



# Term 4 Newsletter

Week 6

19th November 2020

*Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi atu, Bula, Namaste, Ni Hao and Hello to everyone*

## Dear parents/caregivers,

Time is rushing on. We hope you managed to get to see the school production. The children enjoyed the chance to stand on the stage and perform. Our thanks to Bond Tagaloa who came up with the idea and turned it into a reality. All of our staff helped to make the show a success and weren't our students just great? Fantastic mahi everyone.

Now we are looking at the last few weeks of Term 4 and hope we can get right through with no lockdowns. We hope you can come along to some of these events. On the 27<sup>th</sup> the school will practice a school lockdown practice. This is so we all know what to do if the Police ask everyone to stay safe at school because there is a problem somewhere close to the school. This will only be a practice – during this time the school office will be closed. This lockdown is NOT about Covid- 19. It is a safety drill.

Thank you to everyone for their responses to our survey. It is printed on the next few pages. Our Board will look over all of these replies and we hope we can put a lot of them into operation. We will definitely be holding Diversity Day in term 1 and hope we can have more of our parents sharing their knowledge and skills with us.

I think we have talented singers at Viscount.....



### WIN A SMART BEDROOM!

From 6am this Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB – it's 'The Voice of Christmas' singing competition... on the 'Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show'...

If you're under 13 and can sing, simply call

**0800 THE VOICE**

and sing a Christmas Carol as your audition.

That's 0800 843 864.

Grand prize: **Smart Bedroom Bundle** - Amazon Echo Plus smart speaker and Alexa-enabled smart coloured light bulbs!

Then tune in on Christmas morning to Newstalk ZB from 6am, to see if you've won!

## KEY DATES

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.**  
Y7/8 zone athletics  
@ Mt Smart Stadium

**Thurs 26 Nov**  
Y5/6 zone athletics  
@ Mt Smart Stadium

**Fri 27 Nov**  
11am-12pm - School  
Lockdown Practice  
(Safety Drill)

**Thurs 3 Dec**  
6pm - Fiafia Night  
(school groups  
concert)

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
1.30pm - Sports  
Awards

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
1pm - Prizegiving  
and Graduation  
Assembly  
6pm - Y8 Graduation  
Dinner

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Last day for Term 4  
**Close at 12.30pm**

**2021**

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb**  
8.55am - First day for  
children

## Update contact details

If you have had any recent changes, please ensure that you have informed the office so that we have your most up to date details.

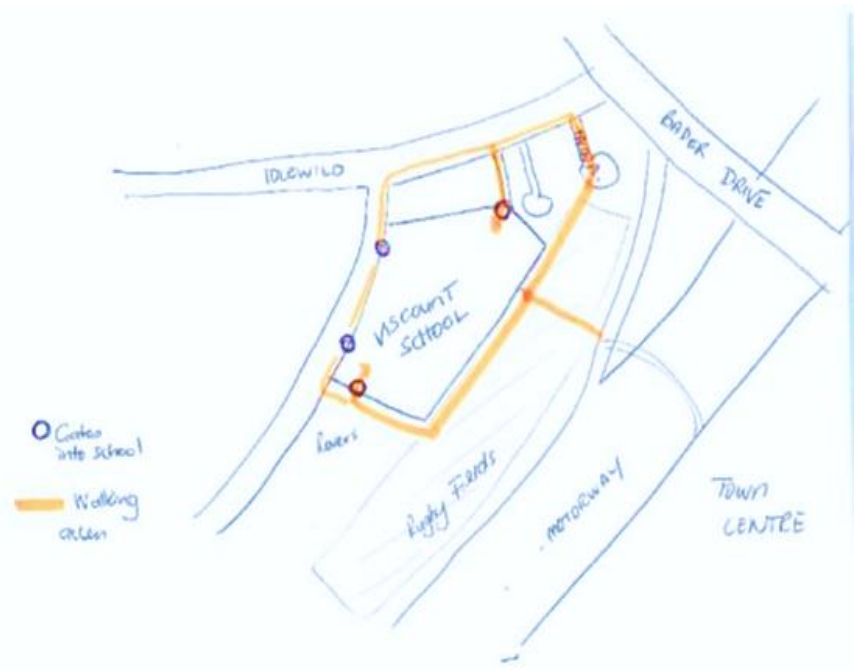
Next year we will only be sending out school newsletters via email, please ensure that you have provided the school with your email address.

