

Term 2 Newsletter

Week 8

18 th June 2019

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

Dear parents and whanau,

Last week three of our students took part in the Samoan Language speech competition between all of the schools in South Auckland. Our students did very well and we are very proud of them. They all were placed in the middle of the list and even doing better than half of the other contestants some of whom were from Samoan Language classes in other schools. Petesa, Jumima and Nathan - *Matou te mitamita ia te outou uma lava. Faafetai lava* to Melissa Malama- Talataina for coaching our students.

It is wonderful news to think the teacher's contract dispute is closer to being settled. Apart from recognising the great work teachers do, the government has committed to allowing schools to take 8 Teacher Only days over the next three years. With new things to do, it will be very helpful for us to have a bit more time to plan together.

We haven't even started planning these Teacher Only days yet – probably one a term. We will give you plenty of warning ahead of time so you can plan with us.

Shirley Hardcastle

Parent-student-teacher conferences

You can book a time on line – Go to $\underline{\text{schoolinterviews.co.nz}}$ > parent log in > put in the code $\underline{\text{uwt64}}$ > choose the teacher and book a time. If you are unsure you can book a time using the paper form or call at the office and ask our lovely Meafou to book the time with you.

Foyer photos

We have had all of the foyer photos put on CD discs as many of them we fading in the sunlight. We have put back the most recent photos and put the rest in storage. If you want to purchase a copy of the photos you can ask at the office. They are \$10 each – proceeds towards our Junior playground.

Furniture

We have a number of tables and chairs that have been replaced. If you would like some – for a small donation – please call at the office.

New website

We have worked on redeveloping our school website, so when you go to www.viscount.school.nz. You are working on being able to change the language from English to Samoan, Tongan or Maori using Google. We hope you find a lot of useful information on the new website.

KEY DATES -

TERM 2
25th June
Interzone Boys rugby
26th June
Interzone Girl's rugby

1st/ 2nd July
Parent conferences
5th July
Assembly

TERM 3

22nd July – Term 3 starts
Welcome to Jan Sila'ila'i
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6th August – y5-6 Boys and
Girls football
12th August Y7-8 Girls

netball

14th August Y7-8 Boys
netball

16th August – Assembly

4th September – Girls basketball 6th September Boys basketball 11th September Y5-6 Boys and girls rugby

27th September – Assembly

SCHOOL TERMS 2019

4 February - 12 April

29 April – 5 July

22 July – 27 September

14 October – 18 December