

James Cook High School

NEWSLETTER

10 December 2018

Important Dates

14 December – Last Day of Term 4 and for
Year 9 – Year 10 students / Junior Prize-
Giving Ceremony at 9:00 AM

15 December – Holidays Begin

28 January – Term 1 2019 Begins

Successful Year 8 Taster Days



On November 26-27, we hosted our local intermediate students to visit James Cook High School. A group of students from Manurewa Intermediate attended on the 26th and feeder schools across South Auckland students attended on the 27th. We had 125 attendees on Monday and 135 attendees on Tuesday.

The students participated in scheduled classes which can include the following: technology, science, hospitality, physical education, visual art, and cultural classes from Puutake and the Samoan Unit. These classes only represent a small portion of the diversity of classes offered at James Cook High School. Our school received lots of positive feedback.

THANK YOU, JUNIOR STUDENT LEADERS FOR YOUR HELP WITH YEAR 8 'TASTER DAYS'



Our junior student leaders did a fantastic job of assisting our Year 8 visitors in their sampler classes. They explained to Year 8 students what a day in the life at James Cook High School looks like, and what opportunities they could expect.



The school owes so much to our junior student leaders for all their assistance. We can't wait to welcome our Year 8 visitors as Year 9 students next year!

JCHS Quiz Night 2018 in the LCR

We had a successful quiz night on Thursday, November 29th with six teams competing. All participants received great prizes donated by our generous community. We are looking forward to the next one.

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Absent? Ring Mrs. Kramer

Please remember to ring Mrs. Kramer on **09 268 3958** if your child is absent from school. Please do not email or Facebook message the school.

THANK YOU FOR BEING ON TIME



The senior leadership team thanked students and parents for their punctuality with a free sausage sizzle on Tuesday, December 4th. Lateness has been greatly reduced since the late initiative program started, and James Cook High School wants to keep it up in 2019! Thanks again!


Your free financial helpline

"I can't keep up with my bills!"

"I can't afford to buy food this week."

MoneyTalks is a free helpline for individuals, family and whānau.

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Available 8am to 8pm weekdays
10am to 2pm Saturday

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Young Sports Person of 2018 by College Sports Auckland

On Thursday 22nd of November, College Sport Auckland held their annual Young Sports Person of the Year Awards at Eden Park. Two year 13 students were nominated & became finalists. Kacey Ngataki was the finalist for Sports Category for Waka Ama:



Joseph Green was the finalist for Active Student Official of the Year:



It was a great evening being amongst young athletes, their schools and whānau celebrating individual & team sporting success.

Congratulations to both Joseph and Kacey who won their categories on the night.

Thank-you to all who have helped support Joseph & Kacey through their sporting achievements this far. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Looking for a summer job?

Don't forget to go to your local stores, ask if there's any vacancies, and request an application form! You can also check out the job vacancy sites on Careers NZ and enter your hometown (i.e. Manurewa or Manukau) to find work close to home! Read more here:

<https://www.careers.govt.nz/job-hunting/finding-work/>

Do You Need Money for Tertiary Education?



It's easy to check if you can get fees-free study or training, just head to <https://feesfree.govt.nz>. It's not just for university students.



Register as a Volunteer for the Literacy Programme in 2019



Are you looking for a way to give back to the James Cook High School Community? You can mentor our students to advance their reading level by several years, which can improve their NCEA scores and their chances to advance in school. If you can contribute 1 - 2 hours per week between Monday – Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm, please come to the school to fill out your statutory and police vet check forms before Dec. 14th. You can be placed on the roster for 2019.

