 2024

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

We hope you've had a great week. Into autumn already, the weather a little cooler in the mornings. Thank you for ensuring your child(ren) are wearing Viscount School uniform, including the uniform fleece (or jacket) on cooler mornings.

Welcome! To our new students and parents/whānau! We're confident that your children will launch into and enjoy a successful learning journey ❤️



Family-Student-School partnership: Thank you for joining with your child's teacher last week. These are valuable opportunities to connect with you, learn more about your child's needs, goals, and your aspirations for the School. Thank you for updating your contact details too. We know our teachers really enjoyed the conversations as part of strengthening home-school partnerships! You're welcome to contact and meet with your child's teacher on any matter, we're here to support and get the BEST for your child(ren)!

Attendance Matters ✅ At my Mangere Principals' Hui yesterday, we discussed Cluster wide attendance data. I was delighted to share that Viscount achieved 86.4% school wide attendance – SOOO close to our 90% goal! Let's keep going! Any child can be a **HERO** (Here Each day Ready On time)! Thank you for ensuring your child is *attending each day* and on time for learning (before 8:55 am).



Victorious Viscount! 🏆 Super proud of our Y7/8 Girls' Softball Team, third in their pool, and our Y5/6 Girls' Cricket Team who won four out of four of their games! We commend our LA Bev and Mr Wallace for their committed coaching, Miss Latu for her enthusiastic support, and Mr Leuluai'i, our Lead Sports Co-ordinator.



Reading & Writing go hand-in-hand! 📖✍️ Super proud of our students enjoying their library sessions, selecting from a very cool range of books! Strengthening your child's reading also supports their writing, and vice versa! This week, our PLD conversations focussed on assessing students' writing samples – your child's strengths and what to do next. Our PLD links to the Strategic and Annual Goals for strengthening teachers' **BEST** literacy practice.

Let's work together to be *Better Every Single Time*, enabling our students to **SOAR** to new heights! 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; 26 Feb & 25 March



Student arrival and leaving times

- School starts 8:55 am and finishes 3 pm. Please arrive before 8:55 am
- 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. Please purchase the **collar top**, with the shorts. The **Sports Tee is only for Y7/8**. The hat is compulsory for all students. The fleece pullover ¼ zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3. Black trousers are optional in Term 2 and 3. Black sandals Term 1 and 4 or dark/black shoes – **NO crocs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe)
- Visit the Papakura shop or see our School website to make online orders: <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. See the DP for information about safety routines

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)

