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NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 2: Friday 17 October 2025



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orāna, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Salam! Welcome to Term 4! Nau mai, haere mai, new students and parents/whaanau! We enjoyed meeting you at our School Assembly! Students have made a smooth launch into class ako. **BULA VINAKA!** We've enjoyed celebrating Fiji language Week! We're super delighted that arrival time at School last Term showed an improvement. We reached 92% school-wide attendance this week too!!! Let's keep this going in the right direction! Thank you for understanding the importance of arriving before class begins, helping all students to start the day smoothly, and keep essential learning routines on track ♥



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TERM 4 RETURN TOP CLASS ATTENDANCE 1ST PLACE WINNERS

Y1-3 TEAM	Y4-6 TEAM	Y7-8 TEAM
R28 Mrs Archana	R24 Miss Tuiala	R5 Miss Latu



Here Every day Ready Ontime: **TINO PAI** returning quickly to a new Term of learning, enjoy your pizzas!

Board Updates:

- Viscount School Strategic Plan Refresh:** Big thanks to many of our families who participated in our Survey during the past month. Reading parent feedback so far, it's affirmative of what's valued and working, and informative for what could be even better for our students' aspirations and learning. **We'll do the draw today and contact the three whaanau who've won 1 of the \$200 food vouchers!** The Board and I will reflect on and summarise the feedback before reviewing parts of the 2026 Annual Plan Goals.
- Property:** Our stage 1 new build continues smoothly, and soon we'll be seeing the huge steel framing go up! With some of our play and shade areas out of action because of the building boundaries, we continue to ensure our students still have safe and fun playground areas. I'm looking forward to updating our senior playground and looking into some other playground products.
- Proposed Teacher STRIKE Thursday 23 October:** You may have heard on the media that teachers and Principals who are NZEI members have a proposed strike. Today we've received a formal notification of the strike. The Viscount Board have carefully considered our situation and has decided to close the school on this day because we don't have enough teaching staff to maintain a safe learning environment. The Board is responsible for the health/safety of students and staff, and appreciate your understanding. Any queries, please contact the Presiding Member Ms Tinei Tagaloa-Leniu or the Principal.



Beatz of Maangere Friday 24 October: We're super excited for our student reps who'll be performing at this cool community event (see p.2). Join us to enjoy the aakonga performances with our Maangere School Cluster! Big thanks to Mr Bond and Mr Sello.

EUREKA! Student Inquiry: This Term's theme is science. Students have begun practising their prediction, observation and analysis skills during experiment activities. The Y7-8 Team look forward to their MOTAT EOTC trip. The Y4-6 Team & Mr Sello created some beautiful, thought-provoking visual arts with koorero fitting with our VS **Manaakitanga** Value. Reflecting on care for people, place and provisions, I close with this whakataukii: **Manaaki whenua, manaaki taangata, haere whakamua** (Care for the land, care for the people, go forward) 😊 Kia pai te raa whakataa, have a peaceful weekend.



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



!!NEW UNIFORM TOPS!!

Thank you parents/whānau for your 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, or if we can help, let us know. We're in contact with the supplier about their delay. Stock is due in the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience 🙏



BEATZ OF MAANGERE!

FRIDAY
24 OCTOBER
9 AM - 2:30 PM



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
VISCOUNT SCHOOL GROUP
PERFORMANCES & ENJOY OUR
CLUSTER SCHOOL
PERFORMANCES TOO!

VENUE: MOUNTAIN VIEW
SCHOOL



TERM FOUR 2025: Monday 6 October – Friday 12 December

TEACHER STRIKE: proposed Thursday 23 October (all day)

Beatz of Maangere Cultural Performances: Friday 24 October 2025 @ Mountain View School 9am–2:30pm

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

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

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:

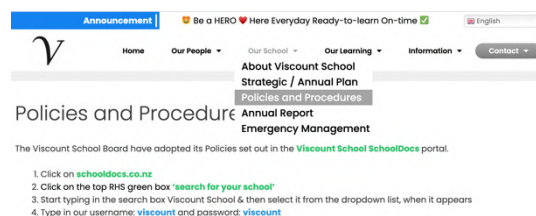
- Viscount School uniform is compulsory. Please purchase the collar top, with the shorts. The hat is compulsory for all students Term 1 & 4. Black sandals Term 1 and 4 or black shoes – **NO crocs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe). The fleece full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3. Students 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](#))

