



Term 2 Newsletter

Week 10

3rd July, 2018

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Faka alofa lati ahu, Bula, Namaste, Ni Hao and Hello to everyone

Dear everyone,

In your child's report you may have noticed Attendance at the top of the page. We put it there because it is important that your child comes to school everyday unless they are sick. This is because learning happens over time and the children who make the best progress are those who come to school. So we want every child to be a HERO - Here Every day Ready and On-time

If your child scored

Excellent	it means they have come to school almost every day...	Fantastic ...keep it up – You are a HERO
Good	they have missed 3-5 days so far	If they keep doing this..... it will add up to about 2 weeks away across the year
Satisfactory	they have missed between 5 and 10 days so far	If they keep doing this..... 20 days for the year – that's four weeks or 1 month away in total
Poor	This means children have been away for more than 10 days – some as many as 20 days away	If they keep doing this..... 40 days for the year = Away for 2 months of school for the year

It is hard to help children learn if they are not at school. Unless your child has a serious medical condition, scores of **'Satisfactory'** or **'poor'** tell us that your child might be taking way too much time off school.

There can be a number of reasons for children to be away. We have a wonderful Social Worker – Robert, here who can help you to access help so please don't feel embarrassed to ask. The school receives some free lunches and also runs a Breakfast and Lunch club so no need to keep children home if you've run out of food for their lunch.

We also hear that a lot of children are staying up late playing on their Playstations or on their phones. Yes they are exciting and lots of fun but we all need to get our sleep too. A good idea is to play only on Playstation, Tablets and phones til 8pm then off to bed (or earlier for younger children). If they make a fuss, tell them Mrs Hardcastle, said so. We want everyone here everyday and ready on-time.

Shirley Hardcastle

KEY DATES - Term 2

4 July
Parent conferences and reports
2-6pm

6th July
Assembly
9.45 Y1-4
11.00 Y5-8

Last day Term 2
School closes at 3pm

23rd July
Term 3 starts

15 August
Possible NZEI strike 1.30 school will close.

17 August 9.45
Y1-4 Assembly

24 August 11.30
Y5-8 Assembly

30 August
Rugby
@Aorere Park

Parent conferences

Tomorrow is our second round of interviews for parents. If you can't make that but still want to talk to your child's teacher, please ask the office for an appointment.

Staff movements

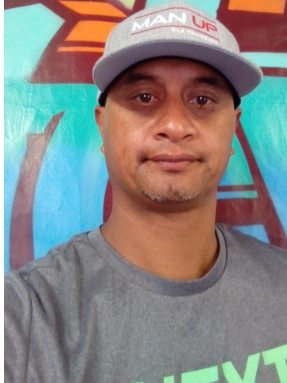
We will sadly be farewelling Mr Chalmers and Mrs Sharpe at the end of this term. Both of these staff have worked at Viscount for many years and are both planning on a well-deserved retirement. We will also farewell Mrs Reading and thank her for stepping in at the last minute when we had a newly appointed teacher resign when her husband got a job in New Plymouth.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the children of Viscount School.

We will have two new staff starting with us in term 3— both teaching year 5/6. They are Mrs Shortt and Ms Bickrum.

In times when it is very hard to find teachers – we have been very fortunate to gain the services of these two teachers.

OUR SCHOOL SWIS WORKER
Robert McFarlane



Rob McFarlane, our school social worker, has been in Viscount School learning community for almost 3 years. He is available to help families in the Viscount school area and runs programmes in the school to help children find their potential.

Rob also has a connection to resources you can access for your families. There is a large amount of baby car seats and strollers available along with adult men's & women clothing and children's clothing. These come at very low cost or a koha or through some other arrangement. So if you are interested please make contact with Georgina, ME Family Services resource manager on 0275711337.

And if you are requiring any help with WINZ entitlements, assistance with housing, or having financial difficulties please don't hesitate to make contact with Rob on 021792032. Rob does not work for Oranga Tamariki. He is focused on supporting you so we can all help our children.

Parent meeting 6th September 5.30pm

I had several parents approach me last week to say they were pleased to see the things parents who came to the Whanau Engagement Evening thought would be great to have at Viscount school. They also wondered why there hadn't also been a meeting for all parents. As you can see there will be one and I hope lots of people will come and share your ideas.

6 September
Parent meeting

10-14 September
TONGAN
LANGUAGE WEEK

17-20 September
MAORI
LANGUAGE WEEK

28 September
Assembly
Y1-4 9.45
Y5-8 11.00
Last day 3pm

SCHOOL TERMS

30 January - 13 April
30 April – 6 July
23 July – 29 September
15 October – 14 December



InMotion Matariki Parade – fun for all the family! Saturday 21 July from 5.30pm, Silo Park
Decorate your wheels and/or yourself and head to Silo Park for the annual illuminated Matariki parade. Haka Fusion, exciting floats, Vector Lights and cool performances, entertain you as you travel to The Cloud for the spectacular aerial finale! Learn the dance moves to *Wairua* by Maimoa, for the grand mass dance-off in The Cloud. Touch Compass has ensured it's free and fully accessible for all, including an audio-described tour. Part of Auckland Council's Matariki Festival. See you there! www.inmotion.org.nz www.touchcompass.org.nz