

James Street School

Week Five Term Four 2020 - 10 November

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What's been happening...

The sun shone long enough for 'throwing' events yesterday.



These Student Leaders created an article for La Vita - showcasing our Nga Toi Exhibition.



Heidi, from Bunnings and one of our mums, held a DIY workshop with a group of our tamariki.

What's on this week:

- We have several tamariki taking part in the Whakatane Music Schools' orchestra this evening: Esmae, Kyro, Teddy, Kali and Tangaroa. This is being held at the Whakatane Intermediate at 7:00pm.
- Tomorrow we are hosting our annual **New Entrant Open Morning**. If you have a child starting school next year or know someone who does, please come along tomorrow morning from 9:30am to 11:00am and join in a Learning through Play session and meet our junior teachers.
- Nominations have closed for our **Parent Trustees Mid-Term Elections**. Voting papers will be issued to you by this Friday 13 November. Voting will close at 4pm on the 11th December.
- In the next spell of dry weather we will hold the long jump and high jump events.

What's on next week:

- It is EOTC week for the junior school. Each day a class is out visiting the Matata Lagoon and the Manawahe Eco Trust.
- Interschool Athletics is to be held on Tuesday 17 at Athletic Park. Your child will receive a letter if they are involved in this day and parent help would also be appreciated.

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 koa te ... - Give me a ___ please - Homai koa te ...

Today some of the tamariki were saying, '*Homai koa te pūnu. Give me a spoon please. Homai koa te pūnu.*'

This week our tamariki are also learning to sing and sign Wairua Tapu.

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 each class is focussing on a behaviour that needs extra learning and a day of double dojos. Some examples are:

- We are learning to look after our class equipment and put things away where they belong.
- We are learning to listen to and follow instructions.
- We are learning to make an appropriate choice.
- We are learning to move away from distractions - and manage self.

Reminders / Coming up

- As a SunSmart School all tamariki and kaiako are expected to wear a hat, in terms one and four when outside. Please ensure your child has a named hat at school every day. We have sunscreen available but it is a good idea if children come to school with this already applied.
- Matai is leading assembly this week - 8:45am on Friday.
- 3 December - Kai Festival
- 9/10 December - Surf days for Senior classes
- 10 December - Year 6 Leavers dinner
- 15 December - Prize Giving and morning tea

Year 6 whanau

- Year 6s are currently enrolling at Whakatane Intermediate for 2021. Have you booked an interview time for you and your child? Take your completed enrollment form(s) to the interview. Only 14 of our tamariki are enrolled so far.
- I am sending an extra letter home with all year 6s today - please ask your child for this letter.

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

