



# THE JAMES COOK COMMUNIQUE

*The Official Newsletter of  
James Cook School*

*TERM 1, 2020 DATES*

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

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
NOT PARK OR DROP-OFF  
CHILDREN ON THE  
BROKEN YELLOW LINES  
OUTSIDE SCHOOL. WE  
ARE USING CONES TO  
REMINDE EVERYONE.**



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

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

**GOAL SETTING PARENT/CAREGIVER CONFERENCES:** Thanks to all the parents/whānau who attended the conferences last week.

**ICT & SIZZLE EVENING:** Notes were given out about this event at the conferences last week. If you are still wanting to attend please email Mr Niwa on [principal@jamescook.school.nz](mailto:principal@jamescook.school.nz) or leave a note in the box in the office with your name and numbers attending. At the moment we have 67 whānau and children who have indicated that they are attending on **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.

**IWI: Ignore, Walk Away, I Statements:** Some parents have been asking during the conferences how the I.W.I strategy aligns with the R.I.C.H.E.R core culture of James Cook School. I.W.I is a resilience building strategy that aligns with the second 'R' in R.I.C.H.E.R - Resolution. When a student is annoyed or starts to be provoked by someone, rather than lashing back as an immediate 'resolution' we are attempting to build up our students' repertoire of strategies to manage low level incidents in a calm and R.I.C.H.E.R way. I.W.I helps to do that and it has been awesome to see many of our students using the steps to help them deal with some issues. If you want more clarification about the steps, don't hesitate to see a teacher or touch base with Mr Niwa.

**ATTENDANCE RATES:** Rangitikei College have noted the importance of attendance in their recent newsletter with some interesting data and statistics. As noted in our newsletter last week, the government classifies that children who are present for at least 90% of the year as satisfactory attendance (maximum of one day off every two weeks). Our attendance data for 2019 is as follows: Term 1: 73%; Term 2: 51%; Term 3: 71%; Term 4: 61% (i.e. just over half of all children attended school for 90% or more in Term 2, 2019). Attendance will continue to be monitored with letters sent home to those with persistently low attendance rates.

### BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY: FRI 27TH MARCH

**A day of fun, dress-up, lost in the world of books.  
Prizes for best-dressed, fun book-based activities,  
shared picnic, opening of our new school library!**

*Turn over for more details!*

# School News

**MUSIC:** Thanks to those who have indicated their interest in participating in piano lessons. Mrs Peirce will make her decision about her 6 students for Term 2 shortly.

## 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!

Jayzarn  
Ryan W  
Zach  
Kaydee  
Dana  
Brooklyn R  
Jack P  
Connah

A huge congratulations to Jack Penn who won a free movie ticket to Focal Point Cinema in Feilding!  
Thanks for being a R.I.C.H.E.R member of our amazing school!!

In 2020, our school is 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.



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

# Book Day

Book Week details as follows:

Week 9/10: Book Week

Thursday 26th March  
**BOOK FAIR SET UP IN BACK OF HALL**

Friday 27th March:  
**BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY (All Day)**  
**NEW LIBRARY OPENING 12.15PM**

Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April  
**BOOK FAIR SALE OPEN 8:30-9am**  
**2:30-3pm each day**

**All sales from the Book Fair go towards purchasing new books for our school library!**

**DRESS-UP ideas for Friday 27th March**

Come as a favourite character! You could be the hungry caterpillar or the BFG? Perhaps the Wizard of Oz or a muchkin? Perhaps Rapunzel or you might want to be the Big Bad Wolf?

Prizes for best-dressed in each class!