

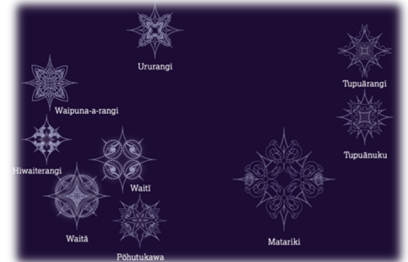


NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 8: Friday 21 June 2024

Kia ora, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kamusta, Salam, Bula, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum We hope you've had a great few weeks and enjoyed the sunnier, drier weather! **Mānawatia a Matariki** The beautiful Matariki



star cluster rises in the morning sky on the eastern horizon, signalling the beginning of **Te Mātahi o te Tau** (Māori New Year). As part of our Local Curriculum studies, the students have been learning about **Te iwa o Matariki** (9 stars). Learning experiences have enabled students to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future. Super proud of their writing and visual arts too!



Raranga weaving Ngā mihi nui ki a koe Whaea Rachel for sharing her beautiful taonga of raranga with R27. A very enjoyable experience for the ākonga to learn about the kawa of working with harakeke (flax) and mātauranga (skills and knowledge). We welcome parents who are keen to share their rich knowledge with our students.



School Assembly Classes are looking forward to showcasing some of their mahi at **next Thursday's** Matariki Assembly 2 pm in the Hall. As Matariki is a time to gather with **whānau** (family), **ngā hoa** (friends), and **hāpori** (community), we look forward to you joining us! Nau mai, haere mai, afio mai!

ERO Visit This week our Evaluation Partner (EP) joined us to review the School's past three years. Our EP enjoyed visits to classes, observations of teaching, and chats with students, staff, parents and the Board. Thank you parents, and especially our students and staff! It takes collective team work to achieve better for our students. We expect a draft Report early next Term.

Victorious math mindset! Super proud of our senior reps who showed endurance under pressure at the two South Auckland Math Competitions. They remained in the top 5 of 14 teams. Thank you Mr Leuluaialii for encouraging our troops!



Student Achievement Reports Teachers are finalising your child's Mid-Year Report which will be shared at the parent/whānau/teacher meetings on Tuesday/Wednesday 2 and 3 July of the last week. I'm enjoying reading these drafts that affirm progress and look ahead to further student success.

Attendance Matters Like all Schools, we're required to monitor attendance. So that students don't fall behind or miss out on vital learning, they **must arrive by 8:55 am** ✅ Thank you for contacting the Office when your child is away sick, providing reasons, and promptly responding to our Office texts/calls 📞 Let's keep working together - every child a HERO (Here Each day Ready On time).

Enjoy the Matariki holiday next Friday! Thinking about our students' strengths, I close the week with: **Tukua kia tū takitahi ngā whetū o te rangi** Let each star in the sky shine its own light. Enjoy your weekend, kia pai tō rā whakatā.

Fa'afetai tele lava 🌸
 Dr Deanna Johnston
 Principal



Term Two: Monday/Rāhina 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 😊



School Matariki Assembly:

Thursday 27 June 2 pm Hall

Matariki Holiday:

Friday 28 June



Board Meetings:

Twice a Term

Mondays @ 5:30 pm

27 May & 1 July

Parent/Student/Teacher Hui:

- Tuesday 2 July 1:30 – 5:30 pm
- Wednesday 3 July & 4 July 3:20 onwards



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



Y7/8 Museum trips:

- Monday 24 June R1, 2, 3
- Monday 1 July R4, 5, 8



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)

