



KAIRANGI



MANAAKITANGA



WHANAUNGATANGA

NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 2: Friday 20 February 2026

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mälō e lelei, Kia orāna, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mälō nī, Kamusta, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Salam! Welcome to Term 1! Nau mai, haere mai, new students and parents/whaanau! We enjoyed meeting you at our Nau mai, hoki mai, School Assembly last week! We're super proud of how very well our students have made a smooth launch into learning, showing our VS Values **Kairangi, Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga**. Thank you for your support getting students to school on-time! ❤️

H.E.R.O



We're SO super delighted that students' arrival time to School last year Term 4 showed a significant improvement, reaching **90% on-time for learning!** We're even MORE super delighted that daily school-wide attendance has been in the **90% for the first two weeks**

of a new year! We know that as a **united Viscount School community**, we can continue to head in the right direction to ensure student presence, participation and progress.

Thank you for joining our **"First 10 Minutes"** of our **"Every Moment Matters"** campaign, the importance of your child arriving **before** class begins, to start the day smoothly, and keep essential learning routines on track ❤️



Here Every-day Ready Ontime: TINO PAI returning quickly to a new year, a new Term of learning!

TERM 1 RETURN TOP CLASS ATTENDANCE 1 ST PLACE WINNERS		
Y1-3 TEAM	Y4-6 TEAM	Y7-8 TEAM
R14 & Miss Juhl	R21 & Miss Sifaheone	R1 & Mr Leuluaiilii

Property updates - New Build: The holiday works went smoothly and the total project is progressing well. The roof is on, walls are going up, and next week I visit the inside spaces. **Hall:** The inside and outside repairs are progressing well, and we'll have our Assemblies on the field when fine, so please continue to join us. Thank you for your health/safety support as we work around the construction. We'll look forward to a new Hall in Term 2.



This Term's topic begins with: **Ko wai au? (Who am I) "My name tells a story"** where students will celebrate their family heritage, personal strengths and learning-capabilities. During the holidays, the teachers and I had a very insightful and inspiring Maunga hikoi on Te Pane o Mataoho (Maangere Mountain) led by the wonderful Centre tutors. Teachers will use this knowledge to help their students' learning about

Ngaa tohu o te rohe: Local landmarks "The maunga tells a story". The classes also look forward to their waananga workshop and Maunga hikoi this Term, linking learning to the VS Pepeha and our VS Values: **Kairangi, Manaakitanga, and Whanaungatanga**. During the holidays the teachers and I really enjoyed our writing PLD with Dr Murray Gadd, and this week some inspiring class writing demonstrations. Super proud of our students showing their author skills, and we loved reading their stories. Please enjoy some students' writing on p.2 ❤️

Congratulations to Mr Leigh Stevens Today we had a special School Assembly to acknowledge Mr Leigh Stevens on his retirement. We congratulate Leigh on his 23 years of dedicated service and AP leadership with Viscount School community. We commend his passion, skills, humour, experience, care and warm relationships with all, that have helped shaped the Viscount School of today. While this marks the close of a significant chapter, we know that Leigh remains a most steadfast champion for Viscount School! Blessings ahead to you Leigh, and your whaanau.



Reflecting on our united Viscount School community efforts for our students' success, I close with this whakataukii: **Maa te whakaaro nui e hanga te whare; maa te maatauranga e whakauu** (Big ideas create the house, knowledge sustains it, unified in our shared vision) 😊 Kia pai te raa whakataa, have a peaceful weekend, take care.

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



Down the back of the chair

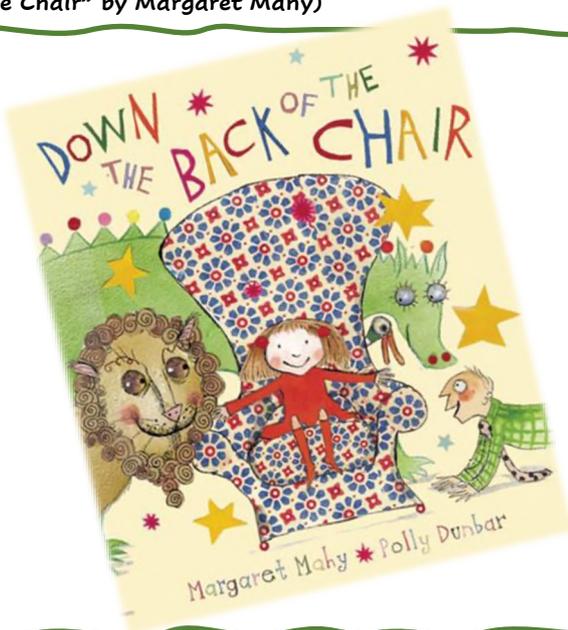
One day I was sitting on my big chair and felt it wiggling. Then I jumped off and called my dad. Then my dad rushed to me and said "what's wrong" and I said "my chair is wiggling" so my dad went to put his hand down in the back of my chair to see what was wrong.

