

# James Street School

Week One Term Three 2023 - 18 July

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**Welcome to our new students and whanau who have started school with us this week:** Charlie, Liam, Manaia-Rihari, Arvae, Braxton, Alexander, Liam, Matekitatahi and Fairlane.

We also welcomed at assembly yesterday Whaea Robyn Galbraith who is teaching in Rimu for the rest of this year and Whaea Nerissa who is a new teacher aide. Ana Byrne and I will be teaching in Kauri this term. Whaea Julie Allerby will be opening a new Year 1 class in Totara in Week 3 - taking 20 children from Ponga and Kowhai (making space for our new entrant arrivals).

**IMPORTANT TO KNOW: From tomorrow morning our front vehicle gate into the carpark is going to be locked between 9:00am and 2:45pm. This is for safety reasons as we have students who are runners and can open the gate. If you arrive with your children after 9:00am you will need to access the school through the pedestrian gates.**

**A reminder that both our back gates on Henderson Street are locked between these times as well.**

## What's on this week?

- Our tamariki from Ponga are leading our CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY on Friday. This is held under the shade area from 12:15pm.
- Senior reports are coming home this week.

## What's coming up next week?

- Scholastic Book club orders close on Friday.
- Tawa and Kauri children have been invited to Stage Door's production of Aladdin. A separate letter will come home for this tomorrow for the show on 28 July.
- Kowhai class is leading assembly on Friday.
- Our Matariki DISCO is happening on Friday also. Further details will be out this week.



## 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.

*Congratulations to: Shontay, Phoenix, Sylah-Pearl, Hezekiah, George and Lexon - our AROHA bucket winners from 30 June.*

Our current learning focus is: Kei te whakaoha ahau, We are Respectful - We actively listen.

**To be an active contributor at James Street School we listen attentively to whoever is speaking, understand what they're saying, respond and reflect on what's being said, and retain the information for later .**

This week classes are playing a variety of games, completing activities and discussing:

- Why do we need to listen effectively?
- What do I need to do to be a successful listener?
- What can I do to help me remember what I have heard?

**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. The nurses are at school each Wednesday.

## 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. Our kiwaha leaders this week are Aoraki and Adie.

This week our kiwaha is: **Mānawatia a Matariki - Celebrate Matariki - Mānawatia Matariki**

Our himene is Wairua Tapu.

## 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 Ten winners were: Harvey, Kerry, Lilly, Amke, Lennon, Oscar, Summer, Maddie, Ali, Kahuwhariki, Ngakohupera and Kara.*

**Our school wide attendance data for Term Two looks like this:**

90 to 100% present Regularly attending	70 to 89% present Moderately absent	0 to 70% present Chronically absent
124 students - 47%	101 students - 39%	37 students - 14%

If your child is away for any reason, we need to know. You can:

- ring the school and leave a message - 3086855
- text me with a message - 0272604859
- send a dojo message to your child's teacher
- use Skool Loop - absentee tab

and please give the reason. We have to code all absences for the Ministry.

We still have some rain jackets in stock - if your child needs one let Ana or Roz know.

## Dates to pop on the calendar:

These can also be seen on our school website - Calendar.

- 28 July - Matariki Disco
- 16 August - School Photos
- 15 September - Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori celebration starting with parakuihi / breakfast at 8:30am. All whanau are welcome to come and share with us.

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

Kia pai to rā - have a great day.

Roz Dakin  
Principal