



THE JAMES COOK COMMUNIQUE

*The Official Newsletter of
James Cook School*

TERM 1, 2020 DATES

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

**NOTE THE FOLLOWING
CANCELLATIONS FOR TERM 1:**

**THURSDAY TWILIGHT NETBALL
FRIDAY NIGHT CRICKET
CLUSTER SWIMMING
CLUSTER ATHLETICS
DUFFY ASSEMBLY
JUNIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD
SUPPORT ASSEMBLY**

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



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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

ICT & SIZZLE EVENING: A huge thanks to the approximately 30-odd families who came to the ICT & Sizzle evening led by Mr Matt Bell. As our lead ICT teacher he talked about where the school is planning to head in light of the expectations that schools around NZ teach the digital technology curriculum. Our school has recently purchased a number of ipads and chromebooks which will start to be rolled out during Term 2. All students and parents/caregivers will be expected to sign a user agreement before being able to use these new devices. We look forward to the new things and new ways that we will be doing things at James Cook School.

CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19: Every school is being updated daily on the state of Coronavirus by the Ministry of Education. Current advice is as follows:

Prevention remains a priority

- Awareness: know the symptoms and where to get good information (i.e. see the Ministry of Health website).
- Vigilance: students, whānau and staff are to stay away from school if they are ill.
- Good hygiene – hand washing and drying, good cough and sneeze etiquette will prevent spread of a range of ills as we move into cold and flu season.

There is also advice from the Prime Minister to stop hugging, handshakes and hongi for now. We have also stopped all assemblies until further notice. We will keep you up to date on any further actions that we are required by the Ministry of Education to do. We will also provide Ministry of Education updates on our SchoolApp.

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY: FRI 27TH MARCH (Still going ahead at the moment!)

**A day of fun, dress-up, lost in the world of books.
Prizes for best-dressed, fun book-based activities,
opening new school library, 'celebrity' story-tellers!**



School News

MUSIC: If you received a note last week from Mrs Peirce please return notes and money to confirm your place for piano lessons as soon as possible. Those who did not get a note, you will be on the waiting list should a student pull out of wanting piano lessons. First lessons will be in Week 2 of Term 2.

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!

Jude
Ethan R
Payton
Charlotte T
Rico K
Leonie

Apologies to the two fabulous RICHER students we have missed out. If it was you, let us know and we'll put your name in the next newsletter!

GUEST READERS DURING BOOK WEEK!

Include our Rangitikei Mayor, Andy Watson and a number of locals and parents!

NEED HELP WITH GETTING A COSTUME FOR BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY?

1) Make a costume with Whaea Amanda

Whaea Amanda will be available in Room 7 from 2:45 pm to 4 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday next week to help you make costumes with your children! Materials will be available and Whaea Amanda is happy to share some costumes to use as a base. Children and whānau can work together on these projects! **To book, parents leave your name and date in the office.**

2) Marton Players

They have costumes for hire. They have a number of kids costumes plus larger adult sizes. The contact is Annie on 027487 8372.

3) Bulls Toy Library.

They have smaller size costumes available. You can join as a casual for \$10.00 or \$25.00 for 6 months. That includes costumes and toys. They are open Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

4) Marton Op shop

Create something out of items from the op shop or better still use what you have from home.

5) Search online for ideas

There are many ideas online for different characters to dress up as using items from home. Be inventive and creative!

Book Day

Book Week details as follows:

Week 9/10: Book Week

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

Monday 30th March to Thursday
2nd April

**BOOK FAIR SALE OPEN in
SCHOOL HALL
8:30-9am
2:30-3pm each day
Cash & Eftpos available**

**WE DESPERATELY NEED 2x
PARENT HELPERS EACH DAY OF
THE BOOK FAIR TO HELP WITH
THE SALE OF BOOKS. IF YOU ARE
AVAILABLE PLEASE SEE MR
NIWA!**

**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!

Some parents have been asking about cost for coming to school in dress-up. There is no cost for coming to school in dress-up!

It's a day of celebration and fun for all!