

Term 4 Newsletter

Week 3

2nd November 2018

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

In Week 1 we joined in a New Zealand wide earthquake practice, called Shakedown. This was a chance for everyone to learn to drop, cover and hold. Your children were very good at this!

We have also talked to children about what to do if there was an earthquake while they were outside at playtime (go to the middle of the field and drop and cover). In a real emergency we will send out a notice on the school website and send out a message on the school app. Your children would stay with us until collected.

Earthquakes do not happen often in Auckland but with one in Taumaranui yesterday it is good to know what to do – just in case.

Shirley Hardcastle

Teacher strike

The teacher's union, NZE have announcd that there will be a strike on **Monday the 12**th November. The school will be closed for the day. I apologise for the short notice of this.

SPORTS NEWS

On School Athletics day (14th November) we will be selling sausages and icecream scoops. The scoops will be \$1 and sausages \$2.

Children will need to get tickets from the school office to "buy" icecreams or sausages. Each ticket will be worth \$1. You or children will be able to get the tickets from next Wednesday 7th November. We will have books of 10 or single tickets.

This means no children will need to carry money on them while they are running races. Money raised will go toward the cost of the Kapa Haka trip and start our Jubilee fund.

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.



KEY DATES -Term 4

9th November Assembly Y1-4 9.30 Y5-8 11.30

12th November Teacher's strike

14th **November** School Athletics (15th if wet)

15th November Dress rehearsal Kapa Haka

22 NovemberZone Athletics y7/8

23rd

Kapa Haka trip to Hamilton festival

27th November APPA music festival Y4-6 zone athletics

7th **December** Junior fun day

8th December Fiafia nght

10/11 DecemberParent Conferences

13 December Graduation Assembly

14th December Last day Final assembly

SCHOOL TERMS

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

50th Jubilee of Viscount School

Saturday 23rd February

You can go to Facebook and search Viscount School 50th Jubilee and / or go to the school website www.viscount.school.nz and click on

50th Jubilee

to find out what is planned so far.

If you want to join the committee or offer to help, our next meeting is at $\underline{\rm 3pm\ on}$ the 9th November.