



NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 4: Friday 24 May 2024

Talofa lava! Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa! O ā mai outou? Tautua i le alofa, manuia le lumana'i – Serve in love for a blessed future. Kia ora, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kamusta, Salam, Bula, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum – we join Schools across Aotearoa to celebrate Samoan language and culture week! This year's theme focuses on **'service, with love and respect'**. The fanau will enjoy language and culture activities such as greetings, music/movement, art and historical studies. Fa'afetai tele lava Miss Janette for your beautiful service at Viscount School. Blessings and alofa on your new journey, we know you'll visit Viscount - your first aiga! ❤️



Attendance Matters Our daily rate was down this week, let's keep working together - every child a HERO (Here Each day Ready On time) **School begins @ 8:55 am** ✅ Thank you for contacting the Office when your child is away sick, providing reasons, and responding to our Office texts/calls 📞



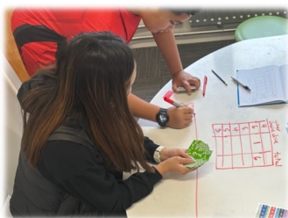
School Assemblies We enjoyed the return of whole School Assembly on Friday. Super proud of the Y1-3 Team presentation of some confident and enthusiastic Te Reo Māori learning (pepeha, waiata, kanikani)! Fa'afetai tele lava Mrs Anand and the Team, we love how you're leading our littlest and youngest performers to soar to new heights of success!

Afio mai, welcome to our **Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa Assembly Thursday 30 May @ 9:30 am in the Hall**. We look forward to a fabulous cultural celebration of song and dance!

Fa'amālō atu! Viscount Student Leaders Aligning the Samoan theme of **'service, with love and respect'**, was fitting to congratulate and present our **Student Leaders of 2024** at whole School Assembly. I commend their preparation of 2 minute speeches and participation in a process of being voted in by their peers. Big thanks to Miss Nguyen and the Y7/8 Team for supporting the process. Fa'afetai tele lava to Karman and Daniel, the first Student Leaders to MC our Assembly. It takes courage and respectful responsibility to serve others, well done! Dasselion R1; Karman, Melino R2, Hunter, Jyrah, Monique, TeRupe R3; David, Raniera R4; Manori, Daniel R5; Frederick, Harmony, Leute, Stacey R8.



My World & Beyond the students continue to build on their scientific thinking in their studies. The Y4-6 Teams are visiting the Star Dome this Term, enjoying their trips. The Y7/8 Team look forward to their planned trips this Term. Fa'afetai tele lava parents/aiga for volunteering to support these vital EOTC learning experiences!



Marvellous Maths Building on our TLF Maths Collaborative Cluster PLD and Rob Proffitt-White's visit last week, we've been reviewing the use of 'rich games' that help improve your child's mathematical reasoning and talanoa. Rob loved our students' enthusiasm for maths ako! This review links to our Strategic/Annual Plan Goals for strengthening maths teaching practice.

REMINDER: Teacher Only Day there is **NO School on Friday 31 May**. Thank you for your understanding. Enabling and extending your child's core learning remains our focus. Enjoy your weekend, kia pai tō rā whakatā.

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



Term Two: Monday/Rāpare 29 April to Friday/Rāmere 5 July

Road Safety: For the safety of all, there is no drop off inside the School gate. Please remember to safely use Manukau Rovers car parks and/or surrounding streets. Thank you for your co-operation 😊



REMINDER: Teacher Only Day The MoE has provided PLD days to all Schools to continue with Curriculum review. So that our teachers and I can focus on our Strategic/Annual Plan priorities, there is **NO School on Friday 31 May.**



Board Meetings: Twice a Term, Mondays @ 5:30 pm; 27 May & 24 June

Do you need to collect your child earlier for an appointment? Please call the Office in advance. Children must be collected and signed out from the Office by the parent/caregiver, **only between 11:30 to 11:45 am**



UNIFORM: While it's been a bit cold, it's great to see students wearing their Term 2/3 sweatshirt or jacket. We have a **new fleecy full zip uniform jacket** available, check it out on the website or call the Office. It's warm and easy to wash/fast drying.

Y3-6 Star Dome trip: (see your child's teacher/notice)

- Monday 27 May R21 & R22
- Friday 5 July R20 & R23

Thank you Y7/8 Parents'/ Caregivers for attending last week's Positive Puberty Meeting/Hui. Great to see more parents!



Samoan Language & Culture Week & School Assembly:

Thursday/Rāapa 30 May @ 9:30 am Hall

Let's Siva Y3/4 Group Performance:

Monday 1 July, 1-2 pm at the Manukau Due Drop Centre



IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS ☺

See previous Newsletters emailed to you and on our website.

Student arrival and leaving times

- School starts 8:55 am and finishes 3 pm. Please arrive before 8:55 am
- 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**

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 ☺

Walking to and around School:

- Safely walk on the paths and use the pedestrian crossing

Queries, concerns, School info:

- 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

Enrolments:

- Visit or call the Office first and we'll help you enrol your child

Uniform, stationery & devices:

- Viscount School uniform is compulsory. Please purchase the **collar top**, with the shorts. The **Sports Tee is only for Y7/8**. The hat is compulsory for all students. The fleece pullover full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3. Students have the free black jacket too. Black trousers are optional in Term 2 and 3. Black sandals Term 1 and 4 or dark/black shoes – **NO crocs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe)
- 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
- **No student cell phones at School**

Food/Drink/Free healthy lunches:

- Free lunch is available. Any dietary change, please contact the Office
- Water only (no fizzy, juice) – students bring a bottle each day
- Keep sweets, gum and processed convenience packaged foods at home
- Any food wrapping brought to School, goes home with your child/in their lunch box **'Pack In Pack Out'**

Wheels – bikes, scooters:

- Students are responsible for their own bike/scooter. Students must wear helmets and are responsible for securing their own bike/scooter. See the DP for information about safety routines

Viscount Breakfast Club:

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

Notices, Newsletters:

- Emailed to parents/caregivers Friday fortnightly
- Also posted on our School website www.viscount.school.nz (our online communication)

