



James Cook High School

NEWSLETTER

18 October 2018

Principal's Welcome to the Start of Term 4

Kia ora and Greetings,

Welcome to the start of Term 4. The next ten weeks will be busy for our students and staff, especially as students complete their NCEA qualifications and our school prepares for the end of this year and the start of next year.

Thank you to all of our Parents, Whanau and Caregivers who met with your child's Teachers at our Home-School Partnership interviews at the end of last term. It is vital that you know what is happening for your child at school and that, as adults, we get to talk with each other to make sure that your child, our student, is progressing well.

As you know, the last 18 months has been both a challenging and busy time for our school, following an ERO Review in March last year. Soon after this a limited structuring manager was appointed to our school. A far-reaching development plan was put in place, and a number of significant things occurred – including a review of the entire senior leadership team structure and roles. I am very proud of the progress that our staff and school has since then. It is now timely to report back to you, our whanau and community, about what we have done, how well it has worked and what we plan to do next. The first part of this will be a special newsletter that will be sent out early next month.

This term there are several things with which we need your help. These include:

Addressing Attendance and Lateness. Most of our students are at school and in class every day and on-time. But sadly, too many students are not at school often enough to succeed at school, or are missing too many of their classes. We are having a blitz on attendance and lateness this term. The first week will be used to give students warnings, and the full blitz will come into effect on the second week.

Completing NCEA Qualifications. Last year we didn't allow Year 11 to 13 students leave school for the year until they had completed their NCEA qualifications, or only if they had a number of external exams. This made a difference in the achievement of a large number of our students. We will be doing the same thing this year – and our students have been advised of throughout the year. You will receive a letter about what is happening for your child early this term.

There will also be information about these initiatives, and other school activities on our Facebook page. As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Grant McMillan

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Important Dates

15 October – Term 4 begins

18 October – BOT meeting

22 October – Labour Day
(school is closed)

26-27 October – Te Ahurea Tino
Rangatiratanga Secondary
Schools Kapa Haka (supported
by Auckland Council)

2-4 November – James Cook High
School's 50th Jubilee (see insert)

14 December – Last Day of Term 4

Te Reo Māori Week Activities

“Strength for an endangered language comes from its status, people being aware of how to support revitalisation, people acquiring and using it and from the language having the right words and terms to be used well for any purpose.”

Te Reo Māori Week started with Puutake students performing in the hall on September 10, 2018. The theme this year through the Māori Language Commission was: 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' following the success of last year's theme 'Kia Ora te Reo Māori'. Back on 14 September 1972, a Māori language petition supporting the teaching of te reo Māori in schools was delivered to the steps of Parliament. The movement changed the landscape of Māori language and led directly to the introduction of optional Te Reo Māori classes in primary and secondary schools. Now teachers and students alike can celebrate Māori language week. Our Puutake senior students led this year's celebrations by researching, introducing and teaching the staff agility skills required in Kapa haka. It was the essence of “Ako” (teaching and learning) in action.

Te Reo Māori Week Press Release



At the end of Te Reo Māori Week, the Te Reo Māori clip of the students facilitating staff demonstrations in the hall, filmed and edited by drama teacher Jeremy Downing, was posted on Facebook and it received over 27,000 views and increased the school's following on Facebook. Teachers from various schools have contacted our school to discuss the video. This was followed by a press release to the NZ Herald, Stuff.co.nz and Manukau Courier, which headlined “South Auckland school empowers students to teach teachers”. The week ended with our students leading the “Hīkoia te Kōrero” march in Manukau City on the Friday. Kia kaha te reo Māori!

Spirit of Adventure Scholarship



Jennifer Tupouata received a full scholarship from Auckland Airport to sail on the Spirit of Adventure. The Auckland Airport was thrilled to sponsor four local students on Spirit of Adventure Trust youth development voyages in total, designed to help young people build skills, confidence and connections. The Spirit of Adventure Trust creates unique experiences for the public to sail on a tall ship. Jennifer left on 20 September for 10 days on her sailing journey. The school was extremely grateful to Auckland Airport for sponsoring Jennifer so she could have this opportunity.

