

JAMES STREET SCHOOL

Term One Week Nine 2024 - 26 March

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



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School is closed for Easter - Good Friday, Easter Monday and Tuesday. The Tuesday following Easter Monday is a school holiday (but not a statutory holiday), meaning schools must not be open. The terms and holidays are usually set so that Easter occurs during the first term break and the Easter Tuesday school holiday goes unnoticed. However, in some years Easter falls much earlier than usual such as in 1997, 2005, 2008, 2013, 2016, 2021 and 2024. To have the first 2-week break at Easter in those years would shorten the first term to only 8 or 9 weeks (instead of around 12 weeks). In turn, this would mean that at least 1 of the other 3 terms would have to be longer. The Minister aims to set 4 terms of reasonably uniform length. This means that in years when Easter falls particularly early, all or some of the Easter break will be during the first term.

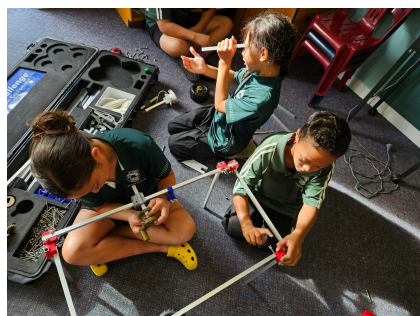
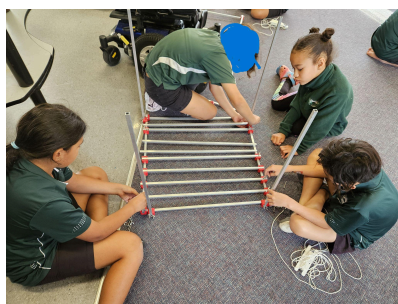
What's on this week:

- We have the Bike Ready team of instructors here working with the five senior classes.
- Our senior classes are also participating in a school ePRO8 challenge. This involves engineering, problem solving, team work and persistence.

What's coming up:

- We are hosting a Duffy Books Role Model assembly on 10 April. All ākonga will receive a book of their choice.
- Term One ends on Friday 12 April and Term Two starts on Monday 29 April.

Celebrating learners: The learners in Kahikatea challenging themselves at ePRO8 this morning.



<p>This week's Kiwaha Maori is Kei te whakamana mātou - We are Proud - Kei te whakamana mātou</p> <p>Our himene is Maku Ra Pea</p> <p>Our kiwaha presenters are Angaanga and Grace.</p> <p>Each day as a part of the daily kiwaha we have a daily quiz question.</p> <p>Anei te pātai mō tenei ra - Here is the question for today: He aha te kiwaha Māori mō We are respectful? What is the Māori phrase for We are respectful?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our School Day</p> <p>8:45am to 10:30am - Class time</p> <p>10:30am to 10:50am - Morning Tea</p> <p>10:50am to 12:45pm - Class time</p> <p>12:45pm to 1pm - Lunch eating time</p> <p>1pm to 1:45pm - Lunch playing time</p> <p>1:45pm to 2:50 pm - Class time</p> <p>Ākongā are not released from class until the 2:50pm bell rings.</p>
<p>Aroha Bucket - this is drawn each Friday at our celebration assembly</p> <p>Ngā mihi ki a koutou to: Kiwi-Lee, Haylee, Elliot and Emily who were caught being safe, proud and respectful in the playground last week.</p>	<p>Attendance</p> <p>'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.</p>
<p>Reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All our students are expected to wear the correct uniform. Plain black shorts or long pants, school polo shirt and polar fleece. We have lots of second hand polar fleeces available as well as new. We have the KIDSCAN black jackets available also if your child has not received one. Favourite hoodies, sweatshirts or jackets are not part of our uniform. ● Crocs are OK - but no jibbitz please. Most school trips require covered footwear to be worn. ● Jewellery is kept to a minimum. No dangly earrings. ● Helmets must be worn if your child is biking to school. ● Please don't send toys - they are both a distraction and a temptation. ● Lollies, chewing gum, bubble gum, chocolate, fizzy drinks, raro sachets and energy drinks are not permitted 	<p>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>Currently the tamariki who have attended school all week receive a chocolate fish on Friday. One child from each class receives a certificate.</p> <p>Next term we are introducing a class competition and a trophy will be presented each Monday morning to the class with the best attendance the previous week.</p>

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 - Tumuaiki