JAMES STREET SCHOOL

Term Three Week Six 2024 - 27 August Wāhanga Tuatoru Wiki Tuaono - rua tekau ma whitu o Here-turi-kōkā



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Welcome to Makenzie, Isabelle and Dylan who are new to school and in Pohutukawa; Asha in Kahikatea; Estelle in Ti Kouka and Ngahere in Totara. Nau mai Haere mai.

Our newsletter comes out weekly on a Tuesday (usually). You can read it on the webpage, on Skool Loop, it can be emailed to you, and it comes home with your youngest child at school. Are you signed up to CLASS DOJO? We post school info and class stories here.

Our staff would like to acknowledge the sudden passing of Kate Lillas, a teacher at Apanui Kindy. Our love and prayers are with her family and the staff at Apanui Kindy.

What's on this week:

- Eastbay REAP, Whakatane Kāhui Ako and Talking Matters have joined forces to unleash the potential in tamariki for literacy and learning, across the Eastern Bay. Talking Matters is about building language-rich environments for babies in the first 1000 days. Babies are born wired and ready to connect and to learn. If you'd be interested to hear more we are holding 4 workshops here at school over the next month. The second one is this Thursday from 2pm to 2:45pm. Come along and bring a friend. Bring your babies too.
- It is DAFFODIL DAY on Friday. 1 in 3 of us will be affected by cancer in our lifetime. We would love to acknowledge this day and invite our tamariki to dress in yellow yellow from head to toe or just a sprinkling. Bring a gold coin and we will make a donation to the Cancer Society.
- Puriri class is leading our celebration assembly on Friday; 12:00pm under the shade area. You are welcome to come along and support us.

What's coming up next week:

- Next Wednesday the Year 6 children have been invited to a special Duffy Assembly which is being held at the Awakeri Events Centre. A separate letter has already come home requesting permission.
- Coaches from the BOP Rugby Union are taking our senior students for drills on Wednesday.
- Scholastic Book orders close on 5 September.
- Ponga is leading our celebration assembly

Need to know:

- 2025 enrolments are open now. It's not too early to enrol your child for next year.
- Our school day begins at 8:45am and ends at 2:50pm. Our classes open at 8:20am each morning. If your child is here earlier than that they must stay on the court. Please don't get tempted to pick children up early.
- Parking can be a real issue both before and after school. Please do not park across the road at the Intermediate their spaces are for their whānau. Please do not try to park inside our 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.

- We have a supply of Nit Buster lotion and lice combs at the office. You are welcome to come and get a bottle (free through KIDSCAN).
- Our Year 4 and 5 children have brought home their EOTC letter. Please get these returned as soon as possible. The Year 6 letter will come home tomorrow.

We start and end the day with karakia.

We are practising the kiwaha **Kia tere ake** -pick up the pace -

Kia tere ake

Our himene is Te Aroha.

Thanks to **Owen and Grace** who are our presenters this week.

We are **Growing Great Learners**:

Kei te whakamana mātou - We are Proud Kei te whakaoha mātou - We are Respectful Kei te whakahaumaru - We are Safe

Pause, Breath, Smile:

We continue learning with a focus on being mindful - mindful breathing, mindful movement and mindful eating.

Assembly

We meet on Monday morning at 8:45am for a quick assembly to share school happenings for the week.

On Friday at 12:00pm we have a Celebration Assembly. Classes take turns to lead this assembly. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us.

Attendance Celebrations:

Ti Kouka and Kowhai won the trophy for Week One with 96%.

Ti Kouka won the trophy for Week Two with 95%. **Kowhai** won the trophy for Week Three with 91%. **Ponga, Kauri and Puriri** won the trophy for Week Four with 91%.

Kauri won the trophy for Week Five with 94%.

The challenge has been given - who will be the first class with 100% attendance?

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:

- Ringing 3086855 and leaving a message
- Texting 0272604859
- Using Skool Loop Absentee button
- Using the fb messenger option

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 **m**edical, a justified reason (eg a family bereavement), an **e**xplained reason (eg going shopping). If you don't contact us and we can't contact you the absence is recorded as **t**ruant.



Celebration: This young man amazes us every day with his drawing and colouring.

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 - Tumuaki