

JAMES STREET SCHOOL

Term One Week Seven 2024 - 12 March

Wāhanga Tuatahi Wiki Tuawhitu - tekau ma rua o Pou-tu-te-rangi



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Reminder to our sports whānau - please keep a check on Class DOJO school story for sporting updates.

Thanks to the whānau who are coaching teams; either Rippa and/or Netball - we can't field teams without you.

The Top School team brought their letter home yesterday. We have a softball tournament coming up later this term.

If you are a keen basketball player or would like to coach a team; we are still looking for a coach for our Year 3 and 4 team.

Hockey starts on the Turf next term. Interested children have met with Miss Knowles this morning and will be talking to you tonight about playing. It's not too late to register your child's interest if they are keen to play. A letter of 'interest' is coming home tomorrow - and yes we will need coaches.

Better Start Literacy

Our junior school is implementing an enhancement to our reading curriculum called the Better Start Literacy Approach. This approach has been developed in NZ by a team of experienced researchers from the University of Canterbury, following years of research on the best ways to support children's early reading, writing and oral language success.

In class, we share exciting storybooks that will help grow the number of new and interesting words that your children can use and understand when talking. We will be playing games that develop your child's phonological awareness knowledge - or their awareness of the sounds within words. This area is particularly important to help your child learn to read and spell.

We are also making some changes to our reading groups. You may notice a change in the kinds of books coming home in your child's book bag. The BSLA uses carefully chosen texts to provide opportunities to practice reading. The words in the books are closely related to the letters and sounds we are teaching in class. There will be lots of opportunities to practice sounding out words made from letters and sounds that they know or are learning - building their confidence and skill as readers.

Each week the teacher will post to DOJO a one-page summary about what we are learning in class.

What's on this week:

- Ponga class is leading our celebration assembly on Friday - under the shade area at 8:45am.

What's coming up:

- Scholastic Book Club orders close on Friday March 22.
- Week 9 - 25 to 28 March the senior classes will be taking part in Bike Ready and an ePRO8 competition.

School Banking

If you'd like your child to start banking, First Credit Union offers this service to schools in our area. Information packs are available at the office. Banking Day is Wednesday.

Feel free to pop in for a chat - my door is usually open. If there is anything you think we can support with please ask.

Ngā mihi nui

Roz Dakin - Tumvaki

<p>This week's Kiwaha Maori is <i>Kei te whakaoha mātou</i> - We are Respectful - <i>Kei te whakaoha mātou</i> Our himene is <i>Maku Ra Pea</i>. Our kiwaha presenters are Marley and Jessie. Each day as a part of the daily kiwaha we have a daily quiz question. Anei te pātai mō tenei ra - Here is the question for today: He aha te kiwaha Maori mō <i>Please line up children?</i> What is the Māori phrase for <i>Please line up children?</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paid Union Meeting Monday 18 March School finishes at 12:45pm - children will bring their lunch home with them. All our teachers are attending this meeting on Monday afternoon. We encourage you to pick up your children. I will be onsite for 'supervision only' if needed - please message me directly.</p>
<p>Aroha Bucket - this is drawn each Friday at our celebration assembly Ngā mihi ki a koutou to: Beau, Amke, Parker, Haize'Leigh, and Alí who were caught being safe, proud and respectful in the playground last week.</p>	<p>Attendance 'Regular' attendance is defined for statistical purposes as 90% or higher. However, Ministry of Education analysis shows every day has a cumulative impact on a child's learning and there is no 'safe' level of non-attendance. Every day matters. If your child is away from school, please let us know. You can do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ringing 3086855 and leaving a message ● Texting 0272604859 ● Using Skool Loop - Absentee button ● Using the fb messenger option <p>Leave your child's name, class and the reason why they are away. We have to report to the Ministry on absences - whether they are medical, a justified reason (eg a family bereavement), an explained reason (eg going shopping). If you don't contact us and we can't contact you the absence is recorded as truant.</p>
<p>Parking Please park respectfully on both James Street and Henderson Street - not on our neighbours' berms or in their driveways, or on yellow lines. Please do not try to park inside the school grounds and cause congestion. The parks inside the gates are for parents of students with High learning Needs, the Go Bus vans who pick up students and Bizzy Buddyz who also pick up students. Please do not walk through these car parks, use the pedestrian gates by the office and in front of the pedestrian crossing. Thank you for following our car park safety rules 😊</p>	

Celebrating learners:

Some of our Ponga learners this morning. On the plane, painting and ordering snakes from longest to shortest.

