



NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 10: Friday 27 September 2024

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia ōrana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kamusta, Salam, Bula vinaka, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum Wow! And just like that, we've come to the end of another learning-full Term! Each member of our staff has their own strengths, and together, we all help to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child. I thank our wonderful staff/kaimahi for awesome collective efforts, as well as reinforcing our Viscount Values with students: KAIRANGI (high expectations, aspirations, & achievement), MANAAKITANGA (respect for people, place, provisions), and WHANAUNGATANGA (pride in identity & belonging). Ngā mihi to Mr Wallace for his mahi, alofa tele – safe travels and fun adventures! Thank you parents/whānau, we appreciate your continued connection and support! 😊



'Ake Ake Ake' – a forever language: was the theme of Te wiki o Te Reo Māori ❤️ Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou! Thank you parents/whānau for joining us at School Assembly on Monday/Rāhina to celebrate ako! Ka rawe to our ākonga for confident learning of reo, Karakia, pepeha, toi ataata, waiata, and creative kanikani. Kei reira katoa Kaiako for teaching our ākonga to perform proudly,



they were awesome! Tino pai Student Leaders Raniera and David for being calm and confident MCs. Delighted to meet parents/whānau and that you enjoyed the celebration too. Congratulations to recipients of our Viscount Values Certificates. Super proud of students showing KAIRANGI, MANAAKITANGA and WHANAUNGATANGA – soaring ahead with your learning! Nau mai, haere mai to our new students, parents/whānau who've joined our culturally rich and diverse community!



Toi Ataata/Visual Arts: Tino pai to Miss Pauling for teaching our ākonga about the significance of the koru in te Ao Māori. The students are also learning about Kaiwhare – Kaitiaki of the Manukau Harbour/Maanukanuka o Hoturoa. Kaiwhare is part of our Viscount School pepeha. Super excited that Miss Pauling is organising two of these panels to display inside our Hall/Hōro.



Board & Property Update: Thank you for being safe at School during our urgent building repairs. Further repairs will be occurring next Term too. We're super excited that our stage 1 new build of classrooms is ticking along nicely. It's exciting to

think about these new flexible learning spaces, while keeping our cultural narrative prominent. The Board and I continue to hui with MoE reps and the designers, with the actual build planned for early 2025.

Attendance Matters: Congratulations to our 47 students who attained 100% attendance this Term! Tino pai students who've maintained 80%+ attendance too! ✅ Parents/whānau, thank you for contacting the Office providing reasons, and promptly responding to our texts/calls 📞 Next Term, let's aim to beat our 90% daily goal! Let's have every student a **HERO** (Here Every day Ready On-time). We're here to help, and we have resources and networks to support.

Reflecting on a learning-full, fabulous Term, I close with the whakataukī: **Titiro whakamuri, kōkiri whakamua** (look back to move forward). We hope you can have a peaceful break with friends and family. Safe travels, ngaa manaakitanga 😊

Fa'afetai tele lava 🌺
Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal



Term Four: Monday/Rāhina 14 October to Tuesday/Rātū 17 December

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**
- **3 pm is home time for all students. There is no supervision after school. No students should return to School after hours. Let's all keep safe.**

Drop off / Pick up:

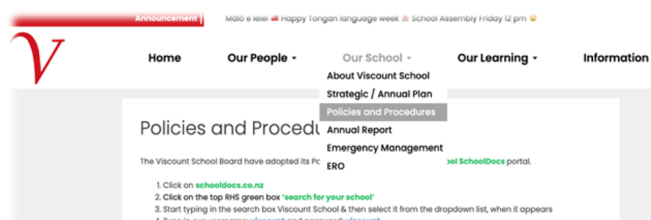
- Only use the Manukau Rovers car parks and/or surrounding streets. When parked in Rovers, please follow the safety layout, traffic flow, exits and staff on duty. **No stopping or parking at the cones**
- For everyone's safety, please do not park in or drop off inside the School gate (this is for staff 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, Policies:

- 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
- Our Policies are found on our School Website. We welcome your review



Enrolments:

- Visit or call the Office first and we'll help you enrol your child. Also see our School Website

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 to fill with water 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 (let us know if your details have changed)
- Also posted on our School website www.viscount.school.nz (our online communication)
- Download the *KiwiSchools* App to your mobile (see link on our website)

