



## NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 2: Friday 2 August 2024

**Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mälō e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kamusta, Salam, Bula, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum**  
Great to see you at last week's School Assembly! Welcome to our new students, and Mrs Donna Namoro R21 teacher ❤️ We also acknowledged students who received their 100% Attendance Certificate! ✅

**Viscount School Values:** Following our review in the past two Terms, and support from mana whenua representation, we're super delighted with our refreshed School Values: **Kairangi** (excellence, high expectations, aspirations and achievement); **Manaakitanga** (respect for people, place and provisions); and **Whanaungatanga** (pride in identity and belonging). Our Values are interconnected (a holistic way of thinking and doing). They're 'big enough' to enable inspiration and empowerment for all our students. We're also fortunate to have developed our **Viscount School Pepeha** (see website):

### Te Pepeha o te Kura Tuatahi o Viscount

Ko te Pane o Mataoho te maunga  
Ko te Maanukanuka o Hoturoa te moana  
Ko Kaiwhare te kaitiaki  
Ko Hape te tangata  
Ko Tainui te iwi  
Ko Ihumaatao, ko Papatuaanuku Kookiri ngaa marae  
Ko te Kura tuatahi o Viscount  
Ko Ngaa Hau Maangere te tuurangawaewae o maatou katoa



Students and staff can learn about each significant part in relation to this **rohe** (area), **hītori** (history), and **pūrākau** (Te Ao Māori creation stories), as well as confidently recite their own pepeha. As our students make connections to their cultural background, they take pride in their identity, being confident that they belong to a rich and diverse school community!



**Read, read, read – the more you read, the more you know, the more you know, the more you grow!**  
During the holidays, the teachers and I enjoyed our Guided Reading PLD refresh. Improving and advancing your child's literacy is one of our Annual Goals, and vital for making connections to learning across the Curriculum.



**A picture's worth a 1000 numbers:** This week, the Team Leaders, Mrs Gulati, and I, attended our TLF Maths Collaborative Cluster workshop. Improving and advancing your child's maths capabilities is another one of our Annual Goals. These two questions 'what do you wonder, what do you notice?' encourage our students to be curious, make connections, and 'see' maths everywhere!

**Cook Island Language Week:** This year's theme is *Ātui'ia au ki te vaka o tōku matakeinanga* – connect me to the canoe of my tribe. We're blessed to have a culturally diverse staff sharing many strengths. Meitaki to our awesome LAs Beverleen, Vaine and Favona leading groups of students, and beautiful displays. We're super excited about celebrating next week!



**Olympic studies:** students are enjoying a range of learning activities. This topic connects beautifully with our Viscount Values, especially **Kairangi** – striving for excellence (pursuing and achieving goals), being BTB better-than-before!

**Attendance Matters:** Tino pai students who've achieved 90-100% in the past two weeks! So that all students receive vital learning they **must attend each school day (unless sick) and arrive by 8:55 am** ✅ Thank you for contacting the Office providing reasons, and promptly responding to our Office texts/calls 📞 Every child a HERO (Here Every day Ready On-time).

**Safety at the School gate:** thank you for parking, driving and being patient at Rovers carpark after school. We need students and staff to be safe. This area is becoming congested, and some drivers are not following the safety procedures. We encourage you to park in surrounding streets. We continue to liaise with AT to support our safety procedures.

I close with 'if you want to be the best, be prepared to do the things others wont' (Michael Phelps, most decorated Olympian). Have a peaceful weekend ☺️

**Fa'afetai tele lava 🌸**  
**Dr Deanna Johnston**  
Principal



## Term Three: Monday/Rāhina 22 July to Friday/Rāmere 27 September

### 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 (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 website)



# Safety at the School Gate



For more information visit  
[aucklandtransport.govt.nz](http://aucklandtransport.govt.nz)

# Park safely outside schools

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help protect our children and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put our kids at risk.

This term parking officers will be on patrol outside your school to issue tickets to those who are illegally parked.

## Fines for illegal parking include:

- Parked on the footpath \$40
- Parked across or within 1m of a vehicle entrance \$40
- Parked within 6m either side of an unmarked bus stop \$40
- Parked within a marked bus stop \$60
- Parked within 0.5m of a fire hydrant with no one in the car legally capable of moving it \$60
- Parked within a designated bus lane, transit or cycle lane \$60
- Parked on a clearway \$60
- Double parked \$60
- Inconsiderate parking to other road users, including pedestrians \$60
- Parked on or within 6m of an intersection \$60
- Parked on a pedestrian crossing \$60
- Parked on a broken yellow line \$60

*These parking offences are detailed in the New Zealand Road Code.*

**Thank you for your cooperation.**