



Term 1 Newsletter

Week 5

4th March, 2020

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

Tena koutou parents,

Last Thursday, we had the privilege in witnessing an amazing day of celebration of cultural diversity by our talented and wonderful students and teachers at Viscount School. I was blown away by the many parents and families that were present. Just seeing the smiles and pride on all the parents and whanau’s faces make me even more proud to be a part of our Viscount School community.

I also had the luxury of meeting and chatting with some of our parents on Thursday, some I had only just met on the day – it was great meeting you all. One of the many great experiences that I learnt on this day is feeling the connection or the “re-connection” of Viscount School with our community (parents & whanau of Viscount School) and this is all very exciting.

Thank you to all the teachers and our wonderful children for your hard work and efforts in your excellent performances, teachings and display. Thank you also to Mrs Hardcastle and your team especially the support staff for taking the time to prepare and organise the amazing morning tea for all the parents and families on this day. Thank you everyone!

And staying with the theme on cultural diversity, I would like to end with a widely known statement by my Samoan heritage after a mission is completed, to sum up last Thursday’s celebrations:

“Malo le tauivi, Malo le tautua, Malo le fa’amalosi”

(translated loosely: “Excellent work, Excellent service, Excellent achievement, Well Done!”)

Nga mihi
Tinei Tagaloa-Leniu
Chair – Viscount Board of Trustees

No, it’s not too late - Parent conferences 3-5 March

This year we are having our conferences early in the year and in the middle of the year – not at the end of the year like before.

Book your time

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Make a booking

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OR Send back the next 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.

Wednesday 4 th March 2020	TICK
3.00-4.00	
4.00-5.00	

Thursday 5 th 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.

KEY DATES

3-5 March

Parent conferences

3rd March

Softball Y7-8 Boys

Cricket Y5-6

6th March

Teacher Only day

10th March

Softball Y7-8 Girls

20th March

Assembly

Y1-4 11.00

Y5-8 11.45

24th March

Y5-6 Softball

9th April

Term 1 ends

Close 3pm

SCHOOL TERMS 2020

3rd Feb – 9th April

(Thurs)

28th April – 3rd July

(Tues)

20 July – 25th Sept

12th Oct – 15th Dec

Coronavirus

The Ministry of Education is keeping the school informed. They tell us the most effective ways to stay well are to

- Wash our hands
- Sneeze into a tissue or our elbow
- Put tissues in a bin
- Stay home if you or your child has a temperature.

We will be reminding children about handwashing and sneezing. If you remind them at home as well that will be great. If we need to update this information, we will let you know on our website and/ or through a newsletter.

If you wish you can contact the Ministry of Health for medical advice - **0800 3585453**

Protect others from getting sick

When coughing and sneezing
cover mouth and nose with
flexed elbow or tissue



Throw tissue into closed bin
immediately after use

Clean hands with alcohol-based
hand rub or soap and water
after coughing or sneezing and
when caring for the sick



Viscount app

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

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

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 app.



