

James Street School

Week Eight Term Four 2023 - 28 November

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We know that lots of our tamariki enjoy learning in different spaces and our Education Outside the Classroom programmes are catering for this. In the past week we have had tamariki at EBOP Athletics, AquaBots Nationals, Otamakaokao, Kaputerangi and later this week at Little Moments Forest.



What's on this week?

- Our Year 0 to 2 tamariki have trips to Little Moments Forest on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Pohutukawa class is leading our celebration assembly on Friday; 8:45am under the shade area.
- We need all our library books returned by Friday please. This will allow time for the annual stocktake to happen next week.
- Please hunt for any school readers also and return these please.

What's coming up next week?

- Our Year 6 Leavers have their Celebration Dinner on Thursday evening. A special invite has come home for this. Their Leaving Certificates are presented at our Prize Giving the following week.
- Ti Kouka class is 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 week we are focussing on We are Brave - We accept changes.**

Congratulations to: Jontee, Xavier, Elijah, Aidan and Zechariah (x2) who had their names drawn out of the AROHA bucket on 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 *Kei te whakamana ahau - I am proud - Kei te whakamana ahau.*

Our himene is Tama Ngakau.

Attendance:

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

Children who have 90% attendance for the year will receive a certificate at Prize Giving.

Whanau Survey

This will come home tomorrow. I will also post a link to Class Dojo if you prefer to fill it out online. The survey is a major way for us to collect whanau voice on a variety of topics. It will include questions like:

- What should we keep doing in 2024?
- What should we stop doing in 2024?
- What other opportunities should we offer in 2024? and include statements for you to comment on like:
- My child's teacher has built a strong relationship with him/her
- I am happy to contact the school about any issues; positive or negative
- I feel heard if I contact my child's teacher
- I feel heard if I contact the Principal
- At school, my child's champion is ...

If you want to be in the draw for one of the six \$50.00 grocery vouchers, please add your name to the survey. The draws will be made at assembly on December 8.

Dates to pop on the calendar:

- 7 December: Year 6 Leavers' dinner
- 12 December: Prize Giving and whanau morning tea, starting at 9:30am. Everyone is invited to this event.
- 13 December: End of Year Reports for Year 4 to 6 children and Interim and Anniversary reports for those due to Year 1 to 3 children. Classes for 2024 also come home on this date.
- 15 December: Last day of school, finishing at 12 noon
- 31 January 2024: Term One begins for all children

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

Kia pai to rā - have a great day.

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Principal