

# James Street School

Week Five Term Four 2023 - 7 November

96 James Street School

[www.jamesstreet.school.nz](http://www.jamesstreet.school.nz)

Phone 3086855

Facebook - @jamesstreetschool

principal@jamesstreet.school.nz

**Welcome** to our new student and whānau who has started school with us this week: Agamjot.

Our Year 3 and 4 tamariki are taking part in their EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) experiences this week. Their Noho Marae is at Te Whare o Toroa. All the children were part of the powhiri yesterday morning; Manuka class are currently staying there and Ti Kouka and Rata tamariki go tomorrow. Thank you to our whānau who have been able to support during the day and stay the night.



## What's on this week?

- The Year 5 and 6 children will have their school athletics tomorrow (weather permitting). Sprints will start at 9:30am and field events will follow after those. If you'd like to be a helper please let Jodie Knowles know when you arrive. You are all welcome to come and support.
- The Duffy Summer Reading offer closes on Friday.
- Rimu class is leading our celebration assembly - 8:45am under the shade area. Everyone is welcome.

## What's coming up next week?

- Interschool Athletics is being held on 16 November at Athletic Park. Postponement date is the 17th. Miss Knowles runs this day. If you are able to be a helper at the Vortex event can you please let me know. Children will be selected from our athletics day tomorrow.
- Kahikatea is leading the assembly on Friday.

## 2024 Enrolments

To help with 2024 class planning if you have a child turning 5 or you have neighbours or whanau who have children turning 5, please pop in and get an enrolment form. I am in the process of finalising teachers and classes for next year. I will share this with you next 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: Remy, Hunter, Beau, Luxton, Chloe and Hannah who had their names drawn out of the AROHA bucket on Friday*

This week our focus is: **We are safe - Kei te whakahaumarū mātou and We are Respectful - Kei te whakaoha mātou - We use our calm down techniques.** These are our calm down steps:

1. Walk away and look away.
2. Breathe slowly and deeply.
3. Count to 10.
4. Unclench fists.
5. Get a drink (If these haven't worked walk away to a safe place).
6. Walk to a safe place.
7. Tell a duty teacher/adult (not another student) if you still feel angry or unsafe.

## 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 Faith and Chloe both from Pohutukawa.

This week our kiwaha is **Me haere tātou ki te - Let's go to the - Me haere tātou ki te -**

Our practise is Me haere tātou ki te whare pukapuka - Let's go the library.

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.

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

## Dates to pop on the calendar:

- 20 November: Teacher Only Day - school closed
- 7 December: Year 6 Leavers' celebration
- 12 December: Prize Giving and whanau morning tea, starting at 9:30am
- 15 December: Last day of school, finishing at 12 noon
- 31 January 2024: Term One begins

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

Kia pai to rā - have a great day.

Roz Dakin  
Principal