



NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 2: Friday 25 October 2024



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia ōrana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Salam, Bula vinaka, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum Welcome to Term 4! **Fakaalofa lahi atu** 🌸 a joy to begin the Term celebrating Niue Language week. This year's theme is: **'Leveki mo e Feaki e Vagahau Niue ma Anoiha – Protect and Nurture Vagahau Niue for the Future'**.

There's much we're learning when we celebrate cultural diversity, and reflect on our School Values. **Whanaungatanga** highlights our pride in identity, and community belonging. **Manaakitanga** highlights our practice of generosity, and inclusion. **Kairangi** highlights our high aspirations and expectations for lifelong learning. Super proud of our students 'walking with pride'! Fa'afetai lava Mr Leulua'ialii, Miss Malama Talataina, and Miss Nguyen for organising and coaching of basketball, and volleyball for the interschool events.

Mālō nī 🌸 Happiest Tokelau Language Week! This year's theme is: **'Tokelau, tāofi mau tau aganuku, ko tō pale tēnā – Tokelau, holdfast to your culture, that is your crown.'** We look forward to learning more about Tokelau language and culture. Fakamālie atu Mrs Moetagi Faka'alofa and Miss Latu who continue to promote/support our learning. We are blessed to have a diverse staff, and student population, sharing and celebrating cultural inclusion!



Namaste 🌟 Blessings to all, happy Diwali! Thank you Mrs Gulati and our awesome staff for sharing their beautiful cultural adornments, kai, and activities. We look forward to learning more about the cultural significance of Diwali! **Bula Vinaka** – while Fiji language week was during the School holidays, we're also proud of our Fiji Indian staff and students.

Board / Strategic Plan Update: During the holidays, the teachers and I continued with PLD improving teaching/learning of reading (one of our Annual Goals). Today, as part of the MoE Teacher-Only PLD Days, we explored the Draft Math/Statistics Curriculum, and evaluated student literacy assessment data (also one of our Annual Goals). We commend our kaiako for their results, and focussed efforts to accelerate your child's progress. Thank you for supporting us; home-school-partnership is vital for your child's learning journey 😊 Please join our Term 4 Policy review (p. 2).

Attendance Matters: At our School Assembly last Friday, we welcomed new students, and awarded fifty 100% Attendance Certificates! Ka rawe – excellent! Two weeks in, I'm super proud of students who are making the most of their learning experiences, and attaining goals. ✅ Parents/whānau, if your child is going to be absent, please contact the Office providing reasons. For safety too, thank you for promptly responding to Office texts/calls 📞 Let's have every student a **HERO** (Here Every day Ready On-time). We're here to help, and we have resources to support.

Beaut books, love libraries! Super proud of ākonga enjoying our awesome range of pukapuka, activities, and fun games, chilling with their friends. Thank you Miss Anu for your well-trained Librarians, and welcoming environment!



Reflecting on individual strengths & collective diversity, I close with the whakataukī: **E koekoe te tūi. E ketekete te kākā. E kūkū te kererū** (the tūi chatters, the kākā cackles, the kererū coos). Enjoy the long weekend. Kia pai te raa whakataa 😊

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:

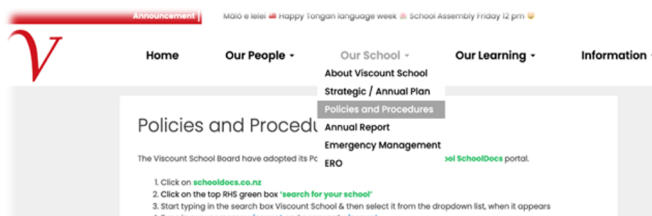
- Only use the Manukau Rovers car parks and/or surrounding streets. When parked in Rovers, please follow the safety layout, traffic flow, exits and staff on duty. **No stopping or parking at the cones**
- For everyone's safety, please do not park in or drop off inside the School gate (this is for staff 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 of Term 4 Policies ☺**



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)