## School Holiday Work

### 1. Back fence

The Ministry of Education will replace the fence from the caretakers shed around to the Idlewild gate. There will no longer be an alleyway from Idlewild Avenue to the Town Centre and people will need to go through the Tacon Place access or through the Rovers car park. The school will put up signs to help with this.

You will still be able to enter the school from Idlewild or from the Town Centre with just a short change to come in another gate.



### 2. Hall roof

The leaky roof will be replaced and there will be restrictions on entry to the school grounds during this work.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Shirley Hardcastle**  
Principal

## Viscount app

We currently have 334 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 app.



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

## SKIDS

**Before School Care 7:30 - 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.**



Join us for a

# KIWIANA CHRISTMAS PARADE

CORONATION ROAD MANGERE BRIDGE  
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2020  
PARADE STARTS 6.00PM  
FUN BEGINS 4.30PM TILL 8.30PM

**\*FREE FOR THE KIDS**

**\*Giant Adrenalin Maze**

**\*Kombi van rides**

**\*Tea cups**

**\*Facepainting**

**\*Pirate ship**

**\*Wax Hands**

**\*Santa photo ops**

**plus**

**Lucky dips, donuts, sausage sizzle**

**Music and Entertainment after**

**Parade**

**Hosted by**

**The Mangere Bridge Business Association Inc**



# IMPROVING OUR SCHOOL RESPONSES

November 2020

## Things you like and hope we keep doing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike rides with TTT</li> <li>• Encouraging children to keep safe and well</li> <li>• Upgrades around the school</li> <li>• New gates/ fences around the school</li> <li>• Improving school play areas</li> <li>• Providing a great education</li> <li>• Enjoying the new school set up</li> <li>• The playground is getting better</li> <li>• Love the new playground</li> <li>• Keep improving and adding new facilities and things around the school</li> <li>• Upgrading the school</li> <li>• The Seesaw app I like seeing what my kids are doing at school</li> <li>• Teaching of a positive mind</li> <li>• Fun things like Diversity day, production and sports</li> <li>• Really enjoyed diversity day-awesome work from the teachers</li> <li>• Cultural awareness and respect are strong and evident common practice – keep it up!</li> <li>• Culture days</li> <li>• Embraced cultural diversity of school community</li> <li>• Celebrations put on by students e.g. diversity day/production</li> <li>• Encouraging our tamariki to be critical thinkers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging children to attend school</li> <li>• Encouraging student to keep attending school</li> <li>• Checking on absences.</li> <li>• The office monitors are back in class</li> <li>• Trips out of school</li> <li>• Trips out of school</li> <li>• Trips to farms. Ambury and Critter creek</li> <li>• Being supportive to all new and challenged kids</li> <li>• Regular homework (not Seesaw)</li> <li>• Homework</li> <li>• Homework</li> <li>• Homework</li> <li>• Continue to bring books home to read</li> <li>• Recognising student achievements</li> <li>• Like seeing my kids feel safe when they come to school- well done teachers</li> <li>• Making sure kids wear the uniform</li> <li>• Calling through the speaker</li> <li>• Playing a variety of sport</li> <li>• Learning math questions</li> <li>• Keep learning big words</li> <li>• Reading and spelling</li> <li>• More sport gears</li> <li>• Free dental checks</li> <li>• Adding music to the bell is interesting</li> <li>• Hope you keep doing different activities</li> <li>• Cooking classes</li> <li>• Keep teaching the children that bullying is not allowed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch club</li> <li>• Breakfast for kids</li> <li>• Breakfast club and school canteen</li> <li>• Giving out free fruits and milk for kids</li> <li>• Lunch club</li> <li>• Providing fruits for kids</li> <li>• Giving fruits to the kids</li> <li>• Giving milk to the kids</li> <li>• Giving away fruits</li> <li>• Breakfast in the morning</li> <li>• Providing services such as breakfast and lunch</li> <li>• Providing food, jackets and shoes</li> <li>• Free fruit</li> <li>• Free lunch</li> <li>• Free breakfast</li> <li>• Milk boxes for kids</li> <li>• Providing lunch for children who aren't