



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 2: Friday 7 February 2025

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia ōrana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Salam, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum! Nau mai hoki mai! Welcome to Viscount School, Term One 2025! We're already at the end of our second week! We do hope that you had some special time with family and friends during the holidays, and also yesterday, celebrating Waitangi Day ❤️



Welcome new students/ākonga! We're excited to see our returning students, and meet new students with their parents/whānau. I'm delighted you've chosen Viscount School for your children's learning journey! Remember, you are very welcome to see your child's teacher before and after School, and/or contact them 😊 **Please see p.2 for key information, and also visit our [Viscount School website](http://www.viscount.school.nz).**

Welcome new teachers/kaiako! I'm super proud of our staff for their commitment and making a successful launch into learning! Welcome to our new kaiako Mr Joash Kumar (R23), Mrs Temaleti Lethbridge (R22), Mrs Sumi Pidakala (R27), and Miss Hazel Bequio (R17). We're blessed to have wonderful teachers, and the strengths they have for helping our students learn lots!



Attendance Matters: We started last Thursday – well done students who've been present right from the get-go! All students need to attend School, unless they are sick. Your child's goal/our School goal is for at least 90% attendance. Let's mahi together so that all students are at School for learning. 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 📞 Every student a HERO (Here Every day Ready-to-learn On-time)!**



Meet the Teacher/Kaiako & Team – Tuesday 25 February 3:15 pm: please join us to hear important messages from your child's teacher. Awesome that parents/whānau are already visiting School!

Food/kai @ School: Thank you for your patience and understanding as the Government's changes to daily lunches has impacted our kai and learning routines. We're providing improvement feedback for their systems, and we'll continue to monitor the situation (see p.2).

Viscount School Board Strategic Plan & Annual Goals: Before the start of Term, the teachers and I enjoyed our mathematics PLD with Rob Proffitt-White and our TLF School Collaborative Cluster. We're working with the refreshed maths Curriculum, to continue to advance your child's achievement. We look forward to our literacy reading PLD with Dr Davis and Doreen starting again, as advancing your child's reading is also one of our Annual Goals.

Reflecting on how vital each day is for building on children's learning, I start the year with my favourite whakataukī: **Mā te huruhuru, ka rere te manu** (Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar).

Fa'afetai tele lava 🌸

Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal



Term One 2025: Thursday/Rāpare 30 January to Friday/Rāmere 11 April

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS ☺ See previous Newsletters emailed to you and on our website.

2025 Y7/8 Immunisations: We have been informed from Te Whatu Ora, that these immunisations will take place next February, March, June and December. If you have any queries, please call the Office.

Student arrival and leaving times

- Please arrive by 8:30 am. School starts 8:55 am and finishes 3 pm.
- 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.**

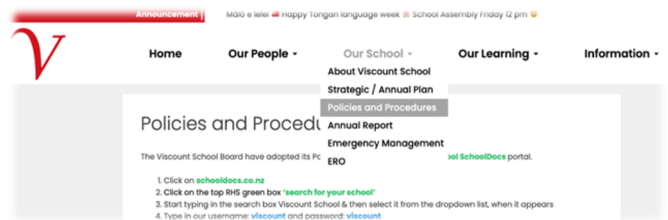


Drop off / Pick up:

- 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 1 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 Term 1 & 4. Black sandals Term 1 and 4 or dark/black shoes – **NO crocs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe). 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.
- To buy uniform, please 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. It is illegal (as is smoking and vaping onsite)**

Food/Drink/Free healthy lunches:

- Free lunch is available. Any dietary needs/changes, please contact the Office. We provide free fruit daily
- Water only (no fizzy or juice) – students bring a bottle to fill with water each day
- No sweets or gum. We do not have class parties/party food
- Any food wrapping brought to School, goes home with your child/in their lunch box **'Pack In Pack Out'**. We are a health promoting School, please consider healthy snack options, rather than highly processed foods

Wheels – bikes, scooters:

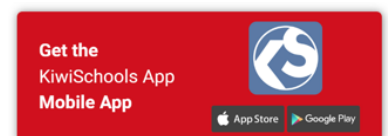
- Students are responsible for their own bike/scooter. Students must wear helmets and are responsible for securing their own bike/scooter. See the DP for information about safety routines

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)





FIRE
EMERGENCY

NEW ZEALAND

Protect your family and your home from fire



33% of the house fires we attend have no working smoke alarms

Kick off 2025 and the new school term by making sure you and your whānau are fire safe.

SMOKE ALARMS

- ✓ Do you have working smoke alarms in every bedroom, hallway and living area?
- ✓ Have you tested your smoke alarms in the past month?

HOME FIRE SAFETY VISITS

Fire and Emergency New Zealand offers free home fire safety visits to support people to make their homes fire safe for them and their families.

During a visit we:

- ✓ Provide information on fire safety
- ✓ Install and test smoke alarms
- ✓ Provide a free smoke alarm to those eligible

For more information or to book a free visit call 0800 693473 or visit www.fireandemergency.nz/hfsv

ESCAPE PLANS

Fire gets real, **FAST!** That is why we encourage everyone takes 5 minutes to create a 3-step escape plan for their home.



You can create your escape plan [here](#) or by scanning the QR Code.



Want a fun activity to practice your plan? Blindfold your family members, spin them around and tell them to *get down, get low, get out, FAST!*