



Term 4 Newsletter

Week 10

14th 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,

Our final newsletter for 2020. It has been a very unusual year- we have lived in interesting times. Let's hope for a more settled and easier 2021.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and whanau at our Fiafia night and Assemblies. We look forward to having you join us for school occasions next year too.

School Duxes for 2020 – Congratulations



Our students have done well with their learning despite Covid lockdowns. We were especially delighted to present the dux cups to these three wonderful students.

Girl Dux

Bella Felise

Boy Dux – First equal

Siale Pahulu

Sione Manuopangai

KEY DATES

Tues 15th Dec

Last day for Term 4

Close at 12.30pm

2021

Mon 25th Jan to

Fri 29th Jan

9am-12pm

Office opens for early enrolments

Wed 3rd Feb

8.55am

First day for children

Mon 8th Feb

Waitangi Day

Tues 16th Feb &

Wed 17th Feb

2pm-6pm

Meet the teacher and goal setting for students

Fri 5th Mar

Teacher Only Day

Fri 26th Mar

Diversity Day

Stationery, Sunhats and Lunches

Next year these will all be free.

The Board has decided to pay for student's stationery and a sunhat from the donation opt-in scheme, so your child will get their pack of books and pens and a sunhat when they start back to school. No need for a WINZ application.

School lunches starts on **February 3**. They will be delivered to school each day just after 11am by FED, the school caterers. Uneaten lunches will be in the school fridge so if parents want them, they can come to the school office.

All lunches will be nut free and follow the healthy food guidelines set down by the government.

We do need to know if your child needs a special lunch – Dairy free, Gluten Free, Halal, Vegan or Vegetarian. We will send out an email to you before school starts to get this information.

We will also have fruit in schools for playlunch and breakfast in the Hall if students want that.

This means you do NOT need to make a lunch – and you do not need to give your child money for the dairy. If you do choose to give them money, we want children to only go to the dairy after school please.

School Lunches 2021

These will start on Wednesday 3rd February.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY SPECIAL DIETRY REQUIREMENTS.

Please write your child's/ren's name and circle their special food requirement

Child's name: _____ DAIRY FREE / GLUTEN FREE / HALAL / VEGAN / VEGETARIAN

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Return this information via email to dianat@viscount.school.nz or deliver to the school office on Weds 3rd Feb, 2021.

Staff farewells

We are very sad to farewell **Rachel Hart** who is off to explore teaching in another country. You have been a wonderful asset at Viscount School, Rachel, and we will all miss you- especially Room 5 and the Y3/4 team.

This position will be filled by a new teacher Sarah Taylor.

We are also sad to say goodbye to **Seini Lana Lui** who is off to work on the North Shore which will be closer to home – and save one car on the motorway! Seini will be missed by her team and Room 3. All the very best.

Ashley So'oula and Hao Nguyen will return to full time work and work in Year 7/8 classes.

Lima Asoua will also be farewelled. Lima came to us to fill a roll growth position. Her gentle ways with the new entrants and her knowledge of children entering school has been wonderful to watch. We will miss you.

“Safe school streets South” - What is this about?

This was postponed because of the weather and will now take place on the 16th February so you can give your thoughts when you come for parent conferences. 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 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 understand they need to help us look after our school.



School Holiday Work

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.



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.

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ENROLLING NOW FOR DECEMBER 2020/ JANUARY 2021 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AND TERM 1 2021

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. Enrol now for FOODSTORM our new cooking programme for school aged kids learn Healthy cooking all with Heart Foundation Recipes.

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.



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