

# JAMES COOK HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Issue: Term 2, Week 20  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 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



We have come to the end of Term 2 and it has been a very busy and fruitful term and year. We are lucky that the disruptions due to Covid 19 have not been significant this year so far and hopefully that continues for the remainder of the year. We are incredibly proud of the work our students have been doing, they are focussed, working hard and achieving success in many areas.

Our staff are continuing to encourage and guide our students in their learning journey and we thank and acknowledge them for the work they have been doing and will continue to do. Over the next two weeks our teaching staff will be taking time to rest, reflect and recharge.

Term 3 will also be very busy and exciting with lots of opportunities for our students, your daughters and sons to achieve and excel. Thank you for your on-going communication and involvement in this very important mahi. Please remember to keep in touch and connect with us, by telephone, email, our website and Facebook as your input is essential to ensuring our students and our schools' success.

Arohanui,

Grant McMillan  
Tumuaki • Principal



### TERM 2 KEY DATES

#### Term 2 Ends

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July

#### Term 3 Begins

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July

#### Kiribati Language Week

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July

#### Teacher Only Day

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August

#### ACCORD Day

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August

#### Art Department School Tutorials

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July – B Block

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July – B Block

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – B Block

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August – B Block

#### International Chemistry Quiz

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July – E1 Classroom  
Period 4

#### Hospitality Championship Training

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July – F4 Classroom

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August – F4 Classroom  
3:00pm-4:00pm

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## YEAR 9 READERS CUP 2021

Last Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, five Year 9 students competed in the annual South and East Auckland Readers Cup Competition. A total of 13 schools entered the competition held at Alfriston College.

The competition involved students reading six selected books, and answering questions based on the books they read. The competition was tough, but our students held their own. They did extremely well, and we are very proud of their achievements!

Well done Valencia Talo, Rashna Prasad, Ashley Chand, Venya Sharma and Marlah Pulefolau 😊



## AUCKLAND WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM TRIP



The Year 12 History class went on a trip to the Auckland War Memorial Museum last Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

The purpose of the visit was for students to access other types of primary and secondary information sources that they could use in future internal assessments.

The trip overall was a huge success and students thoroughly enjoyed an insightful guided tour of the World War I and World War II exhibitions.



## ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP



Last Friday 2nd July, the Level 3 Adventure Leadership Class went to Tōtara Park to complete the Outdoor First Aid Course.

They got to test their acting skills as patients, bandage each other up and help each other assess people in emergency scenarios.

It was an awesome day, with fish and chips for lunch and the class gaining five Level 3 credits for their hard work!

## NATIONAL DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP



Taylor-Marsh Kahaki is an Aotearoa New Zealand Junior and Youth champion for darts since age 9. She is still, to this day, a Youth reigning champion and is also an Aotearoa New Zealand Senior champion.

Taylor-Marsh is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's best female darts players, and is well known throughout the darts world. She became a household name as the youngest in New Zealand darts history to make the Senior National Women's singles final at the age of 10.

Taylor-Marsh also became the youngest in darts history to be named to the Senior Aotearoa New Zealand rep team that travelled to Japan at age 11. She holds all the records in Aotearoa New Zealand for being the youngest to win major national tournaments.

With darts returning this year, Taylor-Marsh is still a strong participant amongst female and male competitors in the darts world. Currently Taylor-Marsh is away at the National Dart Championships. We wish her well!

# FOOD TECHNOLOGY



Our Year 10 food technology students have learned about various international cuisines this term. They were given the opportunity to study and cook meals from countries such as America, India, Italy, Mexico, the Philippines, and Japan.

While some students enjoyed exploring different international cuisine, others preferred to cook authentic Aotearoa New Zealand recipes.

Learning about international food expanded their culinary experience and knowledge, and has given them a good foundation to build on.

Students enjoyed this culinary journey. They have learned about interesting and new cooking techniques and come to appreciate different customs, cultures, and recipes.

## COUNTIES FAST FIVE CHAMPIONS

On Monday 5<sup>TH</sup> July, James Cook entered two teams into the Counties Mixed Fast Fives competition held at Rosa Birch Park.

The teams were ably led by Head Prefects, Fineaso La'auli and Te Rongopai McNaught.

Both teams went through pool play unbeaten, setting up for an all James Cook final.

After a game in which the lead see-sawed between the two teams, James Cook was the winner on the night!



## TEACHER ONLY DAY / ACCORD STAFF ONLY DAY

**NO SCHOOL for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### Teacher Only Day

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Mana ōrite mō te Mātauranga Māori

The focus of the Teacher Only Day is for our staff to be working together to strengthen our teaching and curriculum that incorporates Māori world view and knowledge.

### ACCORD Day – NCEA Changes 2023

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Formerly known as Teacher Only Day, the focus of the ACCORD Day is on the NCEA changes that are coming in to affect by 2023, with an emphasis on the new Level 1 NCEA assessments.