

# James Cook High School

## NEWSLETTER

15 November 2018

### Important Dates

- 15 November – BOT Meeting
- 20-22 November – Services Life 202 Workshop in the LCR
- 22 November – Report writing due
- 23 November – 10 AEP Students Attend Auckland University
- 26 November – Assessment Week / Qualifying Exams
- 26-27 November – Year 8 Taster Days
- 29 November – TPU Prize-Giving Ceremony
- 30 November – Last day for Year 11 – Year 13 students
- 4 December – Senior Prize-Giving Ceremony at 6:30 PM
- 14 December – Last Day of Term 4 and for Year 9 – Year 10 students / Junior Prize-Giving Ceremony at 9:00 AM
- 15 December – Summer Break Begins
- 28 January – Term 1 2019 Begins

### **James Cook Theme Song**

Did you know that our school has a theme song? Although we haven't recovered all the lyrics of the verses, this is the chorus:

*"We are James Cook High School, Auckland's pride and joy, we play games hard and strong, never to give in. We are James Cook High School, from the land of the long white cloud, you better watch out, cause here we come, we're going to do our country proud."*

### **New Late Initiative Reduces Student Lateness by up to 90%**

**DON'T BE LATE**  
ARRIVING AFTER 8:40AM IS LATE  
**CONSEQUENCES**

**NO LATE PASS-NO ENTRY TO CLASS !!!**

**KEY**

On October 23, the school launched a new initiative to address the issue of lateness among James Cook High School students. If a student arrives to school after 8:40am, they are issued a "Late Slip" which means they will have a 30 minute "Catch Up Time" in the School Hall at Lunchtime. This must be presented to the class teacher when they get to class. If a student does not complete the Catch Up then they will have to complete a 1 hour Catch Up after school on a Wednesday with a member of the SLT. If the student is late due to school and has a note or a caregiver can call to clarify the reason for late, the Catch Up Time will not need to be completed. The results of this new initiative are that student lateness has dropped from an average of 250 late students per day down to as low as 25 late students per day, which means student lateness has dropped by 90%! Great work, everyone!

## Tramping and Camping Trip — at Tāwharanui Regional Park.

Term 4 is all about camping and tramping for the Outdoor Education level 2 class. Last week they spent 3 days and 2 nights at Tāwharanui Regional Park learning to navigate with a map and compass as well as cooking for themselves, staying in tents and making the most of being outdoors. During the tramps, students were also fortunate enough to walk amongst rare dotterel birds. There are approximately just 2000 of these birds remaining in New Zealand so it was awesome our students were exposed to the Park's protection programmes and breeding recovery plan for these birds and students could help report where and when they'd seen the birds, and the number of eggs in their nests.



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# attendance MATTERS

Research shows that students that go to school consistently achieve long-term health, success, wealth, and happiness. Students with good attendance stay in school longer than their peers who take days off from time to time.

Late



Reporting

Absence



Reporting

If you know your child is going to be late for school for a legitimate reason, please send a note with your child for them to give to their teacher.

If your child is sick or away from school for any reason, please ring Mrs Kramer on 09 268 3958.

## NCEA Exit Plan for Seniors

External exam leave will be approved for Year 11, 12, and 13 students who are entered in 3 or more externally assessed examinations. Students who have fewer than 3 exams will remain at school to complete internal assessments and will only have leave on the day of their exams. All other students will remain at school, working in timetabled classes towards internal assessments until Friday Nov. 30th. When students reach the expectation for their qualification, they will receive a "Letter of Achievement" and then be dismissed for the year. The school encourages senior students who do not have exams to stay in their timetabled classes for extra learning opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact your child's Dean via e-mail by calling the school at 09 268 3950.

## HOW TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S DEAN VIA E-MAIL

If you'd like to e-mail your child's Dean, please see the contact information below:

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**iQualify**  
Powered by learning

## The Year 9 Food Technology Programme

The hospitality department has been working with iQualify and one of their year 9 classes to design and develop a digital Year 9 Food Technology Programme. It has been a valuable learning opportunity to see what students need and want when using a digital learning platform. It has also been noted that students in the classroom benefit from both having a hard copy with the learning material on it and having supporting materials available to them through the digital iQualify programme. Although changes to add media learning to the programme have not been made yet, the hospitality department is hoping to make those changes soon.