Senior Prize-Giving Winners



On the evening of Tuesday, December 4th, James Cook High School celebrated Senior Prize-giving to recognize the achievements of this year's senior students. There were many notable award winners (some of them are pictured to the right) and the top winners are listed below:

DUX Litterarum
Emily McCullagh

Proxime Accessit
Isabelle Hunt

Tapper Academic Trophy
(Top Year 12 Student)
Oceane-Blu Lavea-Misiepo

Weller Memorial Trophy
(Top Year 11 Student)
Celestina Rankin



JCHS Alumni Display will be in the Library

You may have read some of the alumni stories posted either in this newsletter or on the James Cook High School website about our successful graduates. Our successful graduates come from a range of industries including professional sports, law enforcement, CEOs, professional singers, university deans, entrepreneurs, tv actors, film animators, film directors, film sound track composers, theatre professionals, race car drivers, and professors. Now, the library has a board up featuring several of these successful graduates in a visual display like this week's craft display:



The library has presented this series of alumni particularly for our incoming new students of 2019. As a school, we want to illustrate that our graduates can become successful in a variety of fields, and that students can pick a role model of their choice that suits their talents and interests. If the students show enough interest, the school is willing to talk to any of these graduates and see if they can give a speech at our school in 2019. The teachers have asked Scott Dixon to come and present in the past. Although he was very polite and amicable, he might be too busy racing to come back just for the visit for the time-being, although we can hope he will visit someday! But there are so many other graduates who could come back to James Cook High School to visit and would be a great speaker for our students.

Year 9 Girls in Digital Technology Visit Media Design School

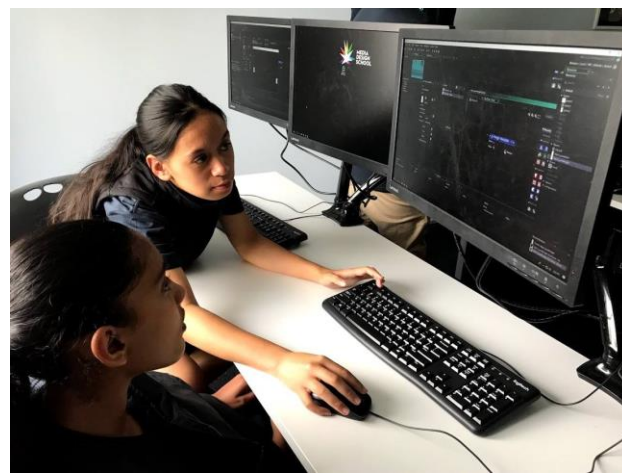
Digital technology Year 9 students (all girls) experienced a day at Media Design School, to learn more about the opportunity of designing and creating games. Students listened to industry professionals who have created games on Sega, Xbox as well as PlayStation.

Mr. Singh said: "There is a massive skills shortage for women in tech jobs. My aim is to encourage women to consider Digital Technology/Computer Science careers, as one of their options".

The Students said:

"It was challenging, however we learnt art-based skills design and how to use Photoshop and Game maker to make a game".

- Eden, Simran and Saili



2019 Student Prefects

Head Prefects 2019

Elizabeth McSween
Xenophe Stephens
Marvin Koria
Winiata Walker

Prefects 2019

Tilomai Lafaiali
Mefiposeta Laupua
Jazmin Martin
Ocean-Blu Lavea-Misiepo
Jacqueline Aiga

Neha Dass
Marvin Koria
Shivnesh Krishna
Naisau Kutalele
Tamati Morunga
Elisiva Nakab
Jolisa Tamalii Pati
Mou Pikaahu
Zavia Rangi-Dixon
Tawhero Uangakore
Mele Ungounga
Josephine Vili

CONGRATULATIONS, SENIORS! SEE YOU IN 2019, JUNIORS!

2018 has been an awesome year at James Cook High School! We celebrated our students' talents in so many ways this year through dancing, public speaking, art exhibitions, sports, workshops, music, scholarships and of course, through traditional school! Because of the variety of classes and activity our school offers we had a lot of interest from our Year 8 visitors. We also had a lot of successful events in our community including the culture performance competitions and the 50th Jubilee. A big thank you goes out to our parents, students, and our broader community for making our school so successful in 2018. Good luck and the staff wish all the best to the JC leavers. As for the "stayers" coming back next year – we look forward to seeing you very soon!