

# James Street School

Week Eight Term One 2023 - 21 March

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**Welcome to our new whanau who have started school with us this week:** Ezra.

**Nga mihi ki a korua / Congratulations** to Ania and Luxem from Tawa class, who confidently led our school assembly last Friday. It was a little bit different to our normal celebration assembly as it was raining and the hosts used the telephone / intercom system in their classroom.

## Safety and Courtesy Messages

**This is for whanau who park in Henderson Street in the afternoons.**

Please do not park over our neighbours' driveaways, in their driveways or on their berms. Please park legally; that may mean 100 metres up the road. There are up to 200 children exiting through the back gate - please be very mindful of them.

**This is for whanau who drop their children off on James Street in the mornings.**

All pedestrians are to come into school through the pedestrian gates by the pedestrian crossing. The two parking areas are for vehicles only. Please do not walk your children through the parking areas, or slide the gate and send them through.

**Ngā mihi ki a koutou** to our TOP SCHOOL team: Bear, Caspar, Shontay, Sonny-Rose, Kahuwhariki, Joseph, Ghia, Thea, Eben and Maverick on their awesome team work at Awakeri School's Top School competition on Sunday. Thanks also to Jodie Knowles and Alison Elliott who supported the team.



## What's on this week?

- Bear and Caspar are representing our school at the EBOP Swimming Sports today.
- Thea, Bear, Caspar and Seth are taking part in the Inter School Surf Competition at West End, Ohope on Friday.
- Kowhai class is leading our celebration assembly at 12:15pm on Friday. You are welcome to come along and support.

## What's coming up next week

- Ngā Tupu - Ponga, Kowhai, Tawa and Kauri tamariki will be out exploring and visiting sites around Whakatane that are significant to Ngati Awa. A separate letter will come home about this. This Education Outside the Classroom event is happening on 28 March.

## 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 morning.

*Congratulations to: Blake, Ethan, Anabelle, Magnus, Damien and Quinn - our AROHA bucket winners from last Friday.*

**Attendance at school:** 'Regular' attendance is defined for statistical purposes as 90% or higher. However, Ministry of Education analysis shows every day has a cumulative impact on a child's learning and there is no 'safe' level of non-attendance. Every day matters. One day a week nonattendance = 10 days per term = 40 days per year. This is equivalent to 8 weeks of non attendance per year which is not ok.

*Week Seven winners were: Ria, Honesty, Kalious, Zaria, Lily, Emma-Lee, Ihaka, Aki, Levi, Mia, Eva and Leah.*

### Dates to pop on the calendar:

- Thursday 6 April - last day of Term 1
- Wednesday 26 April - first day of Term 2
- Monday 1 May - Teacher Only Day - this is for our town schools; primary and intermediate.
- 2 to 5 May - Bike Ready for our Year 5 and 6 tamariki

### Home-School Partnership

On our way out to the marae we played a version of 'I Spy'. Even though it was a short trip, the tamariki really enjoyed it. As our bus had mainly Juniors we played a version of that game called 'I Spy something the Colour of' using colours rather than the alphabet.

Another game you could play on your next car trip is 'Car Colours' Everyone picks a colour, everytime they see a vehicle that colour they add to their total. The winner has the highest number.

Playing games in the car can help tamariki to practise resilience (when they lose), humility (when they win), patience (sitting in a vehicle for long periods of time), social skills, problem solving, tactical thinking, observation and taking risks.

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

Kia pai to rā - have a great day.

Roz Dakin  
Principal