

# Term 4 Newsletter

Week 8

1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

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

## Dear parents/caregivers,

A very busy few weeks ahead. Do check the dates and come along if you can.

## Fiafia night 6pm Thursday

Viscount groups presenting on this night have been practising hard and we have been delighted to have parents coming in to help train groups. Thank you for sharing your expertise with us. All welcome.



### "Safe school streets South" - What is this about?

Before the Fiafia night starts, Auckland Transport will be here **4.00pm-5.30pm.** You can check out the designs planned by our local community design team and provide feedback on proposed safety improvements around our school.



Safe school streets South is an innovating streets initiative run by Auckland Transport that is taking place at Viscount School. The school will undergo safety and amenity improvements on Viscount and surrounding streets and temporary changes will be made to the roading environment by June 30th, 2021. This interim installation will be in place for 2-3years (until permanent changes are installed in consultation with the community).

The aim of this project is to improve student and community wellbeing, safety and invest in the local area assets in partnership with local people.

Look out for the AT tent near the main office.

## **KEY DATES**

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

9.30am - Yr 1-2 Fun Day

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

6.00pm - Fiafia Night (school groups concert)
All welcome

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

1.30pm - Sports Awards All welcome

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

9.30am – Yr 1-4 Prizegiving All welcome

1.00pm – Yr. 5-8
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Graduation Assembly
All welcome

6.00pm - Y8 Graduation Dinner

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

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Wed 3rd Feb

8.55am - First day for children

#### **Look After Our School**

Lately we have had a few problems with children coming into the school after hours damaging buildings and breaking bottles around our school grounds. We want everyone to enjoy our school and we don't want to have to spend all our money and time fixing damage. Please help us to make sure your children undersand they need to help us look after our school.



#### **School Lunches**

Next year the Ministry of Education will supply a free lunch for every child, every day.

- ♣ Children who don't eat all of their lunch will bring it home to finish after school.
- ♣ If your child needs a special lunch, for cultural reasons or food allergies please let us know.
- ♣ There may be lunches left over each day when children are away. We will send these home where we can and set up a table so families can help themselves to any extra lunches left over.
- You will NOT need to give your child money to go to the dairy to buy lunch.

## **Breakfast Club**

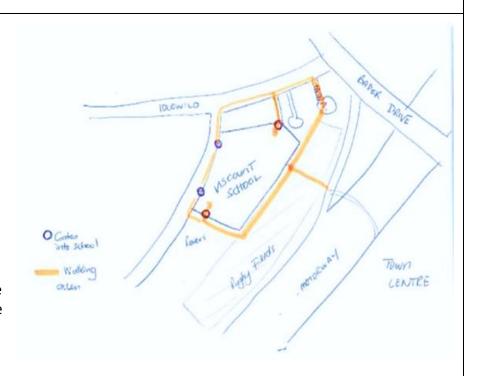
Right now, way too many children are going to the dairy and bakery before school and buying lollies, pies and soft drinks. These things are ok now and then, but they are not good choices for breakfast.

We have breakfast club in the Hall before school, so children can come there instead – for free! Breakfast Club will continue next year.

## **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 walk 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.

## **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.

**Variety Club Bike Presentation** 



Variety – the Children's Charity, in conjunction with Auckland Transport, presented Bikes for Kids for 2020. 4 students from Viscount School had the privilege to receive a bike. These students were chosen as they have shown exceptional school values and do their BEST always. They are:

- Sione Lauhingoa
- Hadassah Bola
- Raniera Falwasser
- Catherine Paora

Congratulations to these students!

### **ADVERTISEMENTS**



#### 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**



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!

# Viscount app

We currently have 348 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.

