



Term 2 Newsletter

Week 1

15th April, 2020

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.

The last three weeks has felt like three years and I am longing to get back to school. It is going to take some time yet before we can start to feel like it is anywhere near normal again but even baby steps in that direction will be a great start. We will send out more details about reopening next week.

Term 2 officially starts today but of course your children are still at home. Your child's teacher will contact you to see if they can help with learning at home.

Seesaw

If you can access the internet you will hopefully have been able to get Seesaw set up – instructions on the website for this.

Hardpacks y1-3

Hopefully you will have received this from a courier. If you didn't please email admin@viscount.school.nz and we'll try to get a replacement.

Devices

We hope you will get a chromebook for y3-8 this or next week as part of the Ministry of Education's roll out. This will come with a modem. When we hear the devices are being sent out we will email you instructions for getting it set up.

We will also send instructions to you can keep your child safe online.

The devices will be long to the school so it will need to come back to school when we are open again.

KEY DATES

SCHOOL TERMS 2020

3rd Feb – 9th April
(Thurs)

15th April – 3rd July
(Tues)

20 July – 25th Sept

12th Oct – 15th Dec

We will send out more information on dates when we are fully back up and running.

TV

If online learning doesn't work for you, you can tune to Freeview Ch 50 or Sky 502 or Maori TV 9-3 on school days. Here is today's programme <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/supporting-learning/home-learning-tv/#Programmeschedule>

I will post the schedule for each day on the school website. Go to **Learning at Home** on home page and click to find the programme guide.

New web portal for whānau Māori

Kia Manawaroa is a new web portal for whānau Māori that will be live from the 15th April on education.govt.nz. Kia Manawaroa brings together information from the Ministry of Education and other education agencies, to support iwi and Māori audiences to increase their knowledge about educational choices available. This will therefore provide opportunities for whānau to be more actively involved in supporting their children's learning.

“Kia manawaroa” is a common phrase in te reo Māori. It is a call to action, to remain strong in the face of adversity. It was used on the battlefield, when paddling and sailing waka, in explorations for new homes or whenua, and in settling disputes. In this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is a call of encouragement, of rising to the challenge, of combining our strength to push through these dark times and emerge into the light – “Ki te Ao Mārama”

Talanoa Ako

Talanoa Ako (*to talk and discuss education and learning*) is a Pacific responsive education programme that builds Pacific families knowledge about education and learning. The 10 week programme builds the confidence and capability of parents to support their children's learning and have equitable partnerships with their children's schools.

As the Talanoa Ako programme cannot be delivered face-to-face, the 10 sessions will be provided via radio and an app. This ensures Pacific families have access to the advice and guidance

they need at home to support their children's education in their own languages.

- **Pacific Media Network radio station and language programmes**

Over 10 weeks, there will be ten 30 minute Talanoa Ako sessions per week **beginning 20 April**. They will be delivered on the English (531pi), and Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, Tuvalu and Tokelau language programmes in full immersion by one primary and one secondary teacher.

- **Talanoa Ako digital app – due to be released in late May**

The 10 sessions and Talanoa Ako resources will also be made available on an interactive and immersive Digital app with iOS, Android capability so that the content is accessible on mobile phones and tablets. The app will include up to 20 App Screen pages for each language; Swipe to Read, Touch to Hear, Tap to Pronounce functions in English and seven Pacific languages; visually impaired functionality; songs and prayers with interactive audio; user editable notes with full screen, high res and exportable, import/export and share functionality; app analytics and reporting; and a Tutorial on how to use the App.

Viscount app

We currently have ~~214~~ ~~249~~ 272 users...come join us. It is free.

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

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.



Keep safe. Kia Kaha
Shirley Hardcastle

