



THE JAMES COOK COMMUNIQUE

*The Official Newsletter of
James Cook School*

TERM 1, 2020 DATES

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

**25TH/27TH FEBRUARY:
PARENT/CAREGIVER
CONFERENCES**

**10TH MARCH: ICT &
SIZZLE EVENING @
SCHOOL 5-6PM**

**THANKS FOR NOT
PARKING OR DROPPING-
OFF ON THE BROKEN
YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE
SCHOOL.**



Important R.I.C.H.E.R News

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

SCHOOL POOL: Due to the closing of our school pool, the Junior classrooms (He Kākano) are planning to run their swimming programme in Term 4.

GOAL SETTING PARENT/CAREGIVER CONFERENCES: First term parent/caregiver goal setting conference will be held on Tuesday 25th February and Thursday 25th February from 3pm to 7.15pm. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz to book with our code **yp6pr** or contact the school office to book.

READING RECOVERY TEACHER: A warm welcome to Whaea Adelie Reitsma-Reid who has begun training to be our school reading recovery teacher. She comes to us with a breadth of teaching experience with an infectious passion for literacy.

ICT & SIZZLE EVENING: Mark this date: **Tuesday 10th March 5pm-6pm:** We will be holding a free sausage sizzle on this date along with an information evening for parents/caregivers and whānau about the direction the school is heading in terms of digital technology. From 2020 all primary schools are expected to be teaching the new digital technology curriculum. You will receive your invitation at the upcoming parent/teacher conferences.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT: If a student breaks our R.I.C.H.E.R. core culture values at James Cook (i.e. is violent, threatening and/or intimidating towards others) we have a system whereby students are not permitted on the playground during morning tea and lunchtime following their misdemeanour. During that time they write a 'reflection'. This is a letter to their parents/caregivers explaining what they did, what they should have done and what they will do next time if they find themselves in that particular situation again. Parents/Caregivers are expected to read, sign and get their child to return the letter to Mr Niwa's office the following day. After three 'Reflections in one term,' a meeting will be called between the principal and parents/caregivers or depending on the circumstances, a student may be stood down.

IWI: Ignore, Walk Away, I Statements: The children have been examining how to be R.I.C.H.E.R at our school by using IWI strategies when problems arise. Children have been role-playing, having discussions and getting to know how to solve issues without resorting to bad words, threats or physical violence. It has been pleasing to see so many use these R.I.C.H.E.R core culture values!

ATTENDANCE: The Ministry of Education released a report about the high amount of absences in NZ primary schools recently. The government classifies that children who are present for 90% of the year as satisfactory attendance. Last year, letters were sent home to children who were absent for approximately 80% of the year or less. This equates to being off school for at least one day per week which equals to a total of two years of schooling off altogether. Please work hard to ensure your children are at school when they are not sick!

School News

MUSIC: Those Y5-8 students who are interested in having 1/2 an hour piano lessons for Term 2 every Monday must indicate their interest on the form given out today.

Lessons start beginning of Term 2. Only 6 students are able to be timetabled with Mrs Pierce per term and preference will be given to those who have had lessons with her previously. Costs are indicated on the note.

R.I.C.H.E.R. Students

A huge congratulations to the following students who have shown amazing R.I.C.H.E.R. core culture values over the last few weeks and have won prizes because of it!

Eva
Kimiora
Aaron G-C
Kaleisha
Kirsty
Rico (x2)
Kingston
Agape
Elijah
Vitana
Juniper

A huge congratulations to Emily K who was drawn out as the winner of the 'getting the Bible in Schools' form into the office on time!!

Well done, Emily!!

In 2020, our school is organised in 3 teams:

Kauri/Senior Team (Y7/8):

Mr Matthew Bell (Leader)
Mr John Anwyl

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
Mrs 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.

'Hugs can do great amounts of good - especially for children'



2020 Year of Celebration

Term 1 Focus:

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