Then my dad pulled out something out of my chair. This item was something that can put themselves on, and it will make you dance.

It was not just any item it was a magical item that can do magical things. This item is so magical and it's gold. And what my dad pulled out was a sock! It was a beautiful sock! I was so happy because I've never had something so magical. My dad thought it was just a normal sock but it was a magical sock at the back of my chair. Then I put the magical sock on and it made me dance. Then I danced all day and enjoyed my day.

Kanohi R20

(A story snippet inspired by the book: "Down the back of the Chair" by Margaret Mahy)



Down the back of the chair

One sunny morning I was sitting in my pink dotted chair and I felt something moving in my special chair. I put my hand down the back of the chair and I pulled out a fluffy green dancing duck! And it was talking to me. I was shocked when the duck told me something else inside my unconscious chair.

I put my hand inside my big chair and I discovered money! I was so pleased because my bank money was low and I looked behind my money and it said it could never run outta money! I was so pleased I even put my hand down the chair once more and I pulled out a magical book that you can draw anything you like and anything you want.

I was so happy and ran to the store and bought everything that was on the menu and I took my best friend's duck named Emiliana. I went home so tired and fell asleep!

Kolotile Room 20

(A story snippet inspired by the book: "Down the back of the Chair" by Margaret Mahy)



Dear Lloyd

I hate how you constantly press my buttons and bang me onto your class table! Please stop using my ink! I nearly have no ink left! From your nearly-used-up writing friend.

R23

(A story snippet inspired by the book: "The Day the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt)

Dear Tyga

I always hate it when you draw on me too hard, especially when you scribble lots of lines on me, push your pen on me too hard, and spilling ink on me too! I don't like it when you tear me apart into tiny pieces. Can you please use me properly?! From your messed-up-now friend.

R23

(A story snippet inspired by the book: "The Day the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt)

Dear Mr Kumar

Why do you keep me in your pocket? It's so dark. I hate it when you don't show me off in front of everybody! From your feeling-left-in wallet friend.

Dear Mr Kumar

I want to tell you something. Do you even wear me anymore? The only thing is you have me in your pocket, but nobody can even see me to say that I look good and handsome. From your finger-less silver ring friend.

R23

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!!NEW UNIFORM TOPS!!

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

TERM ONE 2026

Black shorts or black skirt
Black sandals
New **blue** polo top

Please visit:

NZ Uniforms

Unit 5, 20 Lambie Drive

Manukau, 2104

09 950 6747

[View Email](#)

Open:

Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Saturday 9am-4pm

Sunday closed



**ARRIVE BY
8:50 AM**

TERM ONE 2026: Monday 9 February – Thursday 2 April
BOARD MEETINGS 2026: Monday 3 March & Monday 30 March @ 5 pm

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

Student arrival and leaving times

- Students **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, no 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:

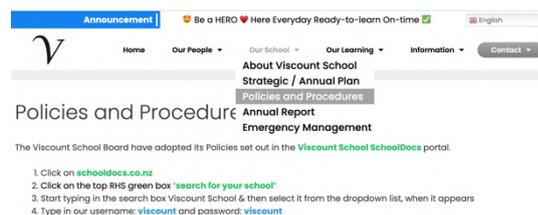
- Viscount School uniform is compulsory. Please purchase the blue **collar top**, with the black shorts or skort. The blue hat is compulsory for all students Term 1 & 4. Black sandals Term 1 and 4 or black shoes – **NO clogs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe). The fleece full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3. Students can wear the free black jacket (ask at the Office). Black trousers are optional in Term 2 and 3
- To buy uniform, please visit our new supplier, [NZ Uniforms \(Unit 5, 20 Lambie Dr, Manukau\)](#) shop or order online
- 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 1 2026 Policies ☺**



Viscount Breakfast Club:

- Some social fun for tamariki as they enjoy some free healthy kai in Room 7 at 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](#))