

James Street School

Week Ten Term Two 2020 - 16 June

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Save this date - put it on your calendar: Wednesday 1 July.

Whakawhanaungatanga

End of Term 2 whanau celebration

- Matariki
- Tuakana Teina
- Shared morning tea

Come and join in the fun with us.

9:15am - under the shade area

9:30am - in our classrooms with our tuakana teina buddies

10:45am - share morning tea with us

Keep an eye out for your personal invitation arriving this week.

We will carry on the celebration after morning tea with our 50 DOJO points reward time. In the afternoon we will have an activity rotation out on the field. You are welcome to come back and join in.

What's on this week?

- Breakfast Club is up and running in Kawakawa. If children are hungry, need a top-up or just want a chat or a hug; call in.
- Ten of our Ponga tamariki have transitioned from the New Entrant room to a Year 1 and 2 class. They are very excited to now be in Tawa or Kauri.

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.

This week we are learning to learn and/or choose a safe game to play during playtime and lunchtime. We have brought some old favourites back: elastics, four square and hopscotch.

Uniform

All children are expected to come to school in our 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.

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 **Takahi ki te taha matau - Move to the right - Takahi ki te taha matau**

This kiwaha can be used when learning a new kanikani / dance or a new game: Takahi ki te taha matau!

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 is the Absentee tab. Several of you are now using the Absentee tab - thanks!

Sharliah has her last day with us on Friday - we are going to miss you sweetheart!



Reminders

- The playground is open for play, after school. If your child is playing on the slide please ensure they go up the ladder and down the slide.
- You may come on to the grounds in the mornings as well as the afternoons. Thank you for waiting outside the classrooms until the bell rings.
- We make sandwiches at lunchtime - children come and line up at the canteen if they are hungry.
- We have a lot of children who are away this week, mostly because of colds and feeling unwell. It is really important that when you ring or message in that you leave a reason.

Coming up

- Our two classrooms which are being refurbished are nearly ready to move into - the teachers and children are really excited.
- The last day of Term 2 is Friday 3 July and Term 3 begins on 20 July.
- We will be closed on 10 August for a Teacher Only Day. This is inline with the Intermediate and High Schools who will also be having Teacher Only Days.

Scholastic Book Orders close this Friday June 19.

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