

# James Street School

Week Seven Term Three 2020 - 1 September

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## Today is New Zealand's Random Acts of Kindness Day

**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 our learning focus is: *We are Respectful - We do kind things for others.*

### Why is it important?

- Kindness makes us feel good
- Kindness grows kindness
- We start thinking and acting kindly - without even thinking about it.

### What will this look like?

- I will intentionally do something kind for a classmate
- I will intentionally do something kind for my teacher
- I will intentionally do something kind for our support staff
- I will intentionally do something kind for my whanau

*Rimu says that kindness is like an invisible gift; it is all about checking in with people, and making sure they feel good. Kindness makes people feel happy; it is contagious.*

*Puriri says kindness is doing things that make others feel special, an action which makes yourself and others feel good and a behaviour that makes others feel good about themselves.*

Nga mihi ki a koutou to Abraham, Nathan and Kaitlyn who had their names drawn out of the AROHA bucket last Friday for being safe, proud or respectful in the playground.

Yesterday all those tamariki who had 50 DOJO points enjoyed a free play event before lunch. Has your child brought their 50 DOJO point certificate home?

## 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:

**Homai te - Give me.**

**Homai te pene rākau - give me the pencil. Homai te pepa - Give me the paper. Homai te pukapuka - Give me the book.**

We are looking forward to celebrating Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori in Week 9. Come to school at 12 noon on Monday 14 September and celebrate Te Reo Maori with us.



Do you play the guitar and have Monday afternoon's free? Our new Kapahaka group is looking for a guitarist. See Jodie Knowles or me if you're keen.

We welcomed Phil Coppoolse, a local didgeridoo player to school last Friday. The children enjoyed his stories and a number of them took part.



### **What's on this week?**

- We are taking part in JUMP JAM 4 STARJAM 2020. This exciting event will help us to raise awareness around disability and promote health and wellness in our community. We are asking tamariki to show their support and donate a gold coin and receive a cool StarJam wristband. All funds raised will go to STARJAM so they can continue to help young people with disabilities to unleash their potential through the magic of music, dance and performance. This is happening on Friday.
- Our Celebration Assembly will also be held on Friday at 1:45pm. See you there.

### **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 use the Absentee tab. Several of you are now using the Absentee tab - thanks!

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that all uniforms are named - especially polar fleeces. If your child brings home the wrong polar fleece please return it to school the next day.

### **Cyber Safety**

Yesterday I dealt with some cyber bullying which had occurred over the weekend. Please check that what your child is saying and messaging while on social media or gaming is not putting them at risk.

### **Coming up**

- Week 9 is Te Wiki o te Reo Maori.
- In Week 10 the 4 senior classes are off to Rocktopia for a day trip.
- The junior children are going to Thornton School's production on Thursday 24 September.
- Term 3 finishes on Friday 25 September at 3:00pm.

Feel free to give me a ring or pop in if you need a chat or have any queries - my door is usually open. Kia pai to rā - have a great day.

Roz Dakin  
Principal