



NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 6: Friday 7 June 2024

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

The staff and I have loved our past weeks – a beautiful tone of togetherness! Fa’afetai tele lava for joining our School Assembly to celebrate *Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa! Tautua i le alofa, manuia le lumana’i* – *serve in love for a blessed future*, has been a beautiful nation-wide theme to celebrate Samoan language and culture week. Afio mai to our new students and families!

Super proud of our Student Leaders Frederick and Jyrah who capably served as our MCs; our students’ speeches, dance and song performances! Fa’afetai tele Mrs Talataina who gave an inspirational opening Samoan speech, and to her support Team. Special fa’afetai lava to our former Viscount students Ramona, Marianne and Serina, for a beautiful dance, and Guest of Honour, T’Nay! We were filled with joy to have experienced such a positive week of community celebration!



Victorious attitude & action!

Big thanks to our Sports LA Bev, for her excellent coaching, mentoring and encouragement with our sports Teams! Congrats to our Senior Girls’ Soccer Team, and Girls’ Rugby League Team who achieved 2nd placing in the Finals! Awesome efforts from our Senior Boys’ Rugby Team. Super proud of all Teams’ commitment to practises and positive play! Bev looks forward to victorious mindset and action in our upcoming Netball season practises, as do we all.



Staff Only Day

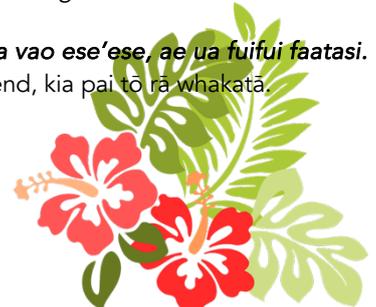
Last Friday the staff and I reviewed principles and practices of effective Curriculum delivery, assessment, and conditions for students’ positive productive learning relationships. We reviewed the meaning of our current 3 Values. It’s awesome that we have cohesive staff thinking about what underpins quality teaching and student learning. We look forward to mana whenua voice on our Values review. These MoE provided Staff Only Days are valuable for supporting collective mahi aligned with our Strategic and Annual Plan initiatives.

Attendance Matters

Thank you for making it to the 275 Back to School Campaign last Monday at the Maangere Town Centre. In collaboration with our local Schools, the MPA sought feedback on ‘what makes your child excited about School’ and ‘things that make it hard to get to School’. ‘Friends’ featured as the top attraction, and ‘sickness’ as the main ‘hard thing’ getting to School. We want to help – you’re very welcome to call, visit, hui/talanoa with your child’s teacher/us. Thank you for contacting the Office when your child is away sick, providing reasons, and promptly responding to our Office texts/calls 📞 Let’s keep working together - every child a HERO (Here Each day Ready On time) School begins @ 8:55 am ✅

We are a wonderfully rich and diverse School community, I close the week with: **O lupe sa vao ese’ese, ae ua fuifui faatasi.** We are from different parts of the forest, but we are connected as one. Enjoy your weekend, kia pai to’ra whakata.

Fa’afetai tele lava 🌺
 Dr Deanna Johnston
 Principal



Term Two: Monday/Rāpare 29 April to Friday/Rāmere 5 July

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 😊



School Matariki Assembly:
Thursday 27 June
Matariki Holiday
Friday 28 June



Board Meetings: Twice a Term, Mondays @ 5:30 pm; 27 May & 24 June

Do you need to collect your child earlier for an appointment? Please call the Office in advance. Children must be collected and signed out from the Office by the parent/caregiver, **only between 11:30 to 11:45 am**



UNIFORM: While it's been a bit cold, it's great to see students wearing their Term 2/3 sweatshirt or jacket. We have a **new fleecy full zip uniform jacket** available, check it out on the website or call the Office. It's warm and easy to wash/fast drying.

Y3-6 Star Dome trip: (see your child's teacher/notice)

- Friday 5 July R20 & R23



Y7/8 Museum trips: (see your child's teacher/notice)

- Monday 24 June R1, 2, 3
- Monday 21 July R4, 5, 8



Let's Siva Y3/4 Group Performance:

Monday 1 July, 1-2 pm at the Manukau Due Drop Centre



IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS ☺

See previous Newsletters emailed to you and on our website.

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 full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3. Students have the free black jacket too. 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
- Any food wrapping brought to School, goes home with your child/in their lunch box **'Pack In Pack Out'**

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 (our online communication)

