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NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 9: Friday 27 June 2025

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia ōrana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Salam, As-salamu alaikum, Guten tag!

New School Build Stage 1: We are super excited that preparations for the first of several stages of new classroom blocks, has begun! Last week, we were privileged to engage in the initial kaupapa of blessing the build site before preparations began. Before dawn, we were led by **Ngaati Tahinga Wilson (Pou Tikanga Te Ahiwaru)**, **Matua Haki Wilson (Makaurau Marae Chair)**, and **Whaea Davika (Kaikaranga Te Ahiwaru)** to the area of the new build. The morning was calm, the air was still, and the skies were clear, for a very moving 6 am kaupapa:

- Karanga whakawaatea (female caller to clear the path)
- Karakia, Waerea (incantations from the male to also clear the path)
- Karakia tau te mauri ki runga i ngaa akomanga tawhito (clear the space for the existing buildings)
- Karakia mo te kai (bless the food); Whakanoa (eat to bring us out of the spiritual realm)
- Mihimihi / Koorero (speakers); and Whakawaatea (conclusion).

With 'Maanawatia a Matariki' in mind, the timing of this kaupapa was poignant; we remember those who've gone before us, celebrate what's been achieved, and look to a brighter future for safe, warm, beautiful learning-conducive spaces for our aakonga. On behalf of the Board, ngaa mihi nui to our Mana Whenua, for their tautoko and the relationship we share. Ngaati Tahinga will also guide us in the next kaupapa involving taking a small amount of soil from the site, and saving this for planting a tree, before the building is opened.

'Maanawatia a Matariki' As part of our Theme studies 'Inspire to Create', students have also enjoyed learning about Matariki, the Maaori New Year. They have been participating in a range of toi ataata (arts), ngaa waiata (songs), and taakora (games). **Check out p.2 of the Y4-6 Team Toi Ataata creative artworks** ♥ Ngaa mihi parents/whaanau for joining us for their Art Exhibition hikoi yesterday! I really enjoyed the Whanaungatanga, and am super proud of the aakonga creativity! Tino pai Ms Tuiala and Y4-6 Team!



Parent/Whaanau-Student-Teacher Report Hui: Thank you for attending your child's Hui. We hope sharing your child's Mid-Year achievements was helpful and affirmative. There's lots of progress to celebrate and we encourage all students to dig-deep, keep building those learning-muscles for more success!

H.E.R.O



Here Every-day Ready Overtime: Tino pai to the students who achieved 90+% attendance this Term! **TINO PAI TO ROOM 6 & MISS CHAN FOR WINNING 1ST PLACE TOP TERM ATTENDANCE! KA RAWE! ENJOY YOUR PIZZAS!**



New Board 2025 Triennial Elections: Every three years, state and state-integrated school communities vote for representatives who will govern their Schools. Parents/caregivers elect parent Members, and staff elect a staff Member. **Parents/caregivers on our student roll will receive information via email for the online Election: Calling for nominations, Voting, and Declaration of results (see p.3 timeline).** Any queries please call the Office to speak with Miss Diana Tui.

