



Term 3 Newsletter

Week 5

24th 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,

It has been necessary to change the date for our school parent’s meeting from the 6th September to the **13th September** ...one week later than originally planned. This is because the Pasifika staff from the Ministry of Education will be hosting a fono evening for parents of rooms 12, 10 and 25 on the **5th September** and we can’t move this to another night.

We hope you can still come to the evening for all school parents on the 13th September. We are keen to hear your thoughts and hopes about the school.

Shirley Hardcastle

KEY DATES - Term 3

24 August

11.30
Y5-8 Assembly

30 August

Rugby Y5/6
@Aorere Park

5th September 5.00pm

Parent Fono for learning about the Pasifika readers Rooms: 10, 12 & 25

13 September

Parent meeting 5.30pm

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

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to our Y7/8 netball girls and boys teams with our boys team coming first in the Zone competition and yesterday they came 5th in the Auckland finals. A fantastic effort. A big thanks to their coaches 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.

Native Plants garden

Thanks everyone for helping us with tools and to parents who told us they want to help. We have planted the plants, to create a native plants garden at the back of the school. If you want to add a native plant, please bring it to the office. We hope to put down a pathway and seats in the area too.

SCHOOL TERMS

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

Report feedback

Thanks to everyone for your responses to our survey. Here are the results

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| 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 |
| 13 | 26 | 23 | 27 | 20 |

There were comments as well – here are some

Homework – Is it reflected in the results?

Like to know more about behaviours and interests....Do they make friends easily? Are they quiet?

Do they love school?

Show attendance as a fraction

I don't like attendance as poor – what does that mean? Sometimes my child is sick and so not wagging so not fair to make them feel bad about being away.

Does poor attendance affect learning?

Very keen to know more about how to help at home

Complicated to understand – I prefer the sample portfolio

I want my child to be a clever boy and in sports

Please show us that you understand our kids

Can we have our reports emailed to us please?

We will be looking at some other formats, so your feedback was helpful. Thank you.

Absences

Thank you to parents for letting us know when your child is away. If your child is going to be absent for more than a week, please send us a note as well.

Building work

In the holidays we replaced old carpets and lino upstairs and completed a lot of other work around the school. One of the jobs, to replace the roof over the administration area, could not go ahead because of the weather and will instead be starting next week. There will be fences around the office area, but we hope we have still left room for everyone to move around the school. Please be extra careful with drop offs in the morning and if possible use the rugby car park.