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NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 2: Friday 30 July 2026

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orāna, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Salam! **Welcome to Term 3, nau mai hoki mai! Welcome new students and parents/whānau!** During the holiday break, the teachers and



I enjoyed further PLD and programme planning of 'rich open tasks' aligned with the **new Maths/Statistics Curriculum**. Improving and extending your child's verbal reasoning and meaningful problem-solving capabilities is part of our school wide annual maths goal. Super proud of Viscount students who've settled nicely into their learning routines, enjoying the sunny weather, and being with their friends. Ka pai students, keep showing our VS Values **Kairangi, Manaakitanga** and **Whanaungatanga**, in a range of learning settings, and with your peers. Keep growing those learning muscles!



WOOHOO we're super delighted to have beat not only last Term's stats, but the previous 6 years' regular attendance stats! 😊 Also achieving **94% punctuality** beats our previous Terms too! 🎉 This



is the result of our united Viscount School community efforts! ❤️ Into Term 3, we need to maintain a school-wide day attendance in the **90%+** "Every Moment Matters" for your child's future

🎯🏆 **TINO PAI kaiako and aakonga acknowledged at School Assembly for achieving top attendance first week back! Enjoy those pizzas! 🍕🍕🍕**

TOP CLASS FIRST WEEK ATTENDANCE WINNERS

YEAR 1-3

Room 14

YEAR 4-6

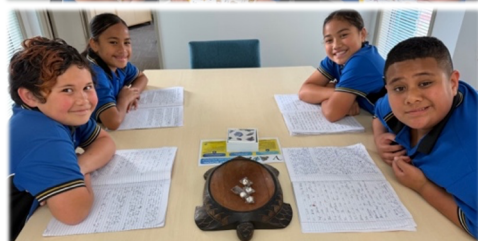
Room 20

YEAR 7-8

Room 5



Wonder whiz writers! Improving and extending your child's writing ideas and editing skills is part of our school wide annual literacy goal. Teachers are super proud of students' efforts to improve the description of things, people and events. Tino pai R14 Y3 paragraphing, R27 Y4-5 editing skills, and R8 Y7-8 'show not tell' strategies!



I am discussing what a cat looks like. First stop, they have fluffy fur that is warm and is useful during winter time. Secondly, their sharp claws which are used to climb trees away from predators. Third, fun fact, their whiskers are the same width as their bodies, so they know if they can walk through spaces. By Amandeep R14

What does a cat look like? A cat has six whiskers and it has four legs. A cat looks like a tiger. By Sosia R14
A cat has long whiskers. On each of their four legs they have paws with very sharp claws. They can also have three different fur colours. By Maia R14

I am writing about some of the physical features of a cat. Cats have different colours like black, orange and white. Cats also have long sharp claws so they can scratch things. Cats have long pretty tails they can grasp them with their mouth.

By Mele R14

Cats can have blue eyes. They can have more than one fur colour. Cats have long whiskers and four legs. By Vea R14

This new adventure of discovering who I am and what I am capable of began as a strong gust of wind lashed across my terrified cold face. My legs trembled nonstop, while my hands gripped tightly onto my harness. Trying to get across the high ropes course was like crossing a thin rope between the Twin Towers. With every peek to the ground my stomach twisted into knots and my heart pounded out of my chest. I was going to turn back until I remembered the sense of regret if I didn't complete it. I closed my eyes holding onto my harness once more and took a step, sweat dripped down my forehead as I continued to take more shaky steps. Once my two feet hit the platform, I let out a long breath and smiled, relieved and proud of what I had achieved on this trip to Wero.

By Peau R8

Beaut biking! The Y5-6 classes have enjoyed their bike safety sessions with AT instructors. Nice **Kairangi** – remembering how to wear your helmets, and stop your bike safely! Reflecting on learning endurance, I close with this whakataukii: **He toka tuu moana** (Like a rock standing firm in the ocean). Kia pai te raa whakataa, have a peaceful weekend 🌸

Fa'afetai tele lava

Dr Deanna Johnston

Principal – Pule o le Aoga



TERM THREE 2026: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

TERM THREE BOARD MEETINGS: Monday 17 August & 14 September @ 5:30 pm

YEAR 8 CAMP: Ngaaruawaahia Monday 17-19 August (contact Mr Leulua'iali'i Y7-8 Team Leader)

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 walk across 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 cones, traffic flow, exits and staff on duty. **NO stopping or parking at the cones**
- For everyone's safety, please do not park on yellow lines 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/MoE healthy lunches:

- 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 and sugary foods
- If packing your child's own food, consider using containers to reduce waste
- MoE lunch and fruit provided daily. Any needs/changes, please call the Office
- **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)



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 & 4 or black shoes – **NO crocs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe). The new 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 & 3. Black trousers optional, only worn in Term 2 & 3. **NO tights worn as pants**
- To buy uniform, please visit our new supplier, [NZ Uniforms \(Unit 5, 20 Lambie Dr. Manukau\)](#) shop or order online. Ask at their info desk for orders/your needs
- 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 (zone)

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 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 and expectations for bringing any wheels to School

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](#))

