

James Street School

Week Seven Term One 2020 - 17 March

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Sporting Fun

Our four senior classes had a fun lesson with Lewis from Cricket BOP this morning.

The Top School team were disappointed to hear that Sunday's competition has been postponed from Sunday - probably to November. This team and the cheerleading squad have had lots of practise!



What's on this week?

- Lots of learning: reading, writing, maths, Ngati Awatanga, health and hygiene, bike riding, PE, learning through play...

What's coming up next week?

- The Cricket World Cup is on next Tuesday 24 March; I am waiting on a few more letters to be returned for this event. Get these back to me tomorrow please.
- Our Noho Marae is on for three days 25 to 27 March. Most families have returned their permission and support slips. At this stage our Noho Marae is still going ahead.

Te Reo Maori me ona Tikanga

We start each morning with a karakia/prayer, followed by a himene/song. 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

Kia Tau! Haere mai ki konei - Stop! Please come to me - Kia Tau! Haere mai ki konei

Examples of this kiwaha are:

- When completing independent work in class the teacher may say 'Kia tau! Haere mai ki konei'.
- When walking home from school you may say 'Kia tau! Haere mai ki konei'.

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. 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 morning.

This week's learning focus is **We are Respectful** - we use the PE equipment appropriately and return it to the trolley when the class bell goes.

For your information:

- There is a link on our fb page to **MIND OVER MANNER**. These workshops are on tomorrow; it's not too late to register.
- Our local schools have access to two Mental Health workers who are funded by the District Health Board. They can work with children who present with a wide range of issues: anxiety, ADD, ADHD, peer relationships, communication, lack of resilience, talk of self harm, lack of self identity / worth, separated parents, anger / short fuse, unbalanced hauora. We can refer students, with your consent. If you would like more information please see either Ana Byrne or me.
- The last day of school for this term is Thursday 9 April. Term 2 begins on Tuesday 28 April.

Learning Support Coordinator

At the end of 2019 we appointed Mrs Sally Reid as our school's Learning Support Coordinator. She is working with the school - teachers, students with additional learning needs, and whanau. She is currently working with 10 students who require extra support with reading. She is passionate about working with whanau and has set up two workshops for families to attend.

Each workshop runs from 2:15pm to 2:40pm in the staffroom. Sally will share with you some different ways of reinforcing learning at home. You will receive a game to take home to play with your child(ren).

Workshop One: - Alphabet reinforcement and Letter sound association - **Thursday 19 March** and **2 April**

Workshop Two: - Basic Words Word Bank Building - **Tuesday 24 March** and **7 April**

If you are interested in attending one of these workshops please fill out the slip at the bottom of the newsletter. You are welcome to bring a friend.

Covid-19 update

We continue to reinforce good hygiene:

- Cover nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing (preferably with a disposable single use tissue) or into the inside of elbow
- Immediately dispose of used tissues
- Adopt good hand washing and drying practices, particularly after coughing, sneezing or using tissues and before eating food
- Keep hands away from the mucous membranes of the eyes, mouth, and nose

We have spoken with our tamariki about safe distances and we are discouraging hand shakes, hongis and hugs.

You are welcome to ring me if you have any concerns around Covid-19. Be assured that we take our direction from the Ministry of Health through the Ministry of Education who are in daily contact with schools.

As usual if your child is too unwell to be at school please keep them at home and notify the school as to why they are absent.

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

Kia pai to rā - have a great day.

Roz Dakin
Principal

Home Learning Workshops

I am keen to attend Workshop One / Workshop Two.

My child's name:

My name: