



KAIRANGI



MANAAKITANGA



WHANAUNGATANGA

## NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 4: Friday 6 March 2026

**Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orāna, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Salam!**

Nau mai, haere mai, new students and parents/whaanau! We're four weeks into a short eight week Term and super happy with students showing our VS Values **Kairangi, Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga** ♥



**ANOTHER** week with daily school-wide attendance in the **90%**! This is a most wonderful, historical improvement! We know that as a **united Viscount School community**, we can continue to head in the right direction to ensure all students are present, participating and progressing. **THANK YOU** for joining our **"First 10 Minutes"** of our **"Every Moment Matters"** campaign. When your child arrives before 8:50 am, this makes a **BIG** difference to all students' learning routines ♥ **Here Every-day Ready Ontime** ♥



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### **Ko wai au? My name tells a story... The Maunga tells a story...**

Ka pai students sharing their cultural heritage and learning local histories, including our School Pepeha and about Te Pane o Mataoho (Maangere mountain), as part of Term 1 inquiry learning.

### **What's your favourite...?**

Across the School, all classes have been learning about statistics, relevant to their Curriculum Year Level. R12 have been learning to ask and answer a maths question, by collecting, recording, presenting, and talking about their data. Using maths materials supports all students' new learning. Super proud of curious thinking, and confident efforts!



### **Y7-8 Girls' Softball Success**

Our Girls' Softball Team hit it out of the park in the start to the season with a fantastic run to the finals! The Team showed confident skill and consistency during the round-robin, winning **5 out of 6 games** and outscoring their opponents **34-7** across those matches. After a hard-fought **6-4 victory** against Holy Cross in the semi-finals, the Team advanced to the Grand Final. While they ultimately finished as runners-up following a loss to Kedgley, their sportsmanship and determination throughout the tournament reflected our VS Value **Whanaungatanga**. Meitaki to LA Beverleen!



### **Y7/8 Girls' Tag Troopers**

Competing against seasoned representative talent, our girls secured 7th placing, and the boys 14th. Both Teams showcased impressive skill and flair on the field, a testament again to the dedicated coaching of LA Beverleen. Super proud of the **Kairangi** attitude shining from our students – grit, endurance, stepping up – in the face of strong challenge!



### **Loving literacy**

Ka pai students building their vocab knowledge and spelling strategies that help during writing AND reading time! Super proud of your **Manaakitanga** ways when working with learning buddies and sharing materials.



Reflecting on our united Viscount School community efforts to advance our students' success, I close with this whakataukii: **Kua takoto te maanuka** (the challenge has been laid down, it's our time to step up) 😊 Kia pai te raa whakataa, have a peaceful weekend, take care.

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

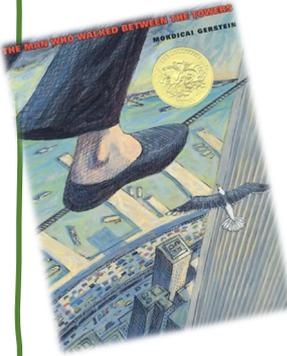


### Phillipe – the best ....

Just as I saw the police, I quickly scurried back to the middle of the wire and looked back at them. Grabbing their horns and yelling out to me, I heard, "you're under arrest!!" I took a deep breath and started performing on the wire. I had marvellous dancing moves, such as, kneeling down, and dancing around. But the most extraordinary move I did was to lie down on the wire. I looked up into the beautiful sunny sky, and smiled. Oh, how beautiful it was to see the seagulls soaring and flapping through the sky, and to see the great big white clouds flying past my eyes. After a few minutes, I knew my time was up. I hopped back up on the wire and looked over to the police. Some were shocked and some were impressed. I walked up to the police with my arm streeetched out and a little grin on my face. Later, when standing in the courtroom, the police wanted to fine me, but luckily, the Judge was nice enough to set me free!

**Written by: Dwayne R3**

**(A story snippet inspired by the book: "The Man Who Walked between the Towers" Author Mordicai Gerstein)**



Dear Pūkeko

Why are you scared of the dark? Why don't you like your feet? I know they help you grab things! I hope you have a good day. Your friend, Laina.

Dear Tūi

I haven't seen you in a long time! I do like your singing, it's SO beautiful. I think you're the most beautiful singing bird in NZ! Your friend, Laina

**Written by: Laina R27**

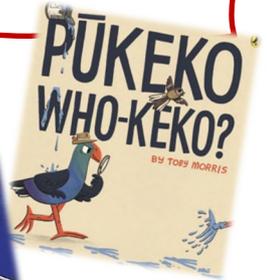
**(Letter snippets inspired by NZ native bird picture books)**

Dear Kiwi

It may be yuck for humans to eat insects and bugs, so here's my kiwi suggestions: a mince cheese pie, mango juice and Mountain Dew fizzy. NZ loves you Kiwi! So as a gift, here's a belt with a flashlight to help your eyes at night, some brown shoes, and a little house with a bed inside, so you can rest. Lastly, do you want a little friend? Ok, here's a hamster. Your friend, Ezra.

**Written by: Ezra R27**

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### Coming to Viscount School...

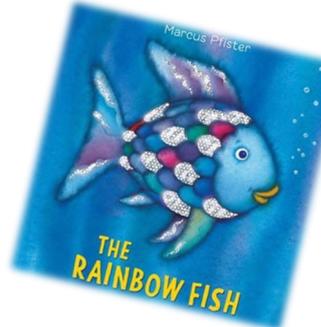
At school, I can see my friends eagerly playing tag. I can taste my chocolatey, creamy up and go with my toast that my sister made for my brother and I. I can feel my rough schoolbag scratching my back SO hard, that my back becomes SO sore! I can smell my delicious lunch my mum packed for me. I can hear the teachers chatting about school attendance, as I pass by the staffroom.

**A story snippet written by Skylar T R21, inspired by 'taking data in through all senses'**

### Rainbow Fish ...

Once upon a time, there was a Rainbow fish who never shared her colourful scales. Then, from nowhere, a blue fish came by and asked if he could have a rainbow sparkly scale. He was sad when she said, "no". Maybe this is why she didn't have many friends. The Rainbow fish decided to give away one of her sparkly scales. The Blue fish was super happy!

**A story snippet written by Najuma (R15), inspired by "The Rainbow Fish" book**



### !!NEW UNIFORM TOPS!!

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

#### TERM ONE 2026

Black shorts or black skort  
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

### !!NEW UNIFORM HATS!!

Thank you parents/wahaanau for reminding your child to wear sun protection during Term 1 and Term 4 🙏

**TERM ONE 2026: Monday 9 February – Thursday 2 April**  
**BOARD MEETINGS 2026: Monday 9 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:**

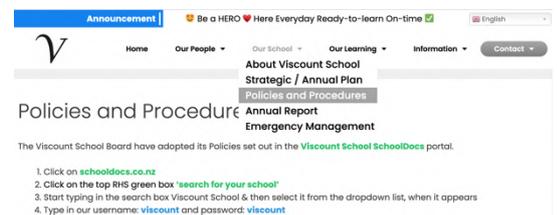
- Viscount School uniform is compulsory. Please purchase the blue **collar top**, with the black shorts or skirt. The blue hat is compulsory for all students Term 1 & 4. Black sandals Term 1 and 4 or black shoes – **NO crocs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe). The fleece full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3. Students can wear our supplied free black jacket (ask at the Office), to/from school, outside, during Term 2 and 3. Black trousers are optional and only worn 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 8:30 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](http://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](#))

