



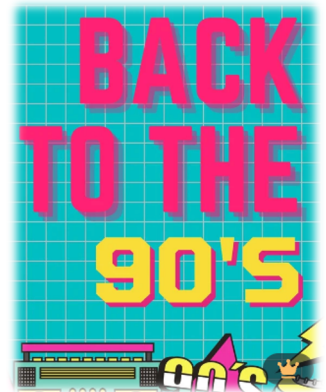
NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 6: Friday 7 March 2025

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

WOOHOO!!! Two weeks ago we made a new record of 94% School wide attendance, with consecutive days in the 90s... AND... last week we were in the 90s again... AND... at the start of this week we've been in the 90s, AGAIN! We're breaking old, and making new records!



Let's make this our new norm!



The "power of 3" Home-School-Student relationship: Thank you parents/wahaanau for working with us. Our superb staff are working hard to plan, prepare, teach, guide, support, challenge, inspire and encourage your child to achieve what they need to achieve each day! All students attending School for learning, unless they are sick 🏠 **Every student a HERO (Here Every-day Ready-to-learn On-time)!**

Welcome to our new students and parents/wahaanau! We're delighted you've joined Viscount School. We know you'll enjoy an awesome learning journey with us! **We loved seeing familiar and new faces at last week's Meet the Kaiako & Team!** We hope you found the sessions helpful, and asked questions about your child's learning. You're always welcome to visit/contact your child's teacher. We want your child(ren) happy, coming to School each day, and learning lots! Primary education is so vital for building up your child, for eventually, when they move onto College!



Interschool sports: Ka rawe students who competed in the Y7/8 Tag and Softball events in the past few weeks. We're super proud of the practises you put in, and a resilient attitude during the competitions. Mālō 'aupito Miss Latu, Miss Chan, Fred and Mr Leulua'ialii for leading the troops forward, and helping ākonga to positively reflect on what skills they can build on for next events. Take a victorious attitude next week, Y7/8 Girls' Tag Team!

School Assembly: Tino pai Y4-6 Team for leading today's Assembly ♥ WOW!!! Fa'afetai tele lava Mr Sello for teaching our wonderful Choir, and to Miss Jamesani for teaching the beautiful Niue dance group! Super proud - they sang and performed confidently, showing stage discipline. Great to see parents/wahaanau - you're very welcome to join our Team and School Assemblies! Well done to students who received School Values Certificates - be proud you're soaring to new heights of success!



How quickly it seems we're now into cooler autumn mornings. Please remember to name your child's **water bottle, lunchbox and uniform.** **See you at next Wednesday morning's free Hubbard's breakfast!**



Reflecting on the pursuit of what is mostly desired, I close with this whakataukii: Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei (Pursue excellence, should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain). Kia pai te raa whakataa 😊

Fa'afetai tele lava 🌸
Dr Deanna Johnston - Principal



TERM ONE 2025: Thursday/Rāpare 30 January to Friday/Rāmere 11 April

TEACHER ONLY DAY NEXT TERM: Tuesday 3 June, while the Teachers complete the MoE new Curriculum professional development.

Thank you parents/whānau for your support & understanding 😊

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

- Please arrive by 8:30 am. School starts 8:55 am and finishes 3 pm.
- 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.**
- Safely walk on the paths and use the pedestrian crossing

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 ☺

Food/Drink/Free healthy lunches:

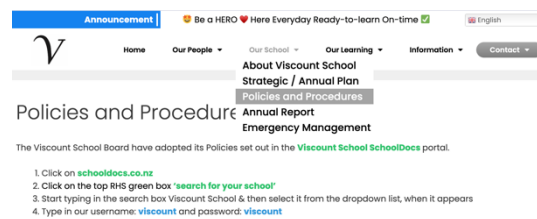
- Free lunch is available. Any dietary needs/changes, please contact the Office. We provide free fruit daily
- Water only (no fizzy or juice) – students bring a bottle to fill with water each day
- No sweets or gum. We do not have class parties/party food (health/allergy reasons)
- Any food wrapping brought to School, goes home with your child/in their lunch box **'Pack In Pack Out'**. We are a health promoting School, please consider healthy snack options, rather than highly processed foods

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 Term 1 & 4. Black sandals Term 1 and 4 or dark/black shoes – **NO crocs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe). 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.
- To buy uniform, please 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. It is illegal (as is smoking and vaping onsite)**

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 1 Policies ☺**



Viscount Breakfast Club:

- Some social fun for tamariki as they enjoy some free healthy kai in the Hall 8:20 am – 8:45 am

Enrolments:

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

Wheels – bikes, scooters:

- Students are responsible for their own bike/scooter. Students must wear helmets and are responsible for securing their own bike/scooter. Wheels must be walked in School grounds. See the DP for information about safety routines

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 School Website)
- **Board Meetings** – twice a Term, Mondays (for dates, please see our [School Website Calendar](#))

