

James Street School

Week One Term Three 2021 - 27 July

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Welcome to Term 3

We started the new term with a new teacher, Whaea Janesta, who is teaching New Entrants, in Rata. We also have four new teacher aides; Whaea Jenny, Lorraine, Rachel and Amanda.

We have a very busy term planned so keep your eye out for our Tuesday newsletter which comes home with the youngest of each family, is on our school web page and also on Skool Loop. Skool Loop is a free app that you can have on your phone and is an easy way to message in an absence to the office.



What's on this week?

- We acknowledge the passing of Dr Joe Mason. The student leaders and I attended his tangihanga this morning at Pukeko Marae.

What's Coming Up

- We have been invited to send 40 senior students to Annie on August 3.
- The Year 5 and 6 Basketball Cup is on August 5.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters will be launched at our school on August 10.
- 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.

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 harikoa ahau - I feel happy - Kei te harikoa ahau

Attendance Matters

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.

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.

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.

Important - Health and Safety for all our students - some timely reminders

- Both parking areas at our school are for staff; not parents, so please do not use these spaces.
- The large parking area is also for the use of the Go Buses who come into the school to deliver our ORS students (some of whom are in wheelchairs, most who aren't). This area is also for parents of our ORS students who deliver their own children to school.
- Please do not allow your children to walk through either carpark. At the end of last term a child was very close to being hit (child shouldn't have been there and neither should the parent have been) - but still it happened.
- Parents are expected to park either on James Street or Henderson Street to drop off and pick up children.
- Drivers at all times in this parking area are expected to drive slowly and be respectful to all.
- If you have any issues with this please come and see me or give me a ring.

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

Kia pai to rā - have a great day.

Roz Dakin

Principal