

TE TAU O AROHANUI

*The year of Great-
LOVE*



Mill Street, MARTON 4710
phone 06 327 8229

UP COMING EVENTS

Term 4 Dates

Monday 16th

**December at our school hall,
1:30pm start**

Junior Prize-giving

(Rooms 2, 4, 9, 7 & 8)

Tuesday 17th

**December at our school hall,
12:30pm start**

Senior Prize-giving

(Rooms 3, 6, 5 & 1):

**Wednesday 18th December,
9am start**

**Y8 poroporoaki/Morning tea
for Y8 whanau**

**Wednesday 18th December,
9am start**

**Last Day of the School Year -
School finishes at 12pm
sharp!**



He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa—A very warm greeting to you all!

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Your child's school report will come home today along with stationery details. Read the attached note carefully as you are able to order stationery packs online or pay for them at school over the last few days by cash or eftpos and have your stationery delivered free to school in 2020 if ordered by the 24th of January. A huge thanks to the Board of Trustees who will pay \$10 per child for their stationery pack if ordered via Office Products Depot. The prices are affordable and stationery is high quality. Also, parents/caregivers who have children who had low attendance (less than 80%: on average more than 1 day off a week) in 2019 will receive a letter with their child's report.

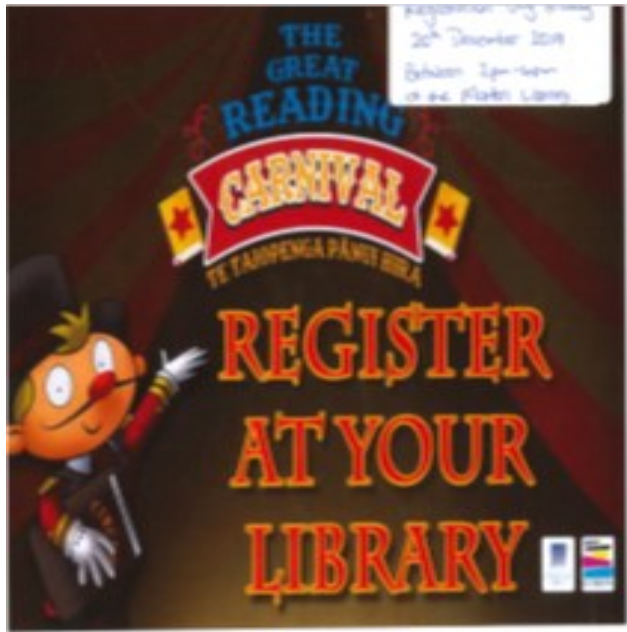
In regards to class/teacher placement, the process is a long one. We gather information and data from teachers and then create draft lists. These lists go back to teams to see what the combinations look like. We then tweak and rework lists until we have our final class placements. We think about children who work well together and those who don't. We think about having a range of abilities for literacy and numeracy along with a range of factors.

No doubt there will be children who have not got their best friend in their class or not got the teacher they would prefer. This happens! Apologies to the parents/caregivers who have made requests about their child's placement to myself or other teachers. We simply cannot accommodate all requests. We try to have children that are known to each other in each class and also look at the dynamics of particular placements with certain teachers and mix of children in the class.

P.T.O

SCHOOL INFORMATION

STUDENT ABSENCES – You can text your child's absent message to 027 758 5514, call the school office at 06 327 8229 or notify us via our school app.



MARTON LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

The Summer Reading programme aims to encourage and promote books, Libraries, and the fun of reading to children through incentive awards, and activities. All of this is offered free of charge thanks to the funding of the Eastern and Central Community Trust. We have 16 places left, it will be first in first served.

Reading over the holidays is a great way to keep your child's skills up over the school break!

We encourage you to be positive about the class/teacher placements with your children, they take their cue from you. If they don't have their best friend in their class or the teacher they really want, reassure them! Tell them that everything will be OK. Tell them they will still get to play and hang out with their friends. Our children test our reaction to news by gauging how they should react. We need to be the reassurance they need. So be positive, reassure them and show them that you are confident that they will have a good year.

