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NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 2: Friday 25 July 2025

H.E.R.O



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia ὄrana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Salam, As-salamu alaikum, Guten tag! Nau mai, hoki mai! Welcome to Term 3!

Here Everyday Ready Ontime: WOOHOO, we reached 91% school-

wide attendance. Let's keep attendance up! All students back to school for learning, and being with friends, matters too! **TINO PAI ROOM 24 & MISS TUIALA FOR WINNING TOP CLASS ATTENDANCE FIRST WEEK**

RETURN TO TERM! 2nd place Room 13, 3rd place Room 23 – ka rawe ♥



New School Build Stage 1 update: Last Term I shared about the initial blessing kaupapa with mana whenua representatives. Our building preparations progressed earlier than expected. So, in the first week of the holidays, we were fortunate to have Ngaati Tahinga Wilson (Pou Tikanga Te Ahiwaru) return to lead the **2nd kaupapa: Huri poki i te whenua (turning of the soil)**. Again, a very beautiful kaupapa, and important tikanga. The soil that's been collected will be kept safe until it's returned to the whenua, when a tree is planted, at the opening of the building. Ngaa mihi nui ki a Ngaati Tahinga. Tino pai tamariki and staff working safely around our 'change of scenery'. We're delighted that the junior playground has been shifted, and in operation again!

New Maths & English Curriculum review: During the holidays, the teachers and I thoroughly enjoyed our maths PLD with Sue Pine. Super proud of aakonga learning about financial maths (key life skills)! This week, we also enjoyed another reading/spelling workshop with Dr Davis. As part of our School Annual Goals, we continue to build on our effective planning and teaching of maths/English. Ka rawe kaiako! 🌟



Reading alive! Your child brings home books from class lessons, and library books they choose themselves. We encourage reading outside school, for ALL students. This might help, ask:

- What do you like to read about (aspirations)? What's your book about? (retelling, summarising)
- Show me your favourite part/character (connecting). What do you think is going to happen next? (predicting)
- What words/ideas/characters/events have you learnt about? (vocabulary, definitions, themes, reflecting)

Ending on a positive note, and affirming your child's efforts and curiosity, will help inspire self-belief and further success 🌟✅



Matariki School Assembly:

Nau mai, haere mai, new aakonga and whaanau, and to all our returning students! Opening a new entrants roll growth class, we also welcome Miss Kimberley Sanchez to R11! Ngaa mihi nui parents/whaanau for joining us last Friday to celebrate the students' ako. Super proud of their confident waiata (singing) and dance (kanikani) – ataahua! Tino pai students who received their Viscount Values Certificate! Be proud of your achievements, keep those aspirations alive, for a brighter future! Ka rawe, Viscount tamariki and staff 😊



Reflecting on inspiration and aspiration, I close with this whakataukii: **Maa te rongo, ka moohio, maa te moohio, ka maarama, maa te maarama, ka maatau, maa te maatau, ka ora** (From **listening** comes knowledge; from **knowledge** comes understanding; from **understanding** comes wisdom; from **wisdom**, comes **wellbeing**). 😊 Kia pai te raa whakataa. Have a peaceful weekend 🌸

Fa'afetai tele lava
Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal – Pule o le Aoga



TERM THREE 2025: Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September

Y5/6 Puberty Info Hui: Tues 29 July 6pm Teacher Only Day – MoE PLD #2: NO SCHOOL Fri 12 Sept

New Board Call For Nominations: Fri 18 July Nominations Close: 12 noon, Wed 6 August

Voting Papers Issued (online process): Wed 13 Aug Election Day: Wed 10 Sept, closes 4pm

Declaration of Results: Tuesday 16 Sept New Board takes Office: Wed 17 Sept

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

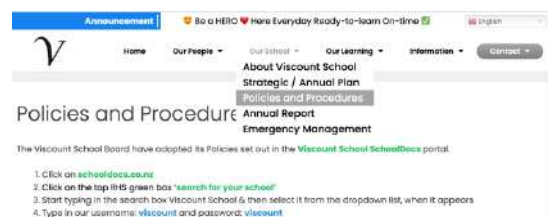


Uniform, stationery & devices:

- 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 full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3. Students can wear the free black jacket or the uniform jacket (ask at Office). 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](#))