having lunch packed from home</li> <li>• Force the kids to eat their lunch before playing</li> <li>• Email communication</li> <li>• Newsletters sent through email</li> <li>• Receiving school newsletter</li> <li>• Being kept up to date with info and notices</li> <li>• Parent and teacher able to communicate via txt/ ph calls regarding student</li> <li>• Teacher and parent communication</li> <li>• Email copies of newsletters and important notices</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your teachers use technology as an aid not a primary source – I love this</li> <li>• SKIDS</li> <li>• Great and friendly receptionist</li> <li>• Keep kids in class until parents get there</li> <li>• Covid 19 regulations and teaching good hygiene and cleanliness</li> <li>• Encouraging children to wash their hands</li> <li>• Understanding and diverse teachers who have passion for their students (I love my daughter's teacher)</li> <li>• Respect</li> <li>• Response Keep telling them to use the values – respect, Safety and AKO</li> <li>• Sports, lunch club</li> <li>• Keep teaching them the right thing to do</li> <li>• Keep teaching the whanau new things</li> <li>• Regular assemblies opened to parents/ families to attend</li> <li>• Be charitable to those less fortunate</li> <li>• Non-academic and non-sporting awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero tolerance for bullying</li> <li>• Keeping an eye on bullying</li> <li>• Online learning – Seesaw</li> <li>• Reading books – homework</li> <li>• to bullying – parent notified, and students spoken to</li> <li>• Teach them the values of having an education</li> <li>• Teachers do the best in what they studied</li> <li>• More homework for kids</li> <li>• More music lessons e.g. piano, guitar</li> <li>• Providing schoolwork during lockdown both on Seesaw and hard copies given out to home</li> <li>• Keep learning and encourage sports</li> <li>• Books to read at home</li> <li>• Homework everyday</li> <li>• Spelling</li> <li>• Reading books</li> <li>• Reading and spelling</li> <li>• Spelling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making the newsletter available online</li> <li>• Regular newsletter/ communication online</li> <li>• Sending emails</li> <li>• Mrs K you are the best</li> <li>• Get us parents more involved</li> <li>• Keeping families updated of changes whenever there are sporting activities</li> <li>• 3-way conference</li> <li>• Keep us updated on kids with learning and behaviour progress. It has been awesome</li> <li>• Updates on kids who are sick</li> <li>• Taking good care of the students inside and outside</li> <li>• Teacher present in carpark during pick up after school</li> <li>• Police presence at school parking</li> <li>• Road safety lesson</li> <li>• Keep music in the bell its more interesting</li> </ul>
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## Things we could start doing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More sports teams for each year</li> <li>• Sports for juniors</li> <li>• More sports opportunities...rugby, netball, volleyball</li> <li>• Swimming</li> <li>• Offering extra-curricular sports to Juniors</li> <li>• Swimming</li> <li>• Put together a school basketball/ netball team or club</li> <li>• Sports and music classes to all age groups</li> <li>• Having a swimming pool</li> <li>• Swimming pool/ lessons for the summertime</li> <li>• More sports</li> <li>• Teaching sport at Y3/4</li> <li>• Keeping kids active</li> <li>• Jump Jam</li> <li>• More activities during lunch breaks</li>   <li>• Kids to have hot food options for lunch</li> <li>• Tuck shop so kids can order lunch at school</li> <li>• Tuckshop</li> <li>• Free lunches</li> <li>• Have a lunch bar or canteen</li> <li>• Healthy choices for lunch</li> <li>• Making sure children have lunch</li> <li>• Open an affordable tuckshop</li> <li>• School lunches</li>   <li>• Start a Facebook page to keep parents informed</li> <li>• Facebook page</li> <li>• Sending email updates when child is in sickbay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraising for school trips</li> <li>• More school trips for our kids</li> <li>• Offer scholarships to colleges</li> <li>• Showing students online safety</li> <li>• End of term discos</li> <li>• Dance classes</li>   <li>• Body language signs of bullying</li> <li>• Keep our toilets clean</li> <li>• Wear appropriate uniform</li> <li>• Wonder projects</li> <li>• Teach