Our class lists are final. Any request for change will be met with a "let's have a chat 6 weeks into Term 1". If you are desperately unhappy about the class placement do make a time to talk to any member of the senior leadership team.

I want to say a huge thank you to the students, whanau and staff of James Cook School who have made my first half year here an enjoyable one.

I look forward to leading the school forward in the years to come. There are amazing staff, students and families here and I look forward to continuing on the awesome legacy that is James Cook School. Wishing you all the best over the Christmas and New Year season. Keep safe and have a R.I.C.H.E.R 2020.

Timu Niwa

Principal

James Cook School

END OF YEAR REMINDERS



Friday 13th – student reports going home, including stationery lists & information and your child's class for 2020

Monday 16th – Junior prizegiving – Rooms 2,4,9,7 & 8 in the school hall at 1.30pm

Tuesday 17th – Senior prizegiving – Rooms 3,6,5 & 1 in the school hall at 12.30pm

Wednesday 18th – Yr8 Poroporoaki – 9am (morning tea will follow for parents of Yr8 students)

Whole school finishes at 12pm – midday

2020

January 28th – School Open Day

Drop in 9-3pm

January 29th – School open for instruction

Merry Christmas and have a happy and safe holiday and Joyous New Year!

Organisation for 2020

Staff 2020

Principal: Timu Niwa

Deputy Principal: Melanie Morris

Senior Team

Room 1: Matt Bell (Y7/8)

Room 2: John Anwyll (Y7/8)

Middle Team

Room 9: Sommai Lightbourne (Y5/6)

Room 7: Jannelle Gray (Y4/5/6)

Room 8: Robynne Jamieson (Y4/5)

Junior Team

Room 6: Hilary Allen (Y3)

Room 5: Wendy Blithe (Y2/3)

Room 3: Alicia Ingley (Y1/2)

Room 4: Tracy Zvagulis (Y0/1)

Art Specialist : Rei Hendry

Music Specialist : Claire Hargraves

Learning Assistants

Delanie Rakatairi, Lisa Dais, Donna Knight,
Amanda Emery, Carolyn Fulton,
Kelly Te Whatu, Kelly Pompey,
Queenie Mitchell & Keturah Wilson

Support Staff

Office Administrator : Karen Stewart

Accounts Administrator : Lisa Rooke

Caretaker: Paul Knight

GOOD NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



A huge congratulations to Sarah Walker, current Y8 student here at James Cook, who was awarded a cultural scholarship from Whanganui Girls' College.

On Monday 25th November she was presented the certificate at our morning assembly but was later presented with her official scholarship in Whanganui. We congratulate her for her award and thank Acting Principal, Nita Pond for coming over to James Cook to present it!

School News

Board of Trustee Membership

After completing the first steps of the process to fill our Casual Vacancy on the BOT, the Board will now continue steps to fill this vacancy by selection.

Government Donation Scheme

Government Donation initiative for Decile 1-7 state and state integrated schools includes James Cook School. We have opted in to receive a \$150 per student payment in this scheme. More information about this can be found at <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/fees-charges-and-donations/> or feel free to have a chat with Timu.

*2020 will be James Cook School's
Year of ...*



The teachers and senior leaders will be planning a number of things to 'celebrate' over the 2020 year!

Some of them include...

...Book Week and the Celebration of our New Library Pod...

...Celebrating the 50th anniversary of James Cook School as it was officially opened in 1970...

...and lots, lots more!

2020 School Terms

Term 1: Wednesday 29th January -

Thursday 9th April

Term 2: Tuesday 28th April -

Friday 3rd July

Term 3: Monday 20th July -

Friday 25th September

Term 4: Monday 12th October -

Friday 11th December

*(Teacher Only Days will be communicated prior to the beginning of each term. There are **no** Teacher Only Days in Term 1, 2020)*