



# Term 4 Newsletter

Week 1

18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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

We hope you had an enjoyable time with your children in the holidays. It was lovely to see so many children with big smiles on their face on Monday – keen to get back to school and get on with their learning.

In the holidays, the staff came in to school for a day to complete their Level 1 First Aid certificate with St Johns. We hope we never need to use what we have learned but it is good for us to have some idea of what to do to help in an emergency.

We also practised for a different sort of emergency today – we took part in Shake Out – a New Zealand wide practice of what to do in an earthquake. We hope it never happens for real in mangere but we did practice to Drop – Cover- and Hold. For everyone who has our school app we sent you a practice message to say we were having an earthquake drill and that everyone was safe.

Next week we will have a person come from Netsafe to talk to parents about keeping your children safe on-line. It will be from 5.30-6.30. We hope you can come along to school for this.

Shirley Hardcastle

**PS Please check the side bar for next term’s dates so you don’t miss out on anything. Also note that **next Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October is Labour Day- School is closed for the day.****

## KEY DATES -Term 4

### 25<sup>th</sup> October

Net safe information for parents on safety on line for their children

### 21 October

**LABOUR DAY – no school today**

### 31 October

Book parade dress up day

### 9<sup>th</sup> November

Assembly Y1-4 9.30  
Y5-8 11.30

### 14<sup>th</sup> November

School Athletics (15<sup>th</sup> if wet)

### 22 November

Zone Athletics y7/8

### 27<sup>th</sup> November

APPA music festival  
Y4-6 zone athletics

### 7<sup>th</sup> December

Junior fun day

### 10/11 December

Parent Conferences

### 13 December

Graduation Assembly

### 14<sup>th</sup> December

Last day  
Final assembly

## SCHOOL TERMS

30 January - 13 April

30 April – 6 July

23 July – 29 September

15 October – 14 December

## NETSAFE 5.30pm-6.30pm

**This evening is for all parents who want to know more about how to keep their children safe when on the Internet at home. At school we keep everyone safe by using a special programme but at home this is not available.**

## 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 because 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.



## PROPERTY WORK

Apologies for still having scaffolding up around the place. The roofers have been delayed by getting special parts they need for the **roof over the administration area**. They hope to start to take the scaffolding down next week.

They will then move to fixing the flat part of the Hall roof.

We also renovated two **upstairs toilets**. When the wall panel came off we found a lot of serious water damage and so the outside wall had to be rebuilt. This has meant a delay of a week or two for the toilets to be finished.

We also started renovating the **stairwells** starting with the one by Room18. Another bad water leak was found and again a new wall had to be built. We hope to have that finished next week.

Finally, we had the **Senior playground** repaired with one or two pieces of equipment left to reinstall. This was because we found some parts were getting old. We will also get a new load of bark.

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Viscount School

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

We are starting to form an organizing committee for this great occasion. If you are interested in joining this group, our next meeting is at 3pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> October.