



# Term 1 Newsletter

Week 7

18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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

Dear everyone,

What a dreadful day last Friday was for the Muslim community of Christchurch and for everyone in our country. It is time also to remind ourselves that we or our forebears came to New Zealand for a safe and happy life. We sent messages to the principals of Al-Madinah and Zayed College, held a special assembly and have created class pages of messages for the children of the affected families.

Our school practises emergency procedures every term and next term we will practice a Lock Down and send you information about that closer to the time. In the meantime be assured we work hard everyday to keep your children safe and to teach them to be kind to one another. From time to time we all slip up but we keep on helping each other to learn and do everything we can to stop bullying and hate.

Thank you to all parents who came to our Netsafe night – what we put on line on social media is really important and we have to help our children post good messages. If you were unable to get along and missed out on the fish and chips – you can still go to [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz). They have a lot of information and help for parents.

Shirley Hardcastle

## KEY DATES -Term 1

**21<sup>st</sup> March**  
**Teacher stop work meeting**  
**pm - Postponed**

**12<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Certificate Assembly**  
9.30 Y1-4  
11.00 Y5-8  
All welcome

School closes at **1.30pm**  
End of Term 1

**Term 2**  
**29<sup>th</sup> April**  
School starts

## Measles

There are currently measles outbreaks happening across the world, including here in New Zealand (Canterbury). We have had three cases this year in Auckland.

- Measles is a serious disease and symptoms include a high fever, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes, followed by a rash starting behind the ears and spreading to the body a few days later. One in 10 people with measles need hospital treatment and the most serious cases can result in deafness or swelling of the brain.
- If you are concerned that your child may be showing signs of this serious illness, please keep them home from school and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116. It's important to call first because measles is highly infectious and could infect others in the waiting room.
- Students showing signs of illness should also be kept home from activities involving large groups of people such as school camps, sports events and performance festivals.

For information about what to look for and how to protect your child and/or yourself, please visit: [www.arphs.health.nz/public-health-topics/disease-and-illness/measles/](http://www.arphs.health.nz/public-health-topics/disease-and-illness/measles/)

## TEACHER STOP WORK 21 March 1.30 - Postponed

In consideration to the people of Christchurch, meetings this week have been postponed. Apologies for any inconvenience. We will let you know when a new date has been decided on. **So school as usual this Thursday.**

## SCHOOL TERMS 2019

**4 February - 12 April**  
**29 April – 5 July**  
**22 July – 27 September**  
**14 October – 18 December**

# Attendance

Every day counts

Your child's learning is very important.

Please make sure your child attends school every day **unless they are sick.**  
**If your child is away from school, please let us know**

You can

- A) Telephone the school office **09 275-4699** and speak to Meafou or leave a message
- B) Email [admin@viscount.school.nz](mailto:admin@viscount.school.nz) – name, room number and reason for absence.

**If you child is away and you have not let us know we will call you or send you a text.**

## LATENESS

**Viscount School expects students to be at school on time. If children arrive after 9 they must report to the office before going to class**



We want everyone to be a HERO  
**H**ere **E**veryday **R**eady to learn and **O**n time

## Board of Trustees

If you were not able to get along to one of the meetings about becoming a trustee and you are wanting to be contacted about that, please send your name and contact details to [admin@viscount.school.nz](mailto:admin@viscount.school.nz)

Madeleine East MNZM  
Commissioner



Basketball and Rugby coaching after school – if you want your child to take part, make sure you return the form. Limited places.

Enrolling now for Before School care 7: 30 to 8:30 am

After school care 3:00 pm to 6 pm

Now also enrolling for Rugby, Basketball and Cricket After school.

Please call Ferdilin on 0210356547 to Register your interest

Winz Subsidies are available for qualifying parents who are working or studying or on a sickness benefit.

