



NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 8: Friday 13 September 2024



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mälō e lelei, Kia ōrana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kamusta, Salam, Bula, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum Welcome to all our new students and families/whānau! **Y7/8 Sports Camp:** Super proud of all our senior students who received placings and awards from their challenging pursuits! It was a joy to see students in action last week, the skills they practised 'living' on camp, competing with other Schools, and reflecting our Viscount Values: Kairangi, Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga. Ngā mihi nui to Mr Leulua'ialii, Miss Latu and LA Beverleen 🏆😊

Te Wiki o te reo Māori: This year's theme is 'Ake Ake Ake' – a 'forever language', representing the resilience, adaptability and endurance of te reo Māori, and reflecting the commitment to embracing and learning the language long into the future. As a staff,



we're all on a reo journey. I'm proud of our staff who are modelling te reo Māori each day, and incorporating te ao Māori into our local Curriculum. We look forward to our celebration of language and culture next week. See you at School Assembly/Hui on Friday/Rāmere ❤️

Attendance Matters: Again, we nearly reached our 90% goal this week! Super well done to those students who've attained 100% attendance so far, those who've maintained high 90s, and to those who've improved their attendance rate this Term! Lost learning over time impacts a student's progress and achievement, including vital development of social and emotional capabilities. This graphic highlights the impact of lost learning. With only 10 days of the Term remaining, every minute matters. I commend the collective efforts of our staff working hard to ensure students are learning what's expected for their Curriculum Level.

Unless sick, all students **must attend each school day and arrive by 8:30 am** ✅ Thank you for contacting the Office providing reasons, and promptly responding to our texts/calls 📞 Let's have every student a **HERO** (Here Every day Ready On-time). We're here to help, and we have resources and networks to support those in need. Thank you for working with us.



Reflecting on te reo Māori wiki theme, the very useful, resilient Ake Ake native tree comes to mind. I close with this whakataukī: **"He kai kei aku ringa – there's food at the end of my hands"** signifying resilience and responsibility to use the resources we have to grow and create success! Kia pai te rā whakatā, have a peaceful weekend 😊

Fa'afetai tele lava 🌸
Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal | Tumuaki



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**
- **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.**

Drop off / Pick up:

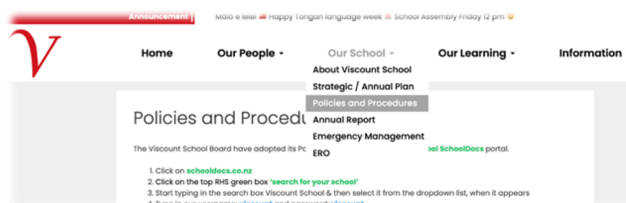
- Only use the Manukau Rovers car parks and/or surrounding streets. When parked in Rovers, please follow the safety layout, traffic flow, exits and staff on duty. **No stopping or parking at the cones**
- For everyone's safety, please do not park in or drop off inside the School gate (this is for staff 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, 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



Enrolments:

- Visit or call the Office first and we'll help you enrol your child. Also see our School Website

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 to fill with water 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 (our online communication)
- Download the *KiwiSchools* App to your mobile (see link on our website)

