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NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 10: Friday 19 September 2025

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orāna, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Salam! Welcome, nau mai, haere mai, new students and parents/whānau!



New Board update: Ngāa mihi nui parents for exercising your voice, and voting for the next Viscount School Board! At the close of our Triennial Elections, we're delighted to have three Members return to the Board having served for several years, and with strong Governance experience: Tinei Tagaloa-Leniu (Presiding Member), Olivine Lealiifano and Josh Tomuli. We're also super excited to have new Members join, ready to share their strengths: Meafou Tavui (Staff Member), Leah Morris, and Lauie Tofa. Having more than five candidates submit their interest, the new Board thank other candidates, and encourage you to remain interested in the future of your child's education. We had a vibrant first Board Hui on Wednesday, where we focussed on the positive progress against the 2025 Annual Implementation Plan, and looking to the future.



Viscount School 2026–2028 Strategic Plan Refresh: The Board thank those who've already completed the **emailed parent/caregivers' Survey**. This is the first phase of consultation, and we're very interested in your needs, what matters to you, and your aspirations for your children's learning at Viscount School. Feedback so far, is very helpful and insightful for our reflection and connection with families. **PLEASE COMPLETE the Survey by the end of week 1 next Term.** **PRIZE DRAW for 1 of 3 grocery vouchers \$200 each!** We look forward to our whānau hui/parent fono early next Term, held in the Hall.



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori: Celebrating 50 years – resilience, adaptability and endurance of te reo. Kaiako and aakonga have enjoyed learning more te reo Māori related to their studies. I'm super proud of our Kaimahi (staff) who continue to use the reo they know and give other reo a go; not just this week, but throughout our Viscount days! **Whanaungatanga** is one of our School Values, and it's experienced in many ways. Ngāa mihi nui for connecting with us at Assembly to celebrate our tino pai aakonga – ka rawe! ❤️



MOTAT Y4-6 EOTC: Ngāa mihi Team for organising purposeful learning experiences closing this Term's student inquiry studies and linking to next Term's ako. Ka rawe aakonga for showing **Manaakitanga** during your trip experience. **Disco dancing Y1-3:** Our youngest aakonga put on their kanikani (dance) shoes, and enjoyed expressing their creative movements to some fun tunes!



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TOP TERM ATTENDANCE 1 ST PLACE WINNERS		
Y1-3 TEAM	Y4-6 TEAM	Y7-8 TEAM
R14 Miss Juhl	R26 Mr Sello	R6 Miss Chan



Here Every day Ready Ontime: **TINO PAI Top Term Attendance, enjoy your pizzas!** Tino pai to those many students who achieved 100% attendance! School-wide, there's improvement in the right direction, but with much mahi still to do. Ngāa mihi nui Kaiako for promoting and increasing daily class attendance. Daily average attendance is closer to the 90%, so let's continue to mahi together to have all students attend AND arrive on time for learning next Term! **ATTEND, TO ACHIEVE & SUCCEED!**

On behalf of the Board and SLT, ngāa mihi nui to our **awesome staff** for collective efforts this Term. With our School Value **Kairangi** in mind and heart, high aspirations and expectations of aakonga success is adding to a better educational future. Ka mau te wehi Viscount Kaimahi, kia kaha ❤️ I am blessed to work with such a fabulous crew!

Reflecting on the **"Power of 3" Parent-Student-School**, collective support and encouragement is needed so each student stays inspired to learn, and builds on their achievements: **Maa te huruhuru, ka rere to manu** (adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar) 😊 We hope that you can take some time to reconnect and recharge during the holidays. Take care, see you next Term!

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



!!NEW UNIFORM TOPS!!

Thank you parents/whaanau for positive feedback and already purchasing our **new blue polo top**.

NB>The black shorts/pants have not changed. You can still visit the Shop to order/purchase the blue polo (do not buy any red uniform). Any queries, please call the supplier (see our School Website) 😊

TERM 4

- Polo top
- Plain black shorts
- Black shoes OR black Roman sandals are compulsory. NO Crocs or 'rolling ball' shoes
- Plain black rain jacket for wet weather only (not worn in class)



TERM FOUR 2025: Monday 6 October – LAST DAY Friday 12 December

Hubbards' Free Breakfast @ School: Thursday 16 October

School Awards Ceremonies: Wednesday 10 December (during the day); Y7/8 Graduation, Dine/Dance @ 5pm

Board Meetings: Monday 3 November and Monday 1 December @ 5 pm

Viscount School Strategic Plan Survey: due Friday 10 October PRIZE DRAW X3 grocery vouchers \$200 each

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 9 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:

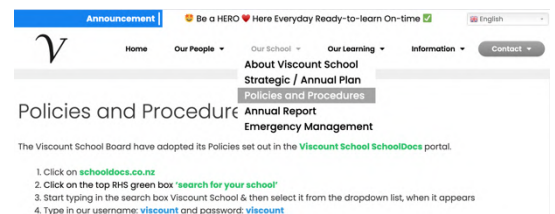
- Viscount School uniform is compulsory. Please purchase the **NEW blue collar top**, with the shorts. The hat is compulsory for all students Term 1 & 4. Black sandals Term 1 and 4 or black shoes – **NO crocs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe). The fleece full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 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 upon enrolment
- **No student cell phones at School. It is illegal (as is smoking and vaping onsite)**

Enrolments:

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

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 ☺**



Viscount Breakfast Club:

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

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](#))