## Sports Awards Night 2018

On the evening of Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, James Cook High School celebrated Sports Awards Night to recognize the achievements of this year's sports teams. There were many notable award winners (some of them are pictured to the right) and the supreme winners are listed below:

## Supreme Winners for 2018

### Sportsmanship Trophy

Under 17 Boys Basketball Team

### Whitby Cup: Contribution to Sport

Girls 1st XI Football Team

### Ashby Trophy: Top Senior Team

Boys 1st XIII Rugby League Team

### Manager of the Year

Loki Pauli (Student Manager)

### Coach of the Year

Mr Adiel Adams

### Dux Ludorum Shield

Kacey Ngataki

## Your NZQA Timetable

Exams are halfway over! Check to see when your next exam is in the table below:

### Thursday 15th November

AM Science NCEA Level 1  
PM Chemistry NCEA Level 1

### Friday 16th November

AM NO EXAMS  
PM NO EXAMS

### Monday 19th November

AM English NCEA Level 2  
PM Te Reo Māori NCEA Level 2  
Biology NCEA Level 3

### Tuesday 20th November

AM Maths & Stats NCEA Level 1  
Biology NZ Scholarship  
PM Physics NCEA Level 3

### Wednesday 21st November

AM English NCEA Level 3  
PM Economics NCEA Level 2

### Thursday 22nd November

AM Statistics NCEA Level 3  
PM Health NCEA Level 2

### Friday 23rd November

AM Biology NCEA Level 2  
PM Physics NCEA Level 1

### Monday 26th November

AM Drama NCEA Level 1  
Chemistry NCEA Level 2  
PM Health NCEA Level 1  
Samoan NCEA Level 2  
Te Reo Māori NCEA Level 3

### Tuesday 27th November

AM Music NCEA Level 2  
PM NO EXAMS

### Wednesday 28th November

AM Samoan NCEA Level 3  
PM History NCEA Level 2  
Health NCEA Level 3

### Thursday 29th November

AM Accounting NCEA Level 1  
PM Dance NCEA Level 1

### Friday 30th November

AM Te Reo Māori NCEA Level 1  
PM Economics NCEA Level 3



## Hundreds of Alumni Attend 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

On Friday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, the school hall was beautifully decorated with flowers, candles, and blue and yellow glass centre-pieces with small tealight candles. The event drew hundreds of graduates to the school, and many celebrated in local establishments after the event which gave the local area a boost in business.

Puutake students kicked off the Friday event at the school with a powerful Powhiri and a series of wonderful performances. Volunteer students organized appetizers in the staff and served them to the guests on Friday night. Former principal, Bryan Smith, was a guest speaker at the event and discussed that those students who know James Cook High School know that very successful students have come from the school. Grant McMillan also challenged the current students of James Cook High School who were performing and volunteering to return to James Cook High School's 75th Jubilee.



The Saturday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> event of the 50th Jubilee weekend had a very different feel, with many different student groups coming from the Tongan, Samoan, Cook Islands, and Puutake groups as performers. Our current students did an amazing job as MCs of their own performances, engaging the audience by teaching them more about their language and culture. It was a more diverse educational performance than the PD day during Māori Language Week. The 50th Jubilee closed on Sunday, Nov. 4 with an interdenominational ceremony and a dedication prayer customized specifically for James Cook High School. The prayer asked for the students to be challenged and for sound of laughter and goodwill to be heard within the walls of the school.

## 2018 Kapa Haka a Huge Success

James Cook High School was privileged to host the 2018 Te Ahurea Tino Rangatiratanga on 27 October 2018. All performances were live streamed on Maori TV. Ngā Puna o Waiorea took out first place Te Ahurea Tino Rangatiratanga Festival for 2018, but it was no easy feat. Hot on their heels was the James Cook High School's competitive group, Te Kapunga who placed second, as well as Te Kura Māori o Ngā Tapuwae who came in third. A massive paki paki to ALL of the competitors who participated and to all of the whanau, students and people from our community who came and supported the event.



## CONGRATS QUINITA!



Quinita Poleo has been awarded with the University of Otago Pacific Peoples' Entrance Scholarship worth \$10,000.00 for one year. This award was established in 2005 by the University of Otago to encourage the progression of indigenous Pacific Peoples' into tertiary study and celebrate their academic excellence.

## SCOTT DIXON VISITS AUCKLAND FOR FILM SCREENING

James Cook High School staff were invited by Scott Dixon for a private film screening for his new film. Scott is a graduate of our school and he is the 2018 & 5-time Overall IndyCar Series Champion, and he is the second race car driver to achieve this title in history. When asked about his favourite memory of the school, he said, "It was friends and family. It was a much less stressful time in my life." It was very inspiring for the staff to meet Scott, and we wish him all the best in his racing career!