James Street School

Week Seven Term Four 2023 - 21 November

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Our team of thirty athletes made us very proud last Thursday at Interschool Athletics.

Today it is Matai's turn for an Education Outside the Classroom experience. The tamariki are visiting Ngati Awa sites of significance. So far they have been to Kaputerangi.



Our AquaBots team is off to Christchurch for the weekend.

Thanks to Whaea Robyn and Mrs Forster who are accompanying the team, with Jackson's dad. Best wishes and good luck TEAM POHUTUKAWA.

What's on this week?

- We have a small team of athletes who are representing us on Thursday at EBOP Athletics.
- Our current Year 6 Road Patrollers have their treat at the Aquatic Centre on Friday. Please return consent notices to Mrs Byrne before Friday.
- The junior classes are holding an 'Athletics Showcase' on Friday morning.
- Manuka class is leading our celebration assembly on Friday.

What's coming up next week?

- Our Year 0 to 3 tamariki have trips to Little Moments Forest on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Pohutukawa class is leading assembly on Friday.
- We need all our library books returned by Friday please. This will allow time for the annual stocktake to happen.

2024 (This was in last week's newsletter as well).

To help with 2024 class planning if you have a child turning 5 or you have neighbours or whanau who have children turning 5, please pop in and get an enrolment form.

We are now fully staffed for next year; the year groups as follows. If you have a request for 2024 please see me this week.

We are returning to working in two teams; a Year 1 to 3 team and a Year 4 to 6 team. Mrs Jones (Nic) has very exciting news - her and her husband are expecting twins in March. Nic will be at school, but not in a classroom for the start of the year.

New Entrants / Year 1	Alison Elliott / Sarah Judd	Year 4 and 5	Jodie Knowles
Year 1 and 2	Julie Allerby	Year 4 and 5	Giichi Goto
Year 1 and 2	Louisa Breakwell	Year 4 and 5	Nicki Awhimate
Year 2 and 3	Sharlene Beard	Year 5 and 6	Tammy Wallace
Year 2 and 3	Awaiting confirmation	Year 5 and 6	Linda Tutua
Year 1 to 6 - High Learning Needs	Natalie Jones Apaira Tueau-Strong	Year 5 and 6	Jadene Wilde / Shelley Forster

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Growing Great Learners is our positive approach to teaching behaviour. Each week we have a learning focus and the behaviour is explicitly taught. DOJO points are given to tamariki who are actively displaying positive behaviour. Special rewards are held during the term for students who collect 50 and 100 DOJO points. DOJOs are also given out in the playground; these go into the aroha bucket and special draws are made at our celebration assembly each Friday. This week each class is focusing on a behaviour that requires support in their classroom.

Congratulations to: Chantelle, John, Fairlane, Jai, Sapphire and Zechariah who had their names drawn out of the AROHA bucket on Friday.

Te Reo Maori me ona Tikanga

We start each morning with a karakia/prayer and a himene. Each week we learn a new kiwaha/phrase in Te Reo Maori and use it as often as we can during the day.

This week our kiwaha is *Pānuitia te pūrakau - Read the story - Pānuitia te pūrakau.*

Our himene is Tama Ngakau.

Attendance at school

If your child is away for any reason, we need to know. You can:

- ring the school and leave a message 3086855
- text me with a message 0272604859
- send a dojo message to your child's teacher
- use Skool Loop absentee tab

Dates to pop on the calendar:

- 7 December: Year 6 Leavers' dinner
- 12 December: Prize Giving and whanau morning tea, starting at 9:30am
- 15 December: Last day of school, finishing at 12 noon
- 31 January 2024: Term One begins

Pop in anytime for a chat or give me a ring.

Kia pai to rā - have a great day.

Roz Dakin Principal