



NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 10: Tuesday 17 December 2024



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia ōrana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Salam, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum

We have come to the end of a big beautiful year; a wonderful journey with our ākonga, staff, and school community. I'm super proud to be your Principal, for nearly a year now. Thank you, for working with us, to foster and sustain meaningful connections, celebrate achievements, and pave the way for continued success in 2025.

The staff and I are immensely proud of our students who are showing the School's Value of **Kairangi** – high aspirations and expectations – pursuing excellence; **Manaakitanga** – respect, care, and support for one another; and **Whanaungatanga** – pride in identity and belonging; that's enriching their learning, and continuing to strengthen our connections with parents/whānau.

Our campus is evolving, with property upgrades and the exciting progress of our new classroom rebuild next year. I thank our staff for their patience, and the Board, for their excellent Governance and support this year. These improvements are a reflection of our commitment to providing a safe, innovative, and high-quality learning environment for your children, our ākonga.

I thank an amazing, capable, creative, and very cool staff for putting Viscount students at the centre of our mahi. All our students deserve a bright future, and it's our collective responsibility to help build that future. I look forward to the opportunities before us, as a staff in 2025. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe, Ms Hao Nguyen, for her awesome teaching mahi over the years, and wishing her much alofa as she ventures into a new journey with her dearest young whānau. We thank Ms Emily Pauling for her skilled, inspiring visual arts teaching this year, and to Miss Juanita Hammann for teaching our new entrant students; alofa tele on your new adventures!



End-of-Year Awards

Wow, what an awesome turnout of parents/whānau, and friends to celebrate at last week's two Ceremonies! Loved having you join us! Congratulations to recipients of the Class Excellence, Service-to-School, Top Attendance, and Special Awards – super proud of your efforts and dedication.

Congratulations to our Y8 graduates!

I commend the Y7/8 Team for organising a well-enjoyed Dine and Dance last Thursday! Thank you parents for supporting your child's special occasion. Go well Viscount School graduates with your secondary education – pursue, persist, and achieve your future goals!



End-of-Year Student Achievement Reports

These were given to your child from the class teacher, yesterday, Monday 16 December. We hope that you can share and enjoy the Report with your child, and discuss what might need to be next year's learning goals.



Attendance Matters – 2025 Term One: We start back Thursday 30 January, and look forward to all students being a **HERO** (Here Every day Ready-to-learn On-time)!

On page 2, please enjoy some fabulous writing by our hard-working R14 ākonga – ka rawe and ngā mihi Mrs Juhl! Reflecting on a year of growth, I close with my favourite whakataukī: **Mā te huruhuru, ka rere te manu** (Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar). We hope that all families can have some recharge and reconnect time over the holiday season. Take care, safe travels, I'll be excited to see students and whānau in the new year – Thursday 30 January 2025! 😊

Fa'afetai tele lava 🌸
Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal



Shark

Introduction

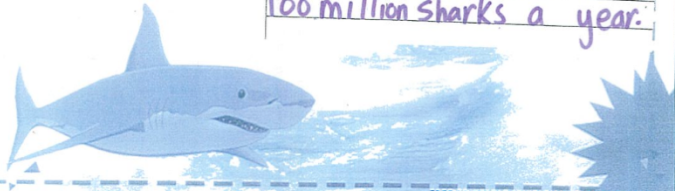
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Interesting Things About Sharks



Some interesting facts about sharks are firstly, a Thresher shark has a very long tail. Did you know that sharks have cartilage and not bones? Sadly humans kill over 100 million sharks a year.



How Sharks Eat their food

Sharks eat their food whole. Sharks stabilise the ecosystem. Sharks are a carnivore. They have a sixth sense to detect the electrical fields of their prey.



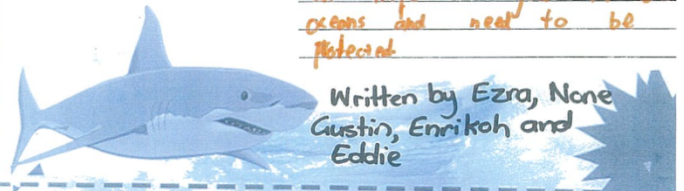
Different Types of Shark Species

Did you know sharks are a fish. There are 490 different types of sharks. sharks can be huge or tiny. The whale shark is one of the biggest types of sharks.



Conclusion

In summary I think sharks are amazing. We have learnt that they can be huge or tiny. They are a fish that has no bones and are carnivore. Sharks have an important job in our oceans and need to be protected.



Written by Ezra, Nona, Gustin, Enrikoh and Eddie

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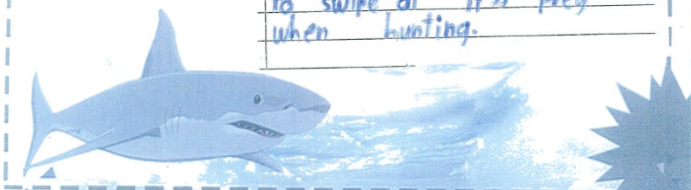
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How DO sharks Eat ?

Sharks are a carnivore and they eat their food whole. They do not chew their food! They have a sixth sense to detect the electrical fields of their prey. The Thresher shark will use its tail to swipe at its prey when hunting.



Interesting facts About Sharks

I have learnt some interesting facts about sharks. Did you know sharks have cartilage and not bones? A Thresher shark has a very long and strong tail. Sadly, humans kill over 100 million sharks a year. Most sharks are now endangered.



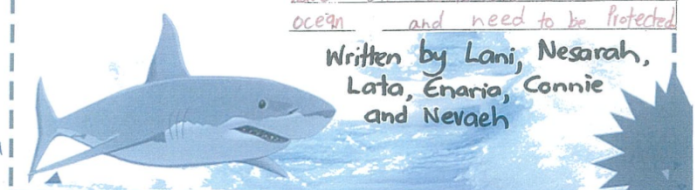
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Written by Lani, Nesarah, Lata, Enaria, Connie and Nevaeh

Term One 2025: Thursday/Rāpare 30 January to Friday/Rāmere 11 April

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS ☺ See previous Newsletters emailed to you and on our website.

2025 Y7/8 Immunisations: We have been informed from Te Whatu Ora, that these immunisations will take place next February, March, June and December. If you have any queries, please call the Office.

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:

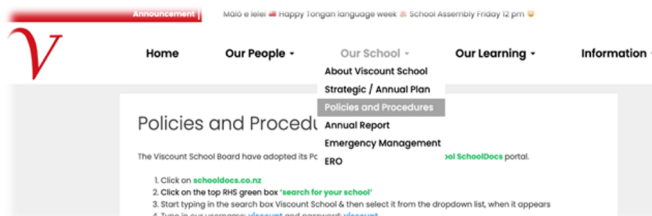
- Only use the Manukau Rovers car parks and/or surrounding streets. When parked in Rovers, please follow the safety layout, traffic flow, exits and staff on duty. **No stopping or parking at the cones**
- For everyone's safety, please do not park in or drop off inside the School gate (this is for staff 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 of Term 4 Policies ☺**



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)

