

James Street School

Week Two Term Three 2021 - 3 August

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What's on this week?

- An excited group of our Year 4 to 6 students are currently at Annie Jr.
- We have one team entered in the Year 5 and 6 Basketball Cup which is on Thursday. Once again a big thanks to those whanau who are supporting our team at the stadium, so the team can attend. We will be representing Brazil in this comp.

What's On Next Week?

- Big Brothers Big Sisters will be launched at our school on August 10. See further information about this in this newsletter.
- **Our final Kahui Ako / Iwi Connections TEACHERS ONLY DAY is to be held on August 11. School will be closed for instruction on this day.**
- Scholastic Book Orders close on Aug 12.
- EBOP Sevens - netball, football and rugby is happening on August 12. All tamariki should have returned their permission slips for this event.

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

Kei te hiakai ahau - I feel hungry - Kei te hiakai ahau

Our inquiry learning this term is based on the stories (purakau) of Wairaka and her importance in the history of Ngati Awa.

BBBS launch

James Street School is fortunate enough to be the first school in the Eastern Bay of Plenty to be included in the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programme.

This is a school based programme where a volunteer is matched to a child and they meet weekly at school, providing support and having some fun. Further information is available at

<https://bigbrothersbigsisters.org.nz/>

There is a launch day for the whole school next Tuesday, starting at 12 noon.. There will be fun events for all the children to be involved in and a free sausage sizzle. You are welcome to come along.

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 at our celebration assembly each Friday.

This term we are teaching positive behaviours and the Key Competencies through Discovery Time. Each focus will be for two weeks and the formal teaching will happen each Monday afternoon.

The focus for Week 1 and 2 is 'Managing Self' - we are learning to complete tasks that our teacher sets for us. We have noticed that some tamariki really struggle to stay on task which means that they often do not get their mahi completed. This week our focus for GGL is to have a plan in place to help us manage ourselves so we can complete tasks that we are set.

Attendance Matters - please contact the school with the reason your child is away.

Whichever way you contact the school each day your child is away, please give a reason. We have to track absences; medical, bereavement, a justified reason or an explained reason. If you don't make contact with us the child goes in as truant. If you don't leave a reason Christine will need to ring you and ask the reason.

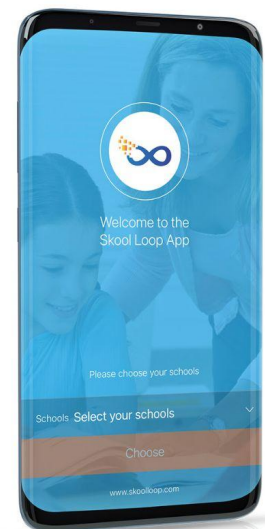
- You can ring the school and leave a message OR talk to someone on 3086855.
- You can use Skool Loop. This is a free downloadable app for your phone
- You can message the school facebook page.

Attendance has a direct impact on student achievement, sense of belonging and overall well-being. If a student misses five school days each term, or one day a fortnight, they will miss the equivalent of one year of school over 10 years. As the level of absenteeism grows, the difficulty of re-engaging in learning can grow exponentially.

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



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Central Kids Strathmore Kindergarten have spaces available now. We offer 30 hours free (conditions apply). Come and visit us at 45b Garaway Street, Whakatane or contact us on ph 027 647 9455 / 07 308 5599 to find out more.

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

Kia pai to rā - have a great day.

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