

# Term 1 Newsletter

Week 1

4<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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

Dear parents,

Wecome back everyone. Everyone looks very relaxed but eager to get started on a super year of learning.

At the end of last year, we settled on three key values Whakaute (Respect), Ako (Learning together), Ruru Tanga (Safety).

We will use these to promote and focus on positive behaviour for learning. One of the ways we will do this is by awarding certificates at each school assembly and during singing assemblies each week.

**Shirley Hardcastle** 

# **Stationery**

A reminder that the school is not selling stationery. Your teacher sent home the list at the end of last year – this list is on the website and available at the office. If you have any difficulties with this or need a WINZ letter please see us at the office.

# Diversity week 24th-28th February – Celebrate with us!

We plan to showcase and celebrate our wonderful and rich diversity. Every class will choose one country to focus on for the week and there will be a parade on Thursday  $27^{th}$  at 9.30. This will be followed by a parent's morning tea. You are welcome to visit our classrooms after that. Your child's teacher will give you more information.

If you have anything you would like to share let your child's teacher know. We hope you will be able to come along.

### Lunches

Free lunches from Kids Can – prepared by Fred and parents - starts next Monday. Good Kai starts Week 2 – Orders Thursday for delivery on Fridays – new menu to be

Pork buns will start later – we will advise you.

## Parent conferences 3-5 March

This year we would like to chat with you and your child at the start of the year and work together to set goals for learning. We will still have a parent conference in the middle of the year. At the end of the year you can request to meet with your child's teacher but we expect that will not be needed in most cases. You can book your time ....

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Make a booking

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## **KEY DATES**

6<sup>th</sup> February WAITANGI DAY

**24-28 February** Diversity week

**3-5 March**Parent conferences

6<sup>th</sup> March Teacher Only day

**3rd March** Softball Y7-8 Boys Cricket Y5-6

10<sup>th</sup> March Softball Y7-8 Girls

20<sup>th</sup> March Assembly Y1-4 11.00 Y5-8 11.45

24<sup>th</sup> March Y5-6 Softball

9<sup>th</sup> April Term 1 ends Close 3pm

#### SCHOOL TERMS 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – 9<sup>th</sup> April (Thurs)

28<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> July (Tues)

20 July – 25<sup>th</sup> Sept

12<sup>th</sup> Oct – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

## **OR** Send back this page to your child's teacher.

Please tick the time that is convenient to you and we will do our best to fit you in.

Tuesday 3rd March 2020	TICK
3.00-4.00	
4.00-5.00	

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	TICK
3.00-4.00	
4.00-5.00	

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	TICK
3.00-4.00	
4.00-5.00	

If you can't make one of these times, call us and we will see if we can find another time for us to meet.

# **Viscount app**

We currently have 214 users...come join us. It is free.

This app works on Android and Apple devices and is an easy way to get your newsletter or any important alerts. You can also send absence notices through this ap.

https://viscountschool.apps.school.nz/install/



#### **ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 1**



Before School Care 7:30 to 8:30 am

After School Care from 3 pm to 6 pm Monday to Friday.

We offer fun and exciting activities daily,

Winz Subsidies are available for working parents or if you are on a sickness benefit or studying. Solo parents who are working /Studying can qualify. WINZ terms and conditions will apply.

Please call Ferdilin on 0210356547 for more information.

# Help parents save money with AT HOP

With the new school year about to start, we have a timely reminder for parents to load student concessions on their children's AT HOP cards.

Many of your students will be using AT HOP cards to pay for their bus, train and ferry trips to school. Paying with an AT HOP card is much cheaper than paying with cash and parents can save even further by loading the correct concession on their child's AT HOP card.

School students are eligible for discounted fares and these are at least 40% cheaper than adult AT HOP fares. For example, the child AT HOP fare is 90c cheaper for a 1-zone trip compared to the adult AT HOP fare, which could add up to \$36\* in savings over a month!



Cards must be registered to a child, and students 16-19 years must also have a secondary student concession loaded on their AT HOP card for the discount/concession to apply, otherwise, their AT HOP card defaults to the more expensive adult fares.

We would like to work with your school to ensure students and their parents are aware of AT HOP cards and the benefits of using the card. Here's a <u>link to the website</u> for you to use in the school newsletter, or on your school website. Please link the AT HOP website provided, through to our <u>website</u>. To download the poster <u>click here.</u>

**Terms and conditions** for AT HOP cards apply.

\*Based on ten 1 zone trips per week, x 4 weeks.

Email us or call **09 366 4467** for more information