



# JAMES COOK HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Issue:** Term Break, Week 1  
Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 2021



*"Quality education that develops the personal excellence of every student"*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Talofa Lava Fakaalofa lahi atu Kia orana  
Malo e lelei Ni sa bula vinaka Namaste Sa-laam Hello

After a two-year hiatus, the ASB Polyfest was back for 2021 – *celebrating 45 years of Polyfest* - and what an awesome 4-day event it was. The Manukau Sports Bowl was filled with secondary students, their whānau, vibrant costume colours, cultural performances, and a tasty variety of cultural foods.



I want to acknowledge and thank the cultural group leaders who trained and looked after our students leading up to their performances, our students whānau for their support during practices and being one of the loudest cheerleaders at the Manukau Sports Bowl grounds, all the staff volunteers helping behind the scenes at the cultural group stages, and most importantly our JCHS students who performed with heart and pride while representing our school on stage.

I want to also further acknowledge Ms Fane Ketu'u – *JCHS Polyfest Coordinator and Tongan cultural group leader* – for the last 4 years hosting the Tongan stage, and Mr Hammond Matua – *Acting Head of Faculty for Puutake te Wāhanga Māori* – for the last 4 years hosting the Māori stage.

Below are the placings for the different categories that our cultural groups participated in:

### Māori stage:

- 3rd Division team – 3rd place. Group made up of Year 9 students
- 2nd Division – 1st place winners. Group made up of year 10 students, both teams had never performed at Polyfest before.
- Senior team - 4th place. Up against some fierce competition and earned them a position to represent our school at the Secondary School Kapa Haka Nationals.

### Samoan stage:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Tama ma Teine Fuataimi
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Year 13 Samoan Stage Speech Competition
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Year 13 Samoan Stage Speech Competition (Impromptu)

### Tongan stage:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in the Tau'olunga

## TERM 2 KEY DATES

### ANZAC (observed)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
(Reception office closed and will reopen Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April)

### Term 2 Start Date

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

### Careers Expo

Venue: Hall  
10am – 2pm  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May

### ACCORD Staff Only Day

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
(No school)

### Staff Only Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
(No school)

### Queen's Birthday

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

### Term 2 End Date

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July

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### Niuean stage:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Takitaki Tane
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Co-ed schools
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Overall winner
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Tauteuteaga (*special awards*)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Takitaki Ffine (*special awards*)
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Lologo/Koli Vaka Tuai (*small groups*)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Takalo (*small groups*)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Fakaotiga (*small groups*)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Kamataaga (*small groups*)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Tame (*small groups*)

### Cook Islands stage:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Overall winners

Ms Ketu'u with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern



Samoan group



Niuean group

Tongan group

