

James Street School

Week Three Term Two 2019 - 14 May

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School will be closed for instruction on Wednesday 29 May - All primary teachers will be on strike. This will be a National Day of Action for the future of education in New Zealand.

Congratulations to the two teams of girls who took part in the Future Ferns at Rugby Park last week. Special congrats to Crystelle Ohlson for the 'best tackler' award. Thanks to the mums who supported the girls. Congratulations also to Chloe Hogg - her team won a 3rd placing in Gymnastics at Taupo in the weekend.

Please let me know of sporting events or results that your children are involved in - they can feature in our newsletter too.



What's on this week?

- This week we are celebrating our fabulous **Support Staff**. We would not be able to provide the outstanding programmes we have and teach such a diverse range of tamariki if we didn't have the support staff we have. They are an integral part of our staff, knowledgeable and willing to learn. They work with our most challenged learners and everyday they make a difference. So **Kia Ora** Lynn, Paula, Kellie, Kirsty, Roha, Apaira, Merita, Susan, Deborah, Annette, Leeola, Shelley, Brenda, Nancy, Katrina, and Clodagh. Also Barbara and Christine in the office, Nanny Ivy and Ruby who clean and look after us, and Matty and Wayne who keep the grounds looking smart.
- **Casting for a NZ Feature Film**. I have been approached by The Casting Company to visit our school on Friday. They are scouting for 'Ngā kōtiro Māori aged 6 yrs to small 12yrs - Maori girls'. This is for a feature film called *COUSINS* and is to be directed by Ainsley Gardiner and Briar Grace Smith. "We would very much like to visit your kura and observe the girls in this age range to see if they would be appropriate to audition as we are matching up to other actors playing the

same roles. We observe the tamariki in that range during class time and then under teacher supervision do a quick exercise with the tamariki that fit the brief where we may take a photo and do a short acting exercise with them. Tamariki who are closest to the character would be given a letter to take home to their mātua to explain our visit and offer our contacts for a further recall audition to be arranged at a later date." If you do not want your daughter to be observed, please let me know before Friday.

What's coming up next week?

- Our Student Leadership Camp is being held again this year. Twelve students will be heading to Taupo on Wednesday 22 May for two nights. Thanks to Richard Hamer, Senior Constable Maree Bicknell and Whakatane Blue Light who help make this possible.

Teacher Only Day - 31st May.

School will be closed for instruction on Friday 31st May. All our staff will be attending a Teacher Only Day at Trident High school along with staff from both Trident and Whakatane High, Whakatane Intermediate, Ohope, Paroa, Nukuhou, Apanui, Allandale and Saint Josephs.

Daily Kiwaha This week our kiwaha is 'Kia pai to rā - Have a great day'.

Growing Great Learners We are Respectful and Safe - I use my words to help solve my problems - this is especially important when I am feeling upset or angry. Students will be taught the 7 calm down steps...

We are Safe Calm Down Steps



1. Walk away and look away
 2. Breathe deeply
 3. Count to 10
 4. Unclench fists
 5. Get a drink (If these haven't worked walk away to a safe place)
 6. Walk to a safe place
 7. Tell a duty teacher / adult (not another student) if you still feel angry or unsafe
- (Children may not use all the steps; they may calm down by step 2)



Triple P - Positive Parenting Program - Open to all parents, caregivers and whanau.

FREE Discussion Groups for Term 2 2019

Thursday 16th May 2019: Developing Good Bedtime Routines

Thursday 23rd May 2019: Hassle Free Shopping with Kids

Where: Eastbay REAP, 21 Pyne Street, Whakatane Time: 6pm-8pm For more information and to register: Phone/text Fiona on 021 509 211 Email: fiona@eastbayreap.org.nz or call Eastbay REAP on 07 308 4098

Kia pai to rā - have a great day.

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