



NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 8: Friday 6 December 2024

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia ōrana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Salam, Bula vinaka, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum While we're nearly at the end of the Term, we still have 7 days remaining, and the teachers continue to keep learning routines in place. We've been reflecting on this year's wonderful journey of our students, staff, and school community. There are exciting events next week, please check your phone, email, the School Website Calendar, or call the Office for updates. At last week's School Assembly, hosted by the Y7/8 Team, we were inspired by beautiful singing, guitar playing and cultural dance items. Tino pai – super proud of our senior students!!



End-of-Year Awards

We look forward to celebrating with you at two Ceremonies! These include, Class Excellence, Service, Special Awards, and the Year 8 Graduation. I have also introduced two new Special Awards. For those students receiving an Award, a letter from the Principal has been emailed to parents/caregivers – please check. Your child does not know they are receiving an Award, please help us keep this a surprise! We are super excited as you will be, and for privacy reasons, please **only** take videos/photos of your child(ren).

Year 1 – 3 Ceremony

- Thursday 12 December 10 am
- Please be seated in our School Hall by 9:50 am

Year 4–8 Ceremony

- Thursday 12 December 1:15 pm
- Please be seated in our School Hall by 1:05 pm



Year 8 Dine & Dance

This is a special formal event to celebrate our Y8 students as they end their Primary School years. Invitations to this Y8-only event have been given out – please check with your child. You will have also received a letter from our Y7/8 Team Leader Mr Leuluailii outlining details e.g., clothing, behaviour expectations, and upholding our School Values, still apply (Board Policies/Procedures).

- **Date:** Thursday 12 December 2024
- **Time:** must arrive by 5:30 pm and be collected by 8:00 pm
- **Venue:** Viscount School Hall

End-of-Year Reports

Our teachers have pooled from a range of assessment information about your child's learning journey this year, and these Reports will be sent home at the end of next week. I have loved reading the students' reports, their challenges overcome, successes achieved, and opportunities to strive ahead for in the new year!



Attendance Matters: We still have 7 days to go, with our final day being Tuesday 17 December. There's still time to achieve our School-wide goal! So that your child does not miss out on vital end of term events, let's have every student a **HERO** (Here Every day Ready-to-learn On-time).

Reflecting on our students' learning journey, I close with the whakataukī: **Ka mate kāinga tahi, ka ora kāinga rua** (there's more than one way to achieve an objective). Have a peaceful weekend. Kia pai te raa whakataa 😊

Fa'afetai tele lava 🌸

Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal



Term Four: Monday/Rāhina 14 October to Tuesday/Rātū 17 December

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:

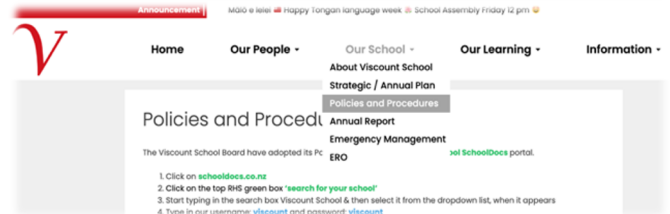
- Only use the Manukau Rovers car parks and/or surrounding streets. When parked in Rovers, please follow the safety layout, traffic flow, exits and staff on duty. **No stopping or parking at the cones**
- For everyone's safety, please do not park in or drop off inside the School gate (this is for staff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

