



Term 2 Newsletter

Week 2

1st August, 2018

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

Dear everyone,

Kia Orana – This week is Cook Island Language week – seems like you have brought some Rarotonga sunshine with it!

It was lovely to see your children back at school after the holidays. Many remembered to look to see what had changed at school in the holidays and many found 6 things. There were a few others that were not easy to spot.

New carpets R18-27, New lino R18-27, A new back wall in the Hall, New doors inside the Hall, Fixing of ceiling panels R21-27, New skylights on the roof (some blew off in the storm earlier this year), repairs to outdoor seats.

It was a very busy time for our caretaker who worked very hard to help the contractors.

There is still scaffolding up as there needs to be more work on the roof. There is still more other work to do to upgrade toilets, paint inside rooms but most of that will happen next holidays. We are also working to replace old, tired furniture and this will roll out to other classes as funds permit

It is very important that your children have a safe and positive environment to work in.

Later this term we will be holding a parent meeting on the 6th September to hear your thoughts on where to next. At this meeting we will also discuss our Health curriculum plans and hope to have a speaker to talk about digital safety for parents. I hope you will be able to come.

Shirley Hardcastle

NZEI Strike – 15th August

Our latest information is that this strike is still going ahead and there is currently a ballot to see if members want this to be for the half day as announced or for a full day. We will let you know as soon as we know.

SPORTS NEWS

The weather prevented the Y7/8 Rugby teams from playing in this competition last term. Last Friday they finally got their chance. Fantastic work boys Viscount were the winners of the Auckland Championships 2018 Y7/8 boys– 26-0.....Thanks to their great coaches Leigh and Matt. I look forward to some of these boys playing for the Blues in the future – maybe then we will be winning that Mitre 10 cup too!

School Mobile

The school has developed an app you can download. This app gives you the option to read newsletters and school notices on your phone. This is free.

Go to the App store or to Google Play – search for schoolappsnz – and then Viscount School.

You will also be able to let us know about absences and gain other information. We will be able to contact you in emergencies as well. This app was originally developed as a result of the Christchurch earthquakes when schools realised they didn't have a way to let parents know their children were safe in an emergency.

You will still be able to get notices and messages on the website or get a paper copy.

KEY DATES - Term 3

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

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



Report feedback

Attached to this newsletter is a small survey about the reports you receive. We are looking at making some changes in the hope of making them more useful to you.

Please send the survey to the office. You do not need to include your name.

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

Native Plants garden

Over the next two weeks, we will be purchasing plants to create a native plants garden at the back of the school. If you would like to help us with this, it would be great if you could come and help us dig a few holes next Monday. We will have some spades you can use.

University of Auckland study

Two researchers are seeking parents of 6 and 7 year old children to help them with a study of Breathing, Nose and Skin problems. The information will help them to complete world wide study of these matters.

If you would like to take part, please let the office know. We can have people available to help you fill the questionnaire in.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Schools are required to report to parents in writing and in plain language twice a year. This year we won't be reporting progress against National Standards but instead your child's progress through the curriculum.

We have been looking at our report forms and wondering if you find them useful or if you would find something else more helpful in understanding your child's progress.

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Year level of my child(ren)
(No need for names)



Please tick the ones you like

- I like the report form just as it is

- I would like a comment from the teacher

- There are too many test marks and I'm not sure what they mean

- I would like to know more about how my child is going and if they are doing well at school

- I would like to know more about how to help at home

- Anything else
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Thank you

Please send to the office

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