

JAMES STREET SCHOOL

Term Two Week One 2024 - 30 April

Wāhanga Tuarua Wiki Tuatahi - toru tekau o Paenga-whawha



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Welcome back to kura / school for Term 2 and an extra special welcome to our new tamariki and their whānau: Aria, Joseph, Lexine, Logan, Maliah, Raiha, Saskia, Taylan and Tumana.

What's on this week:

- Yesterday we had a group of Year 3 and 4 tamariki involved in RoboCup Junior. Here is the link if you'd like to check it out <https://www.robocupjunior.org.nz/home> The tamariki will meet weekly with Mrs Forster and be involved in a competition this term. All Year 3 to 6 tamariki will then be introduced to this digital technology which involves creating stories and coding.
- Rimu is leading our celebration assembly on Friday. Assembly time for this term is **12:15pm**. You are welcome to join us under the shade area.
- You can make a Scholastic book order - orders close on 16 May.

Important dates for this term:

- 8 May - Interschool ePRO8 competition. We have two teams of 4 in this comp. A separate note will come home if your child is involved.
- 17 May - Pink Shirt Day. This will be a pink-themed mufti day for our school.
- 28 May - School Cross Country. This is held at Awatapu Lagoon and starts at 11:00 am.
- 31 May - Teacher Only Day. **School is closed**. This is one of the two days the Ministry of Education has set down for schools to be closed for teacher learning this year. The second date is 15 November.
- 3 June - School closed - Public holiday.
- 5 July - End of Term 2.


Celebrating learners: our RoboCup Junior tamariki



Pause Breathe Smile

Last Friday we had a new learning day for staff. Janel, from **Pause Breathe Smile**, facilitated the day's learning. Kaiako will share their class's learning on CLASS DOJO.

<https://pausebreathesmile.nz/> is the website and there is a parent section. This week the ākonga are learning about 'Straight Back, Soft Belly'. One of the core practises is mindful breathing.

<p>This week's Kiwaha Maori is <i>Manaaki tātou i a tātou</i> - Look after each other.</p> <p>Our himene is He Honore.</p> <p>Our kiwaha presenters are Jonny and Kara from Kahikatea.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Our School Day</p> <p>Tamariki do not need to arrive at school until 8:20am which is when the bag bell rings and they can go into class.</p> <p>8:45am to 10:30am - Class time 10:30am to 10:50am - Morning Tea 10:50am to 12:45pm - Class time 12:45pm to 1pm - Lunch eating time 1pm to 1:45pm - Lunch playing time 1:45pm to 2:50 pm - Class time</p> <p>Ākonga 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>This term as well as individuals being drawn out of the aroha bucket there will be a class prize for the most aroha bucket dojos. This week playground dojos are being given to tamariki who greet others politely.</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>If your child is away from school, please let us know. You can do this by:</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. 	<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>Our class competition trophy is going to be awarded on Monday mornings to the class who had the highest weekly attendance.</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 - Tumukāki