

James Street School

Week Five Term One 2023 - 28 February

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Welcome to our new whanau who have started school with us this week.

Congratulations to Isla and Reece from Rata class, who confidently led our school assembly last Friday.

Thank you to whanau who supported us at the Touch tournament last Thursday.

What's on this week?

- Ursula, Logan, Charlie and Hugh are representing us today and tomorrow at Minecraft for Education. This is being held at St Josephs Whakatane.
- The team who transported our donated goods to Gisborne / Wairoa last Monday are making another run tomorrow (if the gorge is open). So, this is the last call for grocery items. We will deliver them to the Intermediate in the morning. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.
- All teachers are entitled to attend a Paid Union meeting being held tomorrow - **Wednesday March 1**. In the past we have covered this within school but there is only one meeting being offered this time and consequently **school will be closed for instruction tomorrow afternoon (from 12:45pm) for all students**. Children will bring their school lunch home with them.
- FUN 4U is happening on Thursday for our Year 1 and 2 children, at Rex Morpeth Park.
- Whakatane Music school is coming to school on Thursday afternoon to showcase the instruments that Year 5 and 6 students can sign up to learn to play. Those tamariki who are interested will bring home enrolment information.
- Matai class is leading our celebration assembly on Friday afternoon. You are welcome to come and join us; 12:15pm, under the shade area.
- Our WACKY for WAIROA mufti day is happening on Friday. WACKY clothes, WACKY hair, WACKY looks - anything WACKY! Bring a \$2 donation. All money raised goes to our fundraising for Wairoa schools.

What's coming up next week

- We will hold a sausage sizzle and ice block fundraiser for WAIROA on Friday 10 March. We will cook in time for morning tea. An order form will be in next week's newsletter.
- Kauri class will lead assembly on Friday 10 March.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Growing Great Learners is our positive approach to teaching behaviour. Each week we have a learning focus and the behaviour is explicitly taught. DOJO points are given to tamariki who are actively displaying positive behaviour. Special rewards are held during the term for students who collect 50 and 100 DOJO points. DOJOs are also given out in the playground; these go into the aroha bucket and special draws are made at our celebration assembly each Friday morning.

Congratulations to : Ayla, Indy, Jai, Ghia, Luxom and Xavier - our AROHA bucket winners from last Friday.

Te Reo Maori me ona Tikanga

We start each morning with a karakia/prayer and a himene. Each week we learn a new kiwaha/phrase in Te Reo Maori and use it as often as we can during the day.

This week our kiwaha is:

Haere ki te tiki he _____, me hoki mai. Go and get your _____ and come back. Haere ki te tiki he _____, me hoki mai.

Haere ki te tiki he pukapuka, me hoki mai. Go and get your book and come back. Haere ki te tiki he pukapuka, me hoki mai.

Our himene is Māku rā pea.

Has your child returned their **Noho Marae** permission letter? Kaiako are now planning their day / night at the noho. There will be a second letter and a Gear List coming home soon.

Big Brother Big Sister If you are interested in this mentoring programme for your child see Ana Byrne for an application form. There are currently BIG SISTERS available.

Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora provides a weekly school-based throat- swabbing and healthy skin service to help reduce the high rates of Rheumatic Fever and skin infection in the Eastern Bay. If you **do not** wish for your child(ren) to be throat swabbed and have skin sores checked please complete the form that was sent home earlier in the term.

Attendance at school

This year we are giving out certificates for attendance. Each week one student will be selected from each class to receive a certificate for being at school every day. These are awarded at Friday's celebration assembly. At the end of each term those students with 100% attendance will receive a certificate also.

Week Four winners were: *Dakota, Messiah, Navy, Maddox, Zayvian, Hezekiah, Kendall, Tebage, Phoenix, Abraham, Kaylin and Joseph.*

Fruit in Schools started this week with a delivery of fresh pears and carrots.

Get to know our staff

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Ko Jadene Wilde tōku ingoa.

I am very excited to have joined the James Street School team for 2023 as Assistant Principal and Team Leader and class teacher of Year 5 & 6.

I grew up in Tokoroa and whakapapa back to Ngāti Te Ata in rural Waiuku. I completed my teacher training in Auckland and taught in several south Auckland schools before travelling to teach in London and Australia. Since returning home I have trained and worked as a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour. More recently my husband, son and I moved to the beautiful Whakatāne, where I have had the privilege for the past 4 years to work throughout the primary and secondary schools across our rohe, specialising in supporting our kura, teachers, students and whānau to navigate learning and behaviour barriers and hurdles that may be experienced while at school.

I am passionate about all students finding their place and experiencing success while at school. I am big on whakawhanaungatanga and believe connections to whānau and community are so important. I am really looking forward to meeting you all and welcoming you to our place of learning.

Home-School Partnerships with Mrs Reid

When was the last time you played a card game with your children?

Many of our James Street tamariki love to play card games. Uno, Last Card, 5 Alive and Snap are the current favourites. They would love to teach you. Playing card games help tamariki to practise resilience (when they lose), humility (when they win), patience (waiting for people to finish their turn before taking theirs), counting, matching, social skills, problem solving, tactical thinking, observation and taking risks.

Who's the reigning card champion at your place?

Pop in anytime for a chat or give me a ring.

Kia pai to rā - have a great day.

Roz Dakin
Principal