



JAMES COOK HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"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

Malo le soifua maua ma le lagi e mamā,

It's Samoan Language Week and what a great start it has been! Some of our O Le Tupu'aga students and staff participated in the opening of Samoan Language Week at Papatoetoe High School on Sunday 30th May.



We started the week with our Senior Leadership Team participating in the demonstration of the 'ava ceremony and then on Tuesday the raising of the flag for Samoan Independence Day, which was enjoyed by all.

Fa'afetai tele lava to all our Samoan students and staff for the demonstrations, activities and tasty food prepared for our school as we celebrate this special week with you.

Ma le fa'aaloalo lava,

Grant McMillan

Tumuaki • Principal

HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP (HSP)

NO SCHOOL on the 3rd and 4th June

A reminder to whānau there is no school for our taura tomorrow Thursday 3rd June and also Friday 4th June due to HSP's being held on both days.

QUEENS BIRTHDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A reminder there is no school on Monday 7th June due to Queen's birthday. We will see you on Tuesday 8th June at 8:40am.

O LE TUPU'AGA ACHIEVER'S NIGHT



Monday 24th May, we held the O Le Tupu'aga Achiever's Night which celebrates our O Le Tupu'aga students' achievements in NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 for 2020.

There were also students in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 who worked exceptionally hard this year and were included in the celebrations. We want to also acknowledge Eline Peni who achieved NCEA Level 2 with an Excellence Endorsement and also Excellence in Samoan. A big fa'amalo to all Samoan students! Malo lava!

TERM 2 KEY DATES

Samoan Language Week

Sunday 31st May to Saturday 5th June

Samoan Independence Day

Tuesday 1st June

Home School Partnership (HSP)

Thursday 3rd and 4th June

Queen's Birthday

Monday 7th June

Senior School Ball

Friday 25th June

Term 2 End Date

Friday 9th July

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CODE-SWITCH – HAWKINS THEATRE PAPA KURA



Thursday 27th May, we had the great pleasure of taking 160 students to the Hawkins Theatre in Papakura. We went to watch the Aorere Film Academy production Code-Switch. This is a collaborative live cinema experience combining film, dance and live theatre. It explores what happens to young people when dreams, values, and social contexts clash.

We have two year 13 JCHS student's and one ex-student dancing in this production of whom we are very proud. Their names are Susan Gounder, Letoe'e Knowles and Esau Knowles. This was our second opportunity, as 100 students went to this same production at Mangere Arts Centre last term.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the performance which was filled with laughter, spoken word, comedy, dance and thought-provoking concepts to combat racism. It was a brilliant opportunity for English, Dance, Drama, Digital, and Art department's students to experience relevant, authentic 21st century learning. *Arohanui, Whaea Shaquella Maybury.*

SERVICES ACADEMY – 5 DAY LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Services Academy is taking part in a 5-day leadership camp at Whenuapai Airforce base from the 31st of May to the 4th of June.

They will develop numerous skills such as: planning and preparation of activities, giving orders and executing a plan and leading small groups through various adventure-based tasks.

A huge thank you to the New Zealand Defence Force for giving us this opportunity. **“Results Not Excuses”**



SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK



This year's theme for **Vaiao o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week 2021** is *Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale* which means **strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive.**

Monday 31st May, we had a beautiful demonstration of the 'ava ceremony by the O Le Tupu'aga students.

Tuesday 1st June, we participated in Samoa's Independence Day celebrations. We had the raising of the Samoan flag, a demonstration of an Umu being made, and played Kilikiti (Samoan cricket) and volleyball throughout the day.

Fa'afetai lava to all Samoan students and staff for preparing an amazing Samoan Language Week for us all to enjoy!

SENIOR SCHOOL BALL

A reminder that Senior School Ball ticket sales are on **NOW!** The theme for this year is **THE GRAMMY'S**. Permission slips can be collected from the Front Office and the Library.

- ❖ **When:** Friday 25th June
- ❖ **Where:** Alexander Park Function Centre, Greenlane
- ❖ **Time:** 7:30pm to 11:45pm
- ❖ **Ball Ticket Cost:** \$80.00