



Term 1 Newsletter

Week 1

3rd February 2021

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a great holiday break. Everyone looks very relaxed but eager to get started on a super year of learning. Let's hope we can do so without lockdown interruptions.

Last year, the government gave us extra funding because we don't ask for donations from parents. The Board decided to use that money to provide stationery and a sun hat free to every student. Now the government has offered to supply **free lunches for every child**, as well.

Our lunches will come from a company called FED. There is a letter from them with this newsletter. You can see what the menu looks like too. The staff have made up class lists and noted students with special dietary requirements that we know about.

Please contact the office if your child needs a halal, gluten free or vegetarian meal so we may check. The meals are free of nuts but even so let us know of any special allergies. This will enable us to double check our data base.

Every child will be expected to eat the lunch supplied and they will be asked to give the caterers feedback on what they liked. There may be lunches left over and if so, children can have a second helping.

You do **NOT** need to give your child money to go to the dairy or any other food place. They can come to the Hall to get a free breakfast and everyone gets a free lunch.

Best wishes,
Shirley Hardcastle

KEY DATES

8th February
WAITANGI DAY observed

16th/ 18th February
2.00-6.00pm
Parent conferences

2nd March
Softball Y7-8 Boys

5th March
Teacher Only Day

9th March
Softball Y7-8 Girls

26th March
Diversity Day

1st April
Beats of Mangere
Mangere Central School

2nd-6th April
Easter Holiday

16th April
Term 1 ends 3pm

Diversity Day 26th March – Celebrate with us!

We had a great time last year and many parents and students have requested another Diversity Day in 2021 so that we can again showcase and celebrate our wonderful and richly diverse community. Every class will choose one country to focus on for the week and there will be a parade on **Friday 26th at 9.30**. This will be followed by a parent's morning tea. You are welcome to visit our classrooms after that. Your child's teacher will give you more information.

We need your knowledge to help our classes so don't be shy – let your child's class know if you can help. We hope it will be a lovely day and you will be able to come along.

Welcome to new staff!

We are delighted to let you know that Sarah Taylor is our new teacher in Yr3/4. I know you will help me make her feel welcome. Ms Sooula has returned to full time teaching and is working with Yr7/8.

ASSEMBLY DATES

All parents are welcome to join:

Yr1-4: 11.00am

Yr5-8: 11.45am

- **19th February**
- **19th March**
- **16th April**

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SCHOOL TERMS

03rd Feb – 16th Apr

03rd May – 09th Jul

26th Jul – 01st Oct

18th Oct – 15th Dec

Parent conferences 16/18th February

We would like to chat with you and your child at the start of the year and work together to find out about your child, set goals for learning, and help get Seesaw sorted. We will still have a parent conference in the middle of the year. At the end of the year you can request to meet with your child's teacher but we expect that will not be needed in most cases. You can book your time from the **3rd February**

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Make a booking

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OR Send back this page to your child's teacher.

Please tick the time that is convenient to you and we will do our best to fit you in.

Tuesday 16 th February 2021	TICK
2.00-3.00	
3.00-4.00	
4.00-5.00	
5.00-6.00	

Thursday 18 th February 2021	TICK
2.00-3.00	
3.00-4.00	
4.00-5.00	

If you can't make one of these times, call us and we will see if we can find another time for us to meet.

Help parents save money with AT HOP

With the new school year about to start, we have a timely reminder for parents to load student concessions on their children's AT HOP cards.

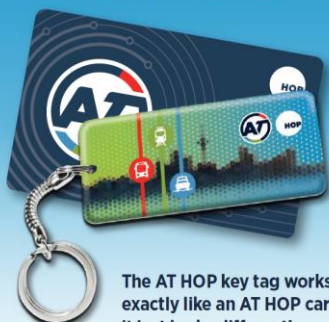
Many of your students will be using AT HOP cards to pay for their bus, train and ferry trips to school. Paying with an AT HOP card is much cheaper than paying with cash and parents can save even further by loading the correct concession on their child's AT HOP card.

School students are eligible for discounted fares and these are at least 40% cheaper than adult AT HOP fares. For example, the child AT HOP fare is 90c cheaper for a 1-zone trip compared to the adult AT HOP fare, which could add up to \$36* in savings over a month!

Cards must be registered to a child, and students 16-19 years must also have a secondary student concession loaded on their AT HOP card for the discount/concession to apply, otherwise, their AT HOP card defaults to the more expensive adult fares.

AT HOP key tag

Same, but different



The AT HOP key tag works exactly like an AT HOP card, it just looks different!

We would like to work with your school to ensure students and their parents are aware of AT HOP cards and the benefits of using the card. Here's a [link to the website](#) for you to use in the school newsletter, or on your school website. Please link the AT HOP website provided, through to our [website](#).

Terms and conditions for AT HOP cards apply.

*Based on ten 1 zone trips per week, x 4 weeks.

[Email us](#) or call [09 366 4467](tel:093664467) for more information

Viscount app

We currently have 195 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 ap.



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

SKIDS

ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 1

**Before
Care
:30 am
After
Care**



**School
7:30 to 8**

**School
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.