

James Street School

Week Seven Term Two 2020 - 26 May

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It was great to see more of our 'old friends' back yesterday as we entered into week 2 of Alert Level 2 at school. Our rules around keeping safe remain the same and I thank you for following these for everyone's health and safety.

- Tamariki are welcome to enter the school grounds at **8:20am**, through the gate you have elected. They will be ready for pick up at the same gate at **2:50pm**. Lots of the whanau I have spoken with are thrilled at the new level of independence this has given their children.
- Hand sanitiser will be used on arrival at school and then again each time the children enter their classroom during the day.
- Whanau of children in Ponga, Rata and Matai are welcome on site to drop off and pick up - remember to sign the register in these classrooms.
- Everyone else, at this level, is classed as a visitor. You must come to the office, hand sanitise and sign the register.
- If your child is unwell (sore throat, fever, runny nose, coughing) they **must** stay home. Please ring the office 3086855 and leave a message.

What's on this week?

All our tamariki are inviting their teddy bears for a Teddy Bears School Picnic on Friday. We will have some special Teddy Bear guests, as well. Watch for the photos on our facebook page on Friday afternoon. We will take good care of all visiting teddies. 😊

TEDDY BEARS SCHOOL PICNIC

FRIDAY 29th MAY 2020

The Hunt is over, it's time to celebrate!

"WE ARE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT NZ" invites New Zealand schools to celebrate the end of the best Teddy Bear Hunt EVER, with a nationwide

"TEDDY BEARS SCHOOL PICNIC"

It's picnic time for all the Teddy Bears that helped entertain, support and most importantly unite us together as a nation.

Your final mission NZ Teddy Bear Hunters, is to get your school to join the nationwide **"TEDDY BEARS SCHOOL PICNIC"**

As an actual shared picnic is out of the question, it's time for some of that KIWI ingenuity. How will your school celebrate?

Which New Zealand school will have the smallest, the biggest, the oldest Teddy Bear?

We can't wait to find out!

Share your **"TEDDY BEARS SCHOOL PICNIC"** pictures, videos and stories on our facebook page **"WE ARE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT NZ"**

To ensure the health and safety of all staff and students at your school please follow the guidelines that the Ministry of Education has provided you about COVID-19 Level 2.

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 each Friday.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is coming to school in the correct school uniform. At this time of the year it is **black** shorts (track pants or long cargo pants), the school polo shirt and school polar fleece. Children are able to wear a black, white or green thermal or skivvy underneath for extra warmth. Please make sure polar fleeces are named - they are much easier to return when left lying outside! We have plenty of uniforms in stock at the office.

Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey last week. We now wait for the analysis of the data that has been provided so we can plan the next stage of our curriculum review.

Skool Loop App

This is a free app that you can install on your phone. At this stage you can view the weekly newsletter on it and the new feature you can use from this week is the **Absentee** tab.

Following are the confirmed local businesses who are supporting the James Street School App:

- Bin Inn Whakatane
- Tui Party Hire
- Night N Day @ Gull landing Road
- Steps Dance School
- Pacific Toyota
- Bay Milking Equipment 2016 LTD

We are really thankful for these local businesses whose advertising means this App is free for our school use.

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, as we continue to practise safe distancing, our kiwaha is **Me haere koe ki muri - Move back - Me haere koe ki muri**

We also have a daily kupu or kiwaha competition which some of you joined in over the lockdown on our facebook page. This will continue from next week for those of you are still keen to participate.

Learning Resources

If you have any puzzles, readers, school journals or maths books at home, from lockdown, please return them to school - thanks.

Feel free to give me a ring if you need a chat or have any queries.

Kia pai to rā - have a great day.

Roz Dakin
Principal