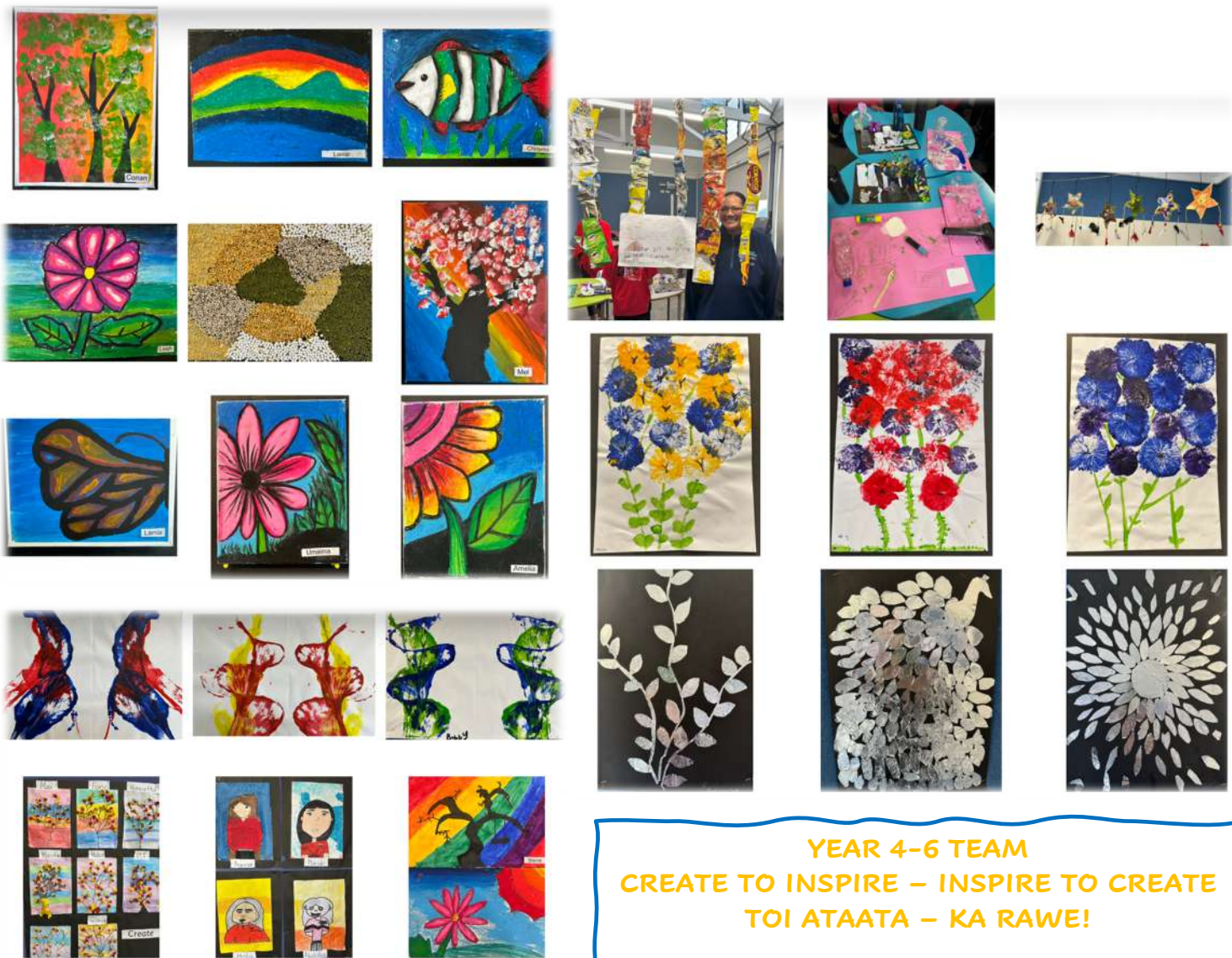
As we come to the end of another learning-full Term, I thank our awesome staff, and to parents/whaanau, for your support. Reflecting on **Matariki Manako Nui**, I close with this whakataukii: **Poipoia te kaakano kia puaawai** (Nurture the seed and it will blossom) 🌻 We hope you have some special time with family and friends. See you next Term! 🌻

Fa'afetai tele lava

Dr Deanna Johnston

Principal – Pule o le Aoga





YEAR 4-6 TEAM
CREATE TO INSPIRE – INSPIRE TO CREATE
TOI ATAATA – KA RAWE!



TERM THREE 2025: Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September

New Board Call For Nominations: Friday 18 July **Nominations Close:** 12 noon, Wednesday 6 August

Voting Papers Issued (online process): Wednesday 13 August **Election Day:** Wednesday 10 September, closes 4pm

Declaration of Results: Tuesday 16 September **New Board takes Office:** Wednesday 17 September

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
- Safely walk on the paths and use the pedestrian crossing

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 ☺



Food/Drink/Free healthy lunches:



- Free lunch is available. Any dietary needs/changes, please contact the Office. We provide free fruit daily. **If packing your child's own food, please pack healthy foods, not high sugar foods**
- 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 (health/allergy reasons)
- **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

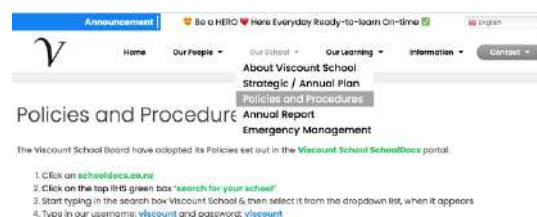


Uniform, stationery & devices:

- 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 black shoes – **NO crocs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe). The fleece pullover full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3. Students can wear the free black jacket or the uniform jacket. 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)**

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 3 Policies** ☺



Viscount Breakfast Club:

- Some social fun for tamariki as they enjoy some free healthy kai in the Hall 8:20 am – 8:45 am

Enrolments:

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

Wheels – bikes, scooters:

- Students are responsible for their own bike/scooter. Students must wear helmets and are responsible for securing their own bike/scooter. Wheels must be walked in School grounds. See the DP for information about safety routines

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 School Website)
- **Board Meetings** – twice a Term, Mondays (for dates, please see our [School Website Calendar](#))

