

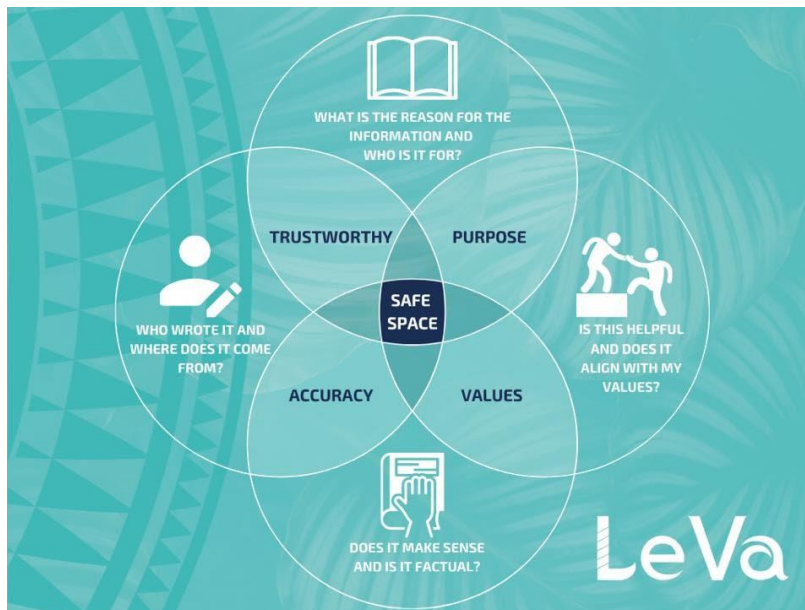
Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lati ahu, Bula, Namaste, Ni Hao and Hello to everyone

Dear parents and whanau,

It seems like no time since school started again and now we will have two weeks holiday. It will be good to come back to school on the 12th October in Level 1 and have everyone back at school.

There does seem to be a lot of false stories out there. ***This model below can help us navigate the sea of information during these uncertain times. It is important to consider all of these questions so we get the right information.***

Misinformation is designed to create panic, fear and confusion. If in doubt check with the [Ministry of Health](#) or [Unite Against COVID-19](#) websites or contact us at school – Thanks to parents who have checked with us when they have heard something that worried you or that seemed a bit wrong.



We have also had to deal with some issues with our Y7-8 students getting on to Instagram and other social media sites and sending out messages that are upsetting to others. If your child is going on to these sites, please check what they are writing. Children often do not understand how writing mean things on these sites can cause problems.

This problem is happening at every school and there have been some support lines set up for students and staff if they need to reach out for support below.

- [Need to talk](#) -. Free call or text on 1737 and there is support available 24 hours a day
- [0800 What's Up](#) - Available Mon-Fri 12pm-11pm Sat/Sun 3pm-11pm on 0800 942 8787
- [Lifeline](#) - call on (0800 543 354) or text HELP (4357) for confidential support.

Ngā mihi

Shirley Hardcastle

KEY DATES

SCHOOL TERMS 2020

20 July – 25th Sept

12th Oct – 15th Dec

25th September

Assembly

Y5-8 11.00 – 11.45

Y1-4 11.45-12.30

Parents welcome

End of Term 3 3pm

19th October

Y7/8 Girls volleyball

22nd October

Y7/8 boys volleyball

28th October

Viscount Athletics Day

3rd November

Y7/8 Touch

4th November

Double Bubble Trouble
school production

18th November

Photo life

19th November

Y7/8 zone athletics

26 November

Y5/6 zone athletics

3 December

Fiafia night – school groups concert

10th December

Prize giving and graduation assembly

Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori

It was very special to promote Maori Language Week last week. Our Kapa Haka took part in a zui – that is a video session with a lot of other schools where everyone was performing. It went viral across New Zealand. Whakamataku!

New Junior Playground

I hope you have seen our new playground. It will be ready for playing on at the start of next term. The idea for this playground started when we had our 50th jubilee back at the start of 2019 and we started raising funds. Now thanks to fundraising and grants, we have this wonderful opportunity for fun and play. Thank you to everyone who has helped along the way.



Double Bubble trouble

Two lockdowns is more than enough trouble for one year! Now, through the special genius of Bond and our great staff we are working on a school production called Double Bubble trouble. Our plan is to hold two matinees during the day and have an evening performance. We will have more information and gold coin donation tickets ready for the start of next term.

Board of Trustees mini-conference

The Board recently got together with the Boards of trustees in the other local schools. It was a great chance to meet up with others in the Mangere community to talk about our schools. Septable trouble!



Lunch at school

From the start of 2021, our school along with many others in Mangere will be in the Lunches in Schools programmes where a lunch will be supplied to every child. We are currently discussing this at our Board of Trustees meeting to decide whether to do every day or have one when children can buy their lunch or bring it from home and what we will do with lunches that are sent to school and a child is away.

Lunches will cater for the diet, health and cultural needs of our students, and we will work with suppliers and the Ministry of Education to make sure they are healthy and nutritious. All suppliers will be required to meet New Zealand food safety standards.

Graduation dinner y8

15th December

Last day for Term 4

2021

3rd February

Term 1 starts

The lunches will be available for all our students. Providing a lunch to every child means we do not need to single-out those who need it more than others. However, lunches are not compulsory, and you can continue to provide your child's own lunch if you wish. As a Mum of 4 children, I found it a lot of work to make 4 school lunches every day and would have loved it, if I didn't have to do it every day.

Right now, we are working with the Ministry of Education on the best way to meet our school's needs. So far, we have opted to join a group of schools and selecting an approved supplier once the Ministry's open tender processes have been completed. The programme will run until the end of 2021 and will be evaluated whilst it is running. This will include feedback from schools, students and suppliers about what the lunches are like, how they are delivered, and if they have an impact on students' learning and achievement.

You can find out more about the programme at: www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches or the Ministry at school.lunches@education.govt.nz or contact our office at school.

How are we doing?

We would like to hear from children, parents and our community on how Viscount School is doing and your thoughts for improvements to help us with our planning for 2021.

We will be asking you

✚ 3 things we are doing that you like

✚ 3 things we could improve

So have a think - we will be asking you at the start of Term 4



**ENROLLING NOW FOR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2020
AND TERM 4**

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

Holiday Programme from 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday. We offer fun and exciting activities daily.

With Covid-19 still hovering around us we are happy to help parents that wish to apply to Work and Income for their After-School care and need help with completing their paperwork.

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.

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