



# THE JAMES COOK COMMUNIQUE

*The Official Newsletter of  
James Cook School*

*TERM 1, 2020 DATES*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**TERM 1 NOW ENDS  
THIS FRIDAY 27TH  
MARCH**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE  
NOW:**

**MONDAY 30TH MARCH  
- TUESDAY 14TH APRIL  
(INCLUSIVE)**

**LOCKDOWN HOWEVER  
WILL BE AT LEAST 4  
WEEKS**



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

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 : SELF-ISOLATION & HOME LEARNING IDEAS**

The James Cook School staff have discussed varying implications regarding learning during a period of lockdown and student isolation at home. Due to the uncertainty we are all facing in light of COVID-19 in regards to how long students will be away from school, which at this stage is at least 4 weeks, the James Cook School staff think that it is best if we send families home with a page of ideas for activities that could be done at home, online, together and alone for children and whānau during this period.

Teachers have mentioned how setting work for each class would potentially mean coming back to school at an unknown time in the future with students being at different places in their PR1ME maths book, some students completing some work and others completing none or all. It will become a messier affair than it needs to be. In light of this, we cannot emphasize how important it is for parents and caregivers to NOT replicate the school or class environment, daily routine or curriculum instruction at home.

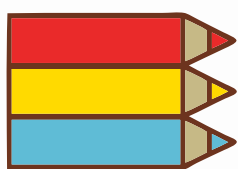
Today we are giving you a handout of ideas for home learning on the reverse of this page. Please use it now and again. Don't feel pressure to complete everything on it. It is a guide only. Don't make up worksheets or download a curriculum guide to follow at home. Don't set 'playtime' breaks and don't reconfigure your house to replicate a classroom. You are NOT being asked to homeschool your kids during this trying time. We are about to have a shutdown of our school system for an amount of time that is, as yet, unclear. Your children will be digesting the fact that they may not get to see their friends and teachers for the foreseeable future...not to mention we are in a global health crisis.

As the staff of James Cook School, we see that the best thing that you can do is to do things with them. Play a board or card game, do the dishes together, sing a song, have them help you with the washing, bake something, have a boil-up. Make sure that they have some alone time to play with their toys, set screen times, read together, be with them and show them that everything is going to be OK. You are their parents and caregivers, NOT their teachers.

Whatever happens, we will make sure your child has the tools necessary to succeed in school when the time comes. For now, be a family and prioritise looking after each other. We will keep you informed of developments via our School App.

Mā te Atua hei manaaki. Faamanuia le Atua. Be kind and stay safe.

James Cook School Staff



# Ideas for Home Learning



## Home Learning Ideas for Y7/8s

Encourage your child to:

- vacuum the house
- bake a cake
- do the dishes
- mow the lawn
- make dinner for the whānau
- plan and manage their own learning for the day
- identify and follow through with ways to remain active while in isolation

Help your child to understand:

- budgeting
- politics
- common courtesy/etiquette
- how to create a CV
- research a topic and form an opinion on it
- hygiene
- good nutrition
- service

Don't try and teach them anything that is going to cause frustration for you and/or your child!

Other ideas:

Maths: Double/Halve a recipe

Literacy: Read a book alone or together

Writing: Write a job application

What has your child done to earn screen time?



## Home Learning Ideas for Y0-6s

**Storyline Online:** streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations.

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

**Goodnight Kiwi:** The beloved Goodnight Kiwi and Cat are joined by celebrity storytellers to bring the magic of New Zealand bedtime story books to life!

stories <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/goodnight-kiwi>

**Kiwi Kids News:** Current events of NZ and around the world in kid speak <https://www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz/>

**Bingo Board of Awesomeness:** Bingo board of different activities to do at home (Have attached a copy or can go to URL site <https://www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz/bingo-board-of-awesomeness/>)

**Practise:** cutting skills and create a collage from newspapers, magazines; Use a ruler, tape measure and practise measuring objects; Use kitchen scales to weigh ingredients; Ruler skills - create an artwork using only lines; Learn to tell the time using both analogue and digital time; Create an artwork of your choice; Read and follow a recipe to cook a meal or bake something special for your whānau; Write and illustrate your own picture/comic/fact book; Design and make a maths/board game for the family to play.

## ONLINE LEARNING

**Studyladder:** Parents can set them up free for their children

### Mathletics and/or Reading Eggs:

Class teachers will email parents/caregivers the login and password details by the end of this week for those that we have email details for.