

FEBRUARY 2020



THE JAMES COOK COMMUNIQUE

*The Official Monthly Newsletter of
James Cook School*

TERM 1, 2020 DATES

**WEDNESDAY 29TH
JANUARY - THURSDAY
9TH APRIL**

**REMINDER
SCHOOL CLOSED:
WAITANGI DAY
THURSDAY 6TH
FEBRUARY**

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK
OR DROP-OFF ON THE
BROKEN YELLOW LINES
OUTSIDE SCHOOL.**



Important News

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

LUNCH ORDERS FROM SOUTH END MINI MARKET: Beginning Thursday 13th February and every Thursday thereafter. Place lunch orders at the South End Mini Market on Wellington Road on Thursday mornings if you wish. No fizzy drinks. Flavoured milk allowed on Thursdays with lunches from the Mini Market.

SCHOOL HATS: These are compulsory from Monday 11th February while the weather is hot and sun is beaming strongly. These are available from Academy Apparel for \$15. Yellow hats will become compulsory in Term 4 but the old green ones can still be worn for this term as well. There are very limited 'old' spare hats in the office so it would be best to purchase your child/ren their own yellow James Cook School bucket hat as soon as possible.

SCHOOL POOL TO CLOSE: The Rangitikei District Council has issued water restrictions across Marton. Our school pool is not in a fully functioning condition and is leaking on a daily basis. Today we will be turning off the water flow into the pool to support the restrictions that are in place across town. The Board of Trustees will keep you posted on the much needed improvements to our school pool in due course. The junior classes will meet soon to plan an alternative to the swimming programme they were planning to run at our school pool over the first weeks of Term 1. The middle and seniors students will start their swimming programme at Marton Pool next week.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS: The government has set out guidelines which now requires that schools must get permission from parents/caregivers for their child/ren to participate in weekly Bible in Schools lessons that will begin on Friday 14th February. Please complete the attached form to let the school know whether you wish your child to participate in these weekly lessons or not. All forms returned to the special box in the office by Wednesday 12th February (at 2:57pm) will go into the draw to win free children's movie tickets to Focal Point in Feilding. If the form is not returned, it will be assumed that your do child/ren will not attend.

GOAL SETTING PARENT/CAREGIVER INTERVIEWS: First term parent/caregiver goal setting interviews will be held on Tuesday 25th February and Thursday 27th February from 3pm to 7.15pm. Instructions to book times will be out in a couple of weeks.

MUSIC: A huge welcome to Whaea Claire Hargraves who takes over from Mrs Pierce as our school music teacher. Whaea Claire will begin the year by taking music lessons in every classroom with the choir re-convening in a few weeks. We are currently assessing whether to carry on with 1-1 piano lessons.

APPOINTMENTS: We are still awaiting to appoint a new Reading Recovery teacher for this year to assist some of our learners in reading. Applications close near the end of February.

School News: February 2020

A huge welcome to all our new and returning students who have started or will start shortly at James Cook School.

They are:

Ky-mani Carroll
Lucas Mitchell
Curtix Tiitii
Robyn Van Dijk
Sharai Atkins
Sinade Pompey-Carroll
Jordan Van Dijk
Kingston Mitchell
Solialii Semisi Tulemau
Dustin Adams
Reuben Andrews
Jude Baillie
Nevaeh Katene Rakatairi-Jetson
McKayla Cox
Daniel Van Dijk
Agape Semisi Tulemau
Cobin Wood
Khaia Hillman

We welcome you and your families to our RICHER school.

Staff PLD: A huge thank-you to Dr Mike Paki who took the staff on a tour last week of local iwi, Ngati Apa. We look forwarding to build strong connections with Ngati Apa who hold the manawhenua at our school.

"All children are born artists, the problem is to remain an artist as we grow up."

Pablo Picasso

In 2020, our school will be organised in 3 teams:

Kauri/Senior Team (Y7/8):

Mr Matthew Bell (Leader)
Mr John Anwyll

Ngā Puāwai/Middle Team (Y4-6):

Ms Sommai Lightbourne (Leader)
Ms Jannelle Gray
Mrs Robynne Jamieson

He Kākano/Junior Team (Y0-3):

Ms Melanie Morris (DP/Leader)
Mrs Hilary Allen
Mrs Wendy Blithe
Mrs Alicia Ingley
Ms Tracy Zvagulis

For most concerns please:

See your child's class teacher **first**.

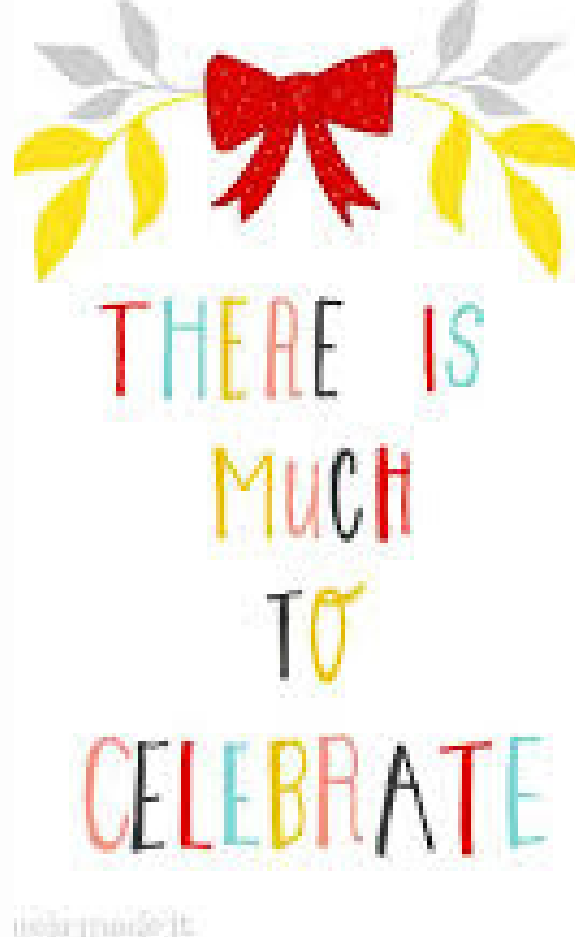
If not resolved, see the associated **team leader**.

If not resolved, see Ms Morris, **the Deputy Principal**.

If still not resolved, make an appointment to see **Mr Niwa, the Principal**.

For serious concerns please:

seek out Ms Morris or Mr Niwa as soon as possible.



2020 Year of Celebration

Term 1 Focus:

Aspiring to be R.I.C.H.E.R