ALUMNA SUCCESS STORY: GUSTAVIA LUI

Gustavia Lui is the owner of Staavias Footwear Company. In 2013, Gustavia applied for and won 2nd place for the AMP Scholarship People's Choice Award with a cash reward of \$1,000, which she then used to buy her first foot moulds in China. She later went to Las Vegas to a footwear tradeshow and met the CEO of Zappos, Tony Hsieh. Gustavia was so inspired that she later flew to New York to study and complete a shoe-making course. After more tours of Chinese factories, Gustavia Lui launched her first spring/summer shoe collection in 2014.



Q: What was your favourite memory from your time at James Cook?

A: Playing volleyball with Mr Ramiah in PE. That was probably the only subject where I'd actually follow instructions the first time.

Q: How did you start your company?

A: It took a good couple of years of planning and research but the ultimate thing I did that enabled me to actually launch my company was ACTION - so doing and implementing what I learned or planned. I wrote down a pathway that I thought would be ideal and I researched it and it seemed to make sense. I then broke it down into steps and added it to my to do list.

Q: How did your time at James Cook put you on the path of starting your own business?

A: I did a Small Business management course and an Applied Business Growth course and I learned that you can take in all the knowledge in the world, but if you don't action it, you won't get anywhere.

Q: What was your greatest challenge in establishing your company?

A: I feel like the finance side of things was the hardest. As I grew up no one ever told me about budgeting or debts and that really disadvantaged me. So it was a matter of sticking to my guns and changing my whole perspective on finances. It was so hard to do but eventually I overcame it.

You need lots of money to start a business like mine. Money I didn't have as a result of my poor spending habits and poor choices with money. Business became so important to me that I had to make some changes and I'm so proud of myself that I did.

Not knowing what to do, or who to ask was also a big challenge for me. It took me weeks of research to find an answer to something. So stressful but worth it in the end. That's why I went to tradeshow to learn about the footwear industry.

Q: What are your hottest products at your company this year?

A: Right now, we have our camo shoe that's trending. It's very different and such a stand out. It's the type of shoe that gets you noticed anywhere you go.

Read more about Gustavia Lui and her trending camo shoes under the alumni tab on www.jchs.school.nz.

Low Ropes and High Ropes

On September 5th – 7th, the Level 2 Outdoor Education course completed their Low Ropes and High Ropes assessments at Unitec campus with Adventure Works. The students loved being outside getting amongst the obstacles, having the adrenaline buzz and working together on the challenges. It was awesome to see all the students setting targets and meeting them or going beyond them together as a team – Every student managed to stand on top of the 11-metre-high pole and jump from/to the trapeze which was their big finale! The students also had an insight to the exciting career pathways the outdoor education course can take them to and they're excited about the final assessment – Camping and Tramping in term 4.



New Zealand Post 

Have you ever wanted to work for the New Zealand Post? Create an account to apply for jobs and receive updates:

<https://nz.job-search.online/registration/index.php?campaign=facebook-nzpost-org&version=1>

Manurewa Youth Council Wins Ministry of Education Award

a submission on
THE BIG OPPORTUNITIES
for NCEA

The Manurewa Youth Council recently submitted proposed changes to NCEA to the Ministry of Education. The Ministry of Education awarded the Manurewa Youth Council with \$500 for the Emerging Leaders Category. Ta'a Vili, Year 11 student from James Cook High School belongs to the Manurewa Council.