the kids not to bully other kids</li> <li>• Net safe workshop</li> <li>• Stop kids fighting with other kids</li> <li>• Kids fun day</li> <li>• No to phones at school</li> <li>• Mental health FASD awareness and disability awareness</li> <li>• More class activities/ trips</li> <li>• More visibility of the Board of Trustees at school events</li> <li>• Hui/ fono of the school community</li> <li>• Parent meeting every term</li> <li>• Emergency assembly about things you want kids to do</li> <li>• More homework</li> <li>• Provide stationery packs for parents to buy</li> <li>• Proofread your notices</li> <li>• Morning exercises</li> <li>• Reports on child behaviour if misbehaving</li> <li>• More dress up days</li> <li>• Updates on Seesaw</li> <li>• More school trips</li> <li>• End of year trip</li> <li>• Sibling photos</li> <li>• How to save money</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing classes</li> <li>• Foreign language classes</li> <li>• Improve the toilets</li> <li>• Eyes on children on the field</li> <li>• More security to stop people coming into the grounds</li> <li>• Get parents to sign in before entering grounds</li> <li>• Sell the uniform at school</li> <li>• Have our tamariki learn about real world problems</li> <li>• Teach them the value of money and hard work and equity</li> <li>• Bring in guest speakers who have been successful in different areas like trades, government etc – have our tamariki dreaming about career</li> <li>• More fundraisers</li>   <li>• Learning rules for pedestrians walking to school</li> <li>• Learning the rules for a cyclist</li> <li>• Walking with kids to school</li> <li>• Drop off area patrol</li> <li>• Patrols to stay on a bit longer</li> <li>• Drop off area - using it correctly</li>   <li>• More homework</li> <li>• Student access to Sunshine Classics</li> <li>• More homework – handwriting and spelling</li> <li>• More ways for children to help around the school</li> <li>• Posting what my child needs improvement on so I can help at home</li> <li>• Having New Entrant class post what my child need help with in learning</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advising parent if child is in the sick bay</li> <li>• Teach about cultures and how to work together, differences and love one another</li> <li>• Learning about different cultures</li> <li>• Trips if they haven't already started</li> <li>• Emotional intelligence</li> <li>• Self defence</li> <li>• Swimming pool</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More online learning activities</li> <li>• More wellbeing programmes</li> <li>• More parent- teacher conference</li> <li>• Bullying awareness program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phoning parents to see if kids need help</li> <li>• Keep parents up to date</li> <li>• How to play instruments</li> <li>• Encouraging children so their self-esteem is high, and they can think what to do with their lives</li> <li>• Safety of children crossing the road</li> <li>• Cleaner toilets- refill sanitiser</li> </ul>
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### *Things we should stop doing*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowing parents in the school grounds</li> <li>• Leaving the back gates open during school hours</li> <li>• Car park is not safe. Needs separate entry and exit gate</li> <li>• Calling me that my child is absent after signing her in as late or in the sick bay</li> <li>• Bullying</li> <li>• Stop cyber bullying on the internet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities during lunch – child did not get to eat lunch due to practice)</li> <li>• Making lunch a priority (to eat and not play first)</li> <li>• Children going to the dairy and buying food that has expired</li> <li>• No children going to the dairy</li> <li>• Kill the volume of the musical bells...It can be heard as far away as Pak n Save</li> <li>• Sending kids home without parent pick up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cut down on trips in the time of the virus</li> <li>• Nothing, such an amazing school and that is all down to the faculty - especially your front of house, Meafou</li> <li>• Nothing – everything is worth giving it a try</li> <li>• Nothing more, school is doing great</li> <li>• Stop older students from playing in Junior area</li> <li>• Letting students using phones at lunchtime</li> </ul>
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