



# JAMES COOK HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Issue: Term 2, Week 12  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 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

Welcome back to Term 2! It's been an excellent first week and great to see students enthusiastic about being back at school ready to learn!

In today's newsletter we've confirmed the Senior School Ball date and we continue with highlighting events that had taken place at the end of Term 1 and during term break. ANZAC Day Manurewa dawn service is one occasion a few students and I were present during the school holidays. Te Karere interviewed Services Academy student Logan Cook on the day. You can view the video on Te Karere Facebook page under the video titled **Manurewa Honours the fallen on ANZAC Day**.



Enjoy your weekend and see you Monday!

Ngā mihi nui,

Grant McMillan

Tumuaki • Principal

## SENIOR SCHOOL BALL

Soon it will be that time of the year where our students will get to dress formal and enjoy an evening of music and dancing with their peers. See below for more information.

**When:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Where:** Alexander Park Function Centre, Greenlane

**Time:** 7:30pm to 11:45pm

**Ball Ticket Cost:** \$80.00

### Ticketing information

Purchase ball tickets from the Student Centre up until Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets will then be issued to students on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June and will only be issued to the named purchaser at interval.

### Transport Arrangements

All attendees must meet at the school hall at 6:30pm ready to leave by coach at 7:00pm. All attendees must travel to the venue on the school coaches. Coaches will arrive back to school at 12:15am ready for students to be collected by whānau/caregivers.

**Please note:** All normal school rules apply at the venue for all attendees, both JCHS students and non-JCHS partners.

## TERM 2 KEY DATES

### Education Review Office (ERO)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</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)

### Kahui Ako Staff Only Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May

(No school)

### Queen's Birthday

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

### Senior School Ball

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June

### Term 2 End Date

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July

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## WATER SAFETY FESTIVAL DAY

The last week of Term 1, the two Level 2 Outdoor Education classes and the Level 3 Adventure Leadership class were lucky enough to spend the day at Takapuna Beach for the Water Safety Festival.

They spent the day learning about lifejacket safety, rescuing others in the ocean, safety floats, boating safety, stand up paddle boarding, and waka ama. It was an awesome day, great weather and some funny moments as our students learnt how to balance on the stand-up paddle boards.



## NIUEAN GROUP POLYFEST



The group completed a total of five items for the traditional category on the ASB Polyfest Niuean stage. They gained an outstanding placement for all! The group's leaders, Fineaso La'auli Tolo won 1st place for male leader and Jessica Tovia Vaa achieved 2nd place for female leader – a huge achievement for both students.

The group's performance was exceptional, earning them 2nd place on the Niuean stage. A huge thank you to the students and parents, the staff and tutors – Fiatau Peika and his whānau involved in making the experience an overall success.

## CAREERS EXPO

Our annual JCHS Careers Expo will be held next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – 2pm!

All our students will be attending in timetabled slots. Please ensure your child/family is present on this day to take advantage of the 50+ tertiary providers attending this year!

We're working hard to ensure our students are given the opportunity to explore possible career pathways in a wide range of industries!

We welcome any parents/caregivers wanting to attend with their child/families, please contact us first so we can arrange this for you. Email Lindsay Knipe on [l.knipe@jchs.school.nz](mailto:l.knipe@jchs.school.nz) or phone Alannah Vatau on 021 751 779.



## ACCORD STAFF ONLY DAY / STAFF ONLY DAY

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Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Formerly known to our community as Teacher Only Day, this is now held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The focus of the ACCORD Staff Only Day is on the NCEA changes that are coming in to affect by 2023. We have chosen to hold our ACCORD day on this day which may be different to other schools in the area as ERO will be visiting our school next week. **There is no school on this day.**

### Kahui Ako Staff Only Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May

The Kāhui Ako Staff Only Day is a unique learning opportunity for the staff of Weymouth Primary, Waimahia Intermediate and James Cook High School to collaborate in a professional learning that is aimed to deepen our understanding and practices to best serve our students. **There is no school on this day.**

## ERO

The Education Review Office | Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga (ERO) will be in our school as of Monday 10th May. The purpose of their visit to our school is to evaluate and report on the education and care of learners in our school. Through this evaluation the team from ERO will provide us a report that indicates our strengths and possible next steps for development.