CHESS TOURNAMENT WINNER Cruz Lazarus-Diamond

CHESS TOURNAMENT WINNERS

On Friday 14th September, 28 students participated in the 2018 James Cook High School chess tournament. Students played seven rounds of competitive games as well as solving chess puzzles and having coaching clinics throughout the day. Special thanks to members of the Papatoetoe Chess Club who helped make the day run smoothly and for providing the chess sets and clocks. Cruz Lazarus-Diamond won the tournament and the runners up were: Nephi Popata, Brandon Popata, and Christian Maroroa. Well done to all participants!

A big thank you goes out to Mr. Jonny Kennedy who organized the event.



Auckland Airport (ARA) Jobs and Cargo Agent Jobs

There are several job opportunities for the summer that are available at the Auckland Airport. Create an account on the link below to make sure you are kept up to date on these job vacancies:

<https://jobs.airnewzealand.co.nz/jobdetails?ajid=b1j2m>

The ARA - Auckland Airport Jobs and Skills Hub provides a free service that connects South Aucklanders with work and training at Auckland Airport! E-mail a current CV to info@araskills.org.nz and quote the reference number and job title in the subject line. If you need help with your application, contact the James Cook High School Careers & Gateway Department.

<https://www.araskills.org.nz/job-listings>

ISABELLE HUNT WINS AUT NEW HORIZONS SCHOLARSHIP



Isabelle Hunt has received a New Horizons Scholarship from AUT University. This is worth \$6,500 for the first year. On successful completion of this year she may then be eligible for the AUT Undergraduate Scholarship for the remainder of her degree.

Free UniPrep Programme

UniPrep is Auckland University of Technology's free university preparation programme offered over the summer break. UniPrep is for students who have completed high school and are considering studying at tertiary level.

It's a full-time, on-campus programme designed to ease you into university life and ensure you get the best possible start by using a mix of academic workshops, team building activities and university life experiences. For more information visit:

<https://www.aut.ac.nz/about/pacific/our-initiatives/our-oceanian-leadership-network/our-uniprep-programme>

Literacy Update

The literacy class started off with 32 students. With the new teacher, Rebecca Partridge, on board this number has reached 100. The department tests students every 4 weeks. All students have made amazing progress achieving a shift of 2 - 6 reading levels once they have attended the programme.



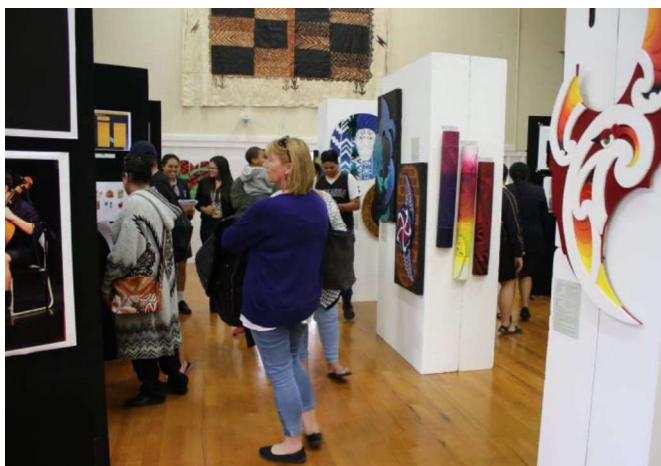
Lily Williams Uea meets Air NZ CEO

Lily Williams Uea expressed an interest in becoming a pilot during a visit from Air NZ. On Friday, she met Christopher Luxon, CEO of Air New Zealand and had the opportunity to participate in a Flight Simulator experience. Lily is pictured below with Christopher Luxon.



JC Arts and Technology Evening

Our annual James Cook High School Arts and Technology Evening was held on Friday 21st September. It was a wonderful showcase of Visual Art, Design and Visual Communication, Digital Technology and Carpentry as well as Music, Drama and Dance, and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The hospitality students provided a delicious selection of finger foods to whānau and other guests. They also catered for the students involved with the event. Well done to all the students!



