

James Street School

Week Three Term Three 2023 - 1 August

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Welcome to our new students and whanau who have started school with us this week: Calix, Kalani, Chansopanha and Dayzha; and Ruby, Jesse, Karla, Ellen-Louise and Fletcher who started last week.

Mrs Julie Allerby has opened a new Year 1 class in Totara this week. She has 21 tamariki from Ponga and Kowhai, making space for our new enrolments.

REMINDER: Our front vehicle gate into the carpark is 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 child(ren) 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?

- 7s Netball and 7s Football is on Thursday. Thanks to the support from parents for this event. Jodie Knowles is the teacher in charge of this event and she will be roving between the venues.
- Puriri class will be leading our celebration assembly on Friday - 12:15pm under the shade area. Everyone is welcome.

What's coming up next week?

- It is Maths / Pangarau Week - we will be celebrating this all week. The facilitator for our school wide DMIC (Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities) will be in classes all week mentoring both kaiako and ākongā.
- Two of our kaiawhina are attending a course about ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) with the aim of broadening their knowledge and capability when working with ākongā with this diagnosis.
- There is a whanau-kura partnership hui for parents of children in Ponga, Kowhai, Totara and Tawa on Tuesday afternoon at 2pm. This will be held in Tawa and the topic is how literacy is being taught in these classrooms for the rest of this year. It is called the Better Start Literacy Approach. Come along and be informed. A separate flyer will come home tomorrow.
- 7s Rugby is on Thursday.
- Rimu class will be leading assembly on Friday.

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.

This term we are working with Ang Jackson who is the owner / facilitator for icoach4kids. We have worked with Ang many times over the last 6 years and are excited to be leading a whole school approach this term.

iCoach4kids is a fun and interactive coaching programme, teaching strategies for emotional self management, resilience and wellbeing to kids, teachers, support workers and parents.

The name iCoach is made up of two words, meaning "I" can "Coach" myself. With this in mind, we equip kids with the skills and beliefs to build themselves up in their heart and mind (thoughts and feelings) so they can become strong and confident, coaching themselves through life's challenges.

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 Zhariya and Thea from Pohutukawa.

This week our kiwaha is: **Ata whakarongo - listen carefully - Ata whakarongo**

Our himene is He Honore.

School Photos are being taken on Wednesday 16 August. Every child has a class photo and an individual photo taken. If you would like your child to have a photo with their siblings you must fill out the form, sign it and return it to school by photo day. Once the photos are taken codes are sent to you via email and you order online. The forms will come home next week.

Attendance at school - Every Day Matters #KURA #DOTHEMAHI #LETSDOIT

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 One and Two winners are: *Alexander, Iraia, Rose, Liam, Sapphire, Kalious, Wairemu, Emma, Noa-Bodhi, Beau, Tyga, David, Riley H, Nevaeh-Rose, Kiana, Huy, Eben, Zhariya, Erem, Mia, Sanita, Charlie, Xanthe and Kei. Ngā mihi ki a koutou.*

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.

Our lunchtime starts at 12:45pm. This is when all the children and staff sit down in class and eat lunch together. We start with clean hands, tables and our Karakia mo te Kai. Our healthy school lunches are handed out or children get their lunchboxes. We eat all our kai and chat with those at our table when our mouth isn't full! Children play outside until 1:45pm when the class bell goes. At 1:20pm the Sport bell rings and a teacher is responsible for taking sport. This term the children can play unihoc, rippa, soccer, netball and dodgeball. The library is also open and Mrs Henry has a variety of activities available for children who want a quiet space to hang out. Other children play on the playground, ride bikes or climb trees - there is always something fun to do. Teachers wear bright vests out on duty; chat with children, give out DOJO points and support those who require it.

Dates to pop on the calendar:

- 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