



**TERM 1 WEEK 11: Friday 12 April 2024**

**Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kamusta, Salam, Bula, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum** Wow – how fast did this 11 week Term go! It’s been a learning-full Term where we share a vital role ensuring all our students receive the best possible opportunities. I’ve really enjoyed my first Term as your Principal, meeting parents/whānau, getting to know our students, and I especially thank our brilliant staff for their dedicated mahi. I’m blessed to work with a great Team of teachers, admin, Learning Assistants (LAs) and property staff! Blessings to LAs Hope and Trixy moving onto new adventures - thank you for making a positive difference with our students! We’re delighted to have many new students and parents/whānau join Viscount School this Term. If there is anything that you need help with, please visit, call, let us know!



Super proud of all students working on their learning goals - small steps count toward big goals! Thank you Y7/8 Team and Bond for inviting me to be part of the adjudication of the students’ chants today! Super proud of your creative and collaborative strengths put into action! Love the stage presence! Congrats to R8 (1<sup>st</sup>). Tino pai Tag, Softball and Cricket Teams. Super proud of your ‘victorious mindset’!

**Attendance Matters** We almost reached our 90% target 🎯 this Term and it’s a positive improvement being in the high 80s, so let’s keep working together! Let’s have every child being a HERO (Here Each day Ready On time) Remember School begins @ 8:55 am ✅ Thank you for contacting the Office when your child is away, providing reasons and responding to our Office texts/calls 📞



**Beaut brekky** We thank Hubbards for providing a yummy and nutritious end of term breakfast treat for the students. We also thank Ms Helen Autagavaia for liaising with the Hubbards crew on this positive initiative. It’s so important for young minds to start the day in a healthy way, ready to launch into learning! Remember, your child is very welcome to enjoy some free healthy kai at our Viscount Breakfast Club each morning 8:20 am in the Hall.

**ANZAC Day | Te Rā o Ngā Hōia** We hope that you can have some special family time on this National day of remembrance. Our thoughts are with families/friends who have historical connections with those who’ve served in the armed forces, for NZ Aotearoa. Alofa tele ❤️



**Student learning progress** 📝 Teachers have completed some ‘Overall Curriculum Judgments’ about your child’s achievement this Term. This information will feed into your child’s Report and our Whānau/Parent meetings/Hui/Fono. Our review links to our Strategic and Annual Plan Goals for strengthening teachers’ BEST Assessment for Learning (AfL) practice. Thank you for your support, visits and chats this Term! I hope that you can have some special time with family/aiga/whānau and friends during the holidays. Safe travels, take care 😊

**Fa’afetai tele lava** 🌸  
 Dr Deanna Johnston  
 Principal



## IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS ☺

See previous Newsletters emailed to you and on our website.

**Road Safety:** 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 ☺



**Term Two: Monday/Rāpare 29 April to Friday/Rāmere 5 July**  
**Board Meetings: Twice a Term, Mondays @ 5:30 pm; 27 May & 24 June**

### 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 order online from our School website: <https://www.uniformhub.co.nz/collections/viscount-school> We supply free stationery for your child
- **No student cell phones at School**

### Food/Drink/Free healthy lunches:

- Free lunch is available. 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

### Viscount Breakfast Club:

- Some social fun for tamariki as they enjoy some free 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](http://www.viscount.school.nz) (our online communication)