JC Alumni Contribute Wakahuia Box

We feel incredibly honoured and proud to have these two ex-students produce such a beautiful piece of mahi toi in the form of a Wakahuia Box to present to our Top Visual Art student this year and for years to come. Thanks to Rickee Gage and Bayz MacDonald for putting so much thought and aroha into creating and making this beautiful award. This is a precious and highly valued Taonga for James Cook High School's Art Department. We thank you.



FACEBOOK POSTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees will be sending information from their meetings and other important information in the future using this header when they post to Facebook. The post will be shared from the JCHS Board of Trustees page with a unique background (i.e. with roses or geometrical designs) or you might see this image:



James Cook High School T-Shirts

In honour of the 50th Jubilee, James Cook High School will sell high quality t-shirts to allow alumni, students, staff, and other community members to support our school for \$15!



T-shirts will arrive by Friday, the 19th of October. At the end of October, the school Facebook page will also host a contest to win a 50th Jubilee Prize Pack and more goodies. Follow the school Facebook for more details on how to enter the contest and order t-shirts.

The James Cook Facebook Page Has Over 6200 Likes!



When the James Cook High School Facebook page reached 6000 likes and hours later reached 6000 follows, the school released a celebratory slideshow showcasing the students from various news stories in the past year to celebrate the news:



Our high school is the fifth most followed school in Auckland on Facebook topped only by Auckland Grammar with 11.1k likes, Diocesan School for Girls with 8.6k likes, Pakuranga College with 7k likes, and Mount Albert Grammar School with 6.5k likes.

Pages to Watch			
Search for a Page to watch			
1		Auckland Grammar School 11,093 total likes	5 likes this week
2		Diocesan School for Girls 8,648 total likes	3 likes this week
3		Pakuranga College 6,982 total likes	1 likes this week
4		Mount Albert Grammar School 6,539 total likes	0 likes this week
Want to keep up? Create an ad to get more likes. Get More Likes			
5		James Cook High School 6,237 total likes	4 likes this week

Due to the success of the Facebook page which attracts new students and parents to the school, a new website has been planned for release as well.

50th Jubilee Updates



Everyone in the community is welcome to attend our free 50th Jubilee open day on Saturday 03 November from 10am – 2pm. Past students and staff are also invited to attend our Mix & Mingle evening on Friday 02 November starting at 6pm in the Hall. Tickets are \$45 and these can be purchased in the main office, on the night, or via the Events Finder on our Facebook page:



The school has done a lot to prepare for the 50th Jubilee. The property team were hard at work cleaning up the school over the past term break.



JC Students Hosted for Art Lecture

Elam Art School Lecturers from the University of Auckland, James Cousins and Associate Professor Joyce Campbell, visited Macleans College as part of their scholarship programme on Thursday 06 September. The art department at Macleans College invited James Cook High School's art department as their host to build a "critical friends relationship between the two schools" (www.macleans.school.nz). The lecturers discussed their individual art practices, Associate Professor Joyce Campbell working in digital media and James Cousins specializing in painting. They also reviewed the work of the students from Macleans College and James Cook High School and provided fantastic feedback.



Calais Huru makes NZ U20 Ladies Touch Team!

Calais Huru from our TPU made the NZ U20 Ladies Touch Team! They flew to Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia on Saturday 11 August 2018.



ONE: The Earth Rises



New Zealand's Top Performers, including student dancers from James Cook High School, all collaborated on 03 October to tell the story of ONE: The Earth Rises with traditional kapa haka, Polynesian dance, and tai chi. The performance was incredible with moving projections that featured drawing in sand while a variety of dancing and musical performances (including a choir that sang in Chinese) that took place on stage. The event was sponsored by Grant McMillan and Mandy Saunders among many others.

SUCCESSFUL LAST EXPO BY CAREERS & GATEWAY



Many amazing exhibitors volunteered to visit James Cook High School from the other side of the city and answered the students' questions about a variety of post-secondary career opportunities. Numerous students attended and showed their appreciation to the exhibitors for reaching out to our community.