

NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 5: Friday 21 August 2026

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orāna, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Salam! Welcome new students and parents/whānau! We've had a wonderful few weeks celebrating language and culture, vital for connecting us to our histories and communities.



Kia orana! Meitaki wonderful VS staff who led our senior students at our Cook Islands Language School Assembly! Delighted they are showing our VS Value **Kairangi** – confidence!

This year's theme was: **"Me kite koe i te tuatua i to'ou reo tupuna, e turanga rangatira tena nō'ou no te uki amuri atu"** With our language as our foundation, we'll embrace the future". Meitaki parents for joining us at Assembly too!



Mālō e lelei! Mālō 'aupito marvellous VS staff for supporting students to celebrate Tongan Language and Culture! This year's theme was **"Ko 'etau hiva, ko e fe'unu mahu'inga ia ki he mo'ui 'a e Tonga"** Our music is a vital strand of our Tongan culture". Mālō 'aupito parents/kāinga for celebrating with us at Assembly too! Marvellous VS **Whanaungatanga!**



TINO PAI kaiko and aakonga affirmed at School Assembly for achieving **Top Mid-Term Attendance!** Enjoy those pizzas! 🍕🍕



Lots of winter illness has seen lots of students away! Thank you for contacting the Office if your child is sick. Students are looking smart and feeling cosy in their uniform fleece or the warm black jacket. Let's continue to have students attending **REGULARLY** ♥ "Every Moment Matters" for your child's future 🌟

TOP MID-TERM ATTENDANCE WINNERS

YEAR 1-3

Room 14

YEAR 4-6

Room 27

YEAR 7-8

Room 3

Y8 Campers Congrats Y8 students who attended the Ngaaruawaahia Camp this week! Super proud of your **Kairangi** – having courage to explore new, challenging EOTC activities. Super proud of your **Whanaungatanga** – taking pride in your Team and showing loyalty during activities! Huge fa'afetai tele lava Mr Leulua'iali'i, Miss Latu, Miss Beverleen, Miss Favona, Mr Fred and Mr Bond for leading the crew – the students had a fabulous experience (loved the story about the frozen towels)! We look forward to some photos for our next Newsletter.

Reflecting on being prepared for activities, being organised for success, I close with this Tongan proverb: **"Fangota ki he kato 'ava** – fishing with a bag that has holes in it" (make sure preparations are met before starting a task). Kia pai te raa whakataa, have a peaceful weekend 🌸

Fa'afetai tele lava
Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal – Pule o le Aoga

TERM THREE 2026: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

TERM THREE BOARD MEETINGS: Monday 17 August & 14 September @ 5:30 pm

Māori Language School Assembly: Friday 18 September

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

Student arrival and leaving times

- Students **arrive by 8:30 am**. School starts 9 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 walk across 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 cones, traffic flow, exits and staff on duty. **NO stopping or parking at the cones**
- For everyone's safety, please do not park on yellow lines 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/MoE healthy lunches:

- 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 and sugary foods
- If packing your child's own food, consider using containers to reduce waste
- MoE lunch and fruit provided daily. Any needs/changes, please call the Office
- **Water only (no fizzy or juice)** – students bring a bottle to fill with water each day
- **NO sweets, NO gum.** We do not have class parties/party food (health/allergy reasons)



Uniform, stationery & devices:

- Viscount School uniform is compulsory. Please purchase the blue collar top, with the black shorts or skort. The blue hat is compulsory for all students Term 1 & 4. Black sandals Term 1 & 4 or black shoes – **NO crocs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe). The new fleece full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3. Students can wear our supplied free black jacket (ask at the Office), to/from school, outside, during Term 2 & 3. Black trousers optional, only worn in Term 2 & 3. **NO tights worn as pants**
- To buy uniform, please visit our new supplier, [NZ Uniforms \(Unit 5, 20 Lambie Dr. Manukau\)](#) shop or order online. Ask at their info desk for orders/your needs
- We supply free stationery for your child upon enrolment
- **NO student cell phones at School, it is illegal (as is smoking and vaping onsite)**

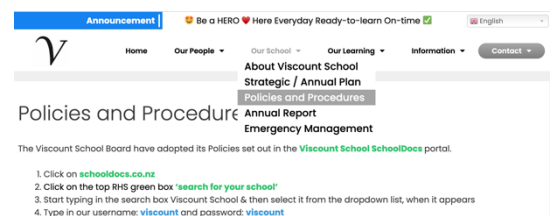


Enrolments:

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

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 3 2026 Policies ☺**



Viscount Breakfast Club:

- Some social fun for tamariki as they enjoy some free healthy kai in Room 7 at 8:30 am – 8:45 am

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 and expectations for bringing any wheels to School

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](#))

