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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thursday is **Photo Day**. Please ensure your child is in correct school uniform and is looking at their brightest and best. Extra envelopes are still available from the office. However we are unable to do Eftpos transactions for photos – please enclose either cash, a cheque or supply a bank card number. As photos begin early at 9am, if you want your child to be included in their class photo, please ensure they are here on time.

We welcome April Cassin to our office from Wednesday to Friday while Mrs Pedersen is on leave to the end of the term . April is the voice on the phone when she is making the absentee phone calls and will be in the office from 8.20am to 11.30am.

We were delighted to welcome Chris Jordan, from Child Flight, to an assembly during the week. During his visit Chris visited our high learning needs classrooms and presented the school with a cheque for \$750.00 to purchase equipment for these students. We have ordered two rebounder trampolines and some additional sensory equipment. We acknowledge both Child Flight who have been great supporters over many years, and Whakatane Z for their fund-raising efforts through the 'Good in the Hood' campaign.



Pictured: Lily Hopkins with Chris Jordan after receiving the cheque.



This week's focus for Growing Great Learners is "We are Safe - I can differentiate between an accident and a deliberate act." Children will learn to think about whether an action was a deliberate act or an accident and how the responses may differ. They will learn to think about what safe choices they can make as well as how to apologise in either case.



Our children enjoyed a great performance from the Duffy Theatre company reinforcing the message of the importance of Literacy, and thanks to all those parents who supported literacy through our Book Fair last week. You may have heard a new advertising campaign on TV that reinforces this same message—Love grows brains, and talk, talk, talk to your children if you want them to develop their oral language, thinking and reading potential. You don't need any special skills to do this!

Have you called in to the town library lately and seen all the peace flags decorating the ceiling space? Our students' flags are a part of this impressive display for Peace Week.

At last night's **Board of Trustees meeting** we looked at the priorities for spending for our next round of Ministry funding for maintaining our school property. While there is still no word on whether our Special Needs Learning facility will be rebuilt by the Ministry, we have prioritised other essential works and plan to do an upgrade of Manuka and Ti Kouka classrooms. There is however always a long lull between projects being given the green light and the beginning of the building phase.

If you know of any potential new enrolments please encourage them to contact the school so we can arrange introductory visits. We have several new families keen to start at James Street over the next few weeks.

New supplies of school uniform have arrived. If you were waiting for school polo shirts, we have supplies in all sizes.

Are you aware of your child's learning goals and do you make a point of asking them how they are progressing towards meeting them? If you would like a copy of the National Standards expectations for Reading, Writing and Maths for each school year level, ask at the office and we will be happy to supply you with the appropriate leaflet.

On Wednesday afternoon children will celebrate if they have been awarded 50 Dojo points. Congratulations to all those who have achieved this milestone.

Please use the Pedestrian Crossing

before and after school to set a safe example for your children to follow. The speed which cars travel down James Street despite the crossing being manned is frightening sometimes—children are at even more at risk if they suddenly appear from between parked cars.



Upcoming Events:

August 24th School Photos
September 6th – Years 5 & 6 Winter Sports:
September 8th – Years 3 & 4 Winter Sports
September 22nd Board of Trustees Meeting
September 29th End of term