



Kia ora Talofa lava Fakaalofa lahi atu

JCHS School Newsletter

February 2019

Kia ora and Greetings,

Haere mai, Welcome

The term has got off to a great start, with classes settling quickly into work and NCEA courses are already underway.

Congratulations to the many, many students who have made a great start to their learning for the year.

This year we gave our Year 9 students a special introduction to our school, including giving them opportunities to get to know their Teachers and classmates as quickly as possible.

We have also worked hard to get all of our classes underway as quickly as we have.

The Next Five Weeks

There is a lot happening in the next five weeks until the end of the term. Key events are listed below, and advised through our Facebook page.

We are continuing to lift student achievement, with an emphasis on our students being in-class on-time and ready to learn.

Please help your child to be here at school by 8:35am each day. School starts at 8:40am and the habits formed at school, like being early or on time, also help them later in the workplace.

Enrolments

By now all our students should be enrolled in school and in classes learning.

If you have whanau or neighbours who have a child who should be at school, please encourage or help them to come in to enrol.

Every day of learning is important.

Communication

Our FaceBook page is updated daily.
Our website is also a good place to look for information. We send home school newsletters throughout the term, or please just call us and ask.

Nga Mihi



Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tihei mauri ora!

Ko Aoraki te māunga
Ko Takutimu te awa
Ko Takutimu te waka
Ko Te Anau tōku tīpuna
Ko Ngai Tahu tōku iwi
Ko Awarua tōku Rūnaka
Ko Te Rau Aroha tōku marae
Nō Waitaha ahau
Ko Grant McMillan tōku ingoa
Ko Tumuaki tōku mahi

Nau mai haere mai te whanau o te Kura
Tuarua James Cook,
Tena koutou katoa.

Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a
sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious
day.

The mountain that I affiliate to is Aoraki
Mt Cook
The river that I affiliate to is Takitimu
The waka that I affiliate to is Takitimu
My ancestor is Te Anau
My tribe is Kai Tahu
My Rununga is Awarua
My marae is Te Rau Aroha
I am from Canterbury
My name is Grant McMillan
I serve as your Tumuaki•Principal

Welcome all to the family of James Cook
High School.

*Kia orana
Maloe lelei
Ni sa bula vinaka
Namaste
Sa-laam
Hello*

Year 9 Students: 'Settling-In' Reports and a Whanau Meeting

'Settling-In' reports are being sent home this week.

Whanau are invited please to meet their child's Tutor Teacher next Monday 4th March at 6pm in the School Hall.

NCEA Results

Many whanau will know that we now track every single student's progress in their NCEA. This is an ongoing individual focus on over 600 students.

We are happy with the progress we are making in ensuring that every student achieves NCEA qualifications. But we are also ambitious to keep improving what we do and how successful our students are.

Later this term, after NZQA finalises the results, we will publish our results on our website.

ASB PolyFest 2019, 13-16 March at the Manukau Sports Bowl

This year our school is again sharing the lead (Kura Matua) with Kia Aroha College for the Māori stage, and we are the lead school (Mana Kura) for the Tongan stage.

A large number of our students, staff and whanau members are involved in afternoon practices all getting ready for their performances.

We have been watching the afternoon practices and we are all impressed with the commitment of everyone involved and the quality of the performances.

Thank you and well done to all involved. We are looking forward to an exciting 4 days.

Many of our students attend PolyFest on the Friday and Saturday. As in previous years, school will be open on the Friday 15th March – but we understand that many students/families will be attending PolyFest that day.

New ERO Report

Earlier this year ERO published a progress report summarising how much our school has changed and developed since 2017. I also spoke about this at the junior prizegiving last year. The report is now on ERO's website, and a copy is also included in this newsletter.

I am very proud of what our staff are doing and what our school has achieved so far. We are continuing to do things better and better. We are also well on the way to "*Becoming the school that our Students, our Staff, our Whanau and our Community Truly Deserve*".

Kind regards,



Grant McMillan

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JCHS Cultural Evening

Vodafone Event Centre

Tuesday 19th March, 7pm - 9:30pm

Nau mai, haere mai,

You and your whanau are invited to watch all our JCHS groups perform their PolyFest items in one amazing evening.

This is our chance as a school whanau to share and celebrate what our students have achieved.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Free Entry, Free Parking
All Whanau Members Welcome

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