



JAMES COOK HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE YEAR 9 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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Kia Ora Tātou,

I have the privilege of providing commentary for this issue of our schools newsletter – not only as one of our kura's Tumuaki Tuarua [Deputy Principal] but also as a former student of this school in the late 90's early 2000's.

One of my responsibility areas is overseeing the enrolment process for future students of James Cook High School and this aligns to my support role for Year 9 students and therefore the theme of my kōrero is around celebrating who we are as a school and promoting our kura as one to consider sending students to in the future.

I have opened this newsletter issue using the whakatauki – **He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata! What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!** This whakatauki is so strong in meaning as it relates to the importance of human connection and relationships. This is what creates community and enables people to flourish. It values the human being in all of us and reminds us of what is most important – it is people.

At James Cook High School we have a brilliant and capable group of staff who contribute to making this the great school it is today. Alongside our staff we have exceptional students who make the most of the opportunities presented to them on any given day for any given kaupapa. We are a school that recognises and values the contribution of the individual and support not only their journey through education but support their development in life beyond the walls of James Cook High School.

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Ngā mihi mahana,

André Whaanga

Our Year 9 students bring with them 8 previous years of formal learning and we acknowledge this prior knowledge and continue to support them adding to this everyday they are with us. Our

schools values are themed around MANA, our curriculum provides full opportunity for students to access multiple subjects to support their future pathways and our teachers providing learning environments that value the rich cultural backgrounds of our students.

We provide various learning environments for our students and in particular Year 9 students have the opportunity to choose if they would like to learn through a Māori medium in Puutake te wāhanga Māori, a Samoan bilingual medium in O le tupu'aga or in an English medium environment. Together, (adults and students) we work tirelessly to continue building a school that is here to enable bright futures for our students, whānau and community.

We are proud of who we are and where we would like to go. I encourage you to join us in our journey, to share with your whānau or wider networks who we are and that James Cook High School is a school to be considered. If you have a brother / sister, cousin, other children or know of a whānau member who is interested in enrolling at James Cook High School next year, please pick up a pack from school reception. If your child is attending one of our local Intermediate schools, they will most likely receive an enrolment pack from there.

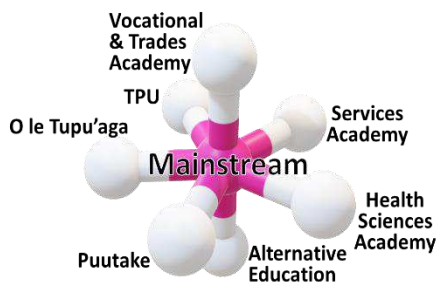




OUR SCHOOL TO DATE

Our Multi-faceted Modern School

There are many parts to our school, including several specialist learning areas. Some of which we lead and provide for the wider Counties-Manukau area.



Satellite Classes

Our school proudly hosts satellite classes from BLENNZ and Rosehill Special schools. These students are important members of our school and, with their staff, participate in much of the life of our school and many of our classes.



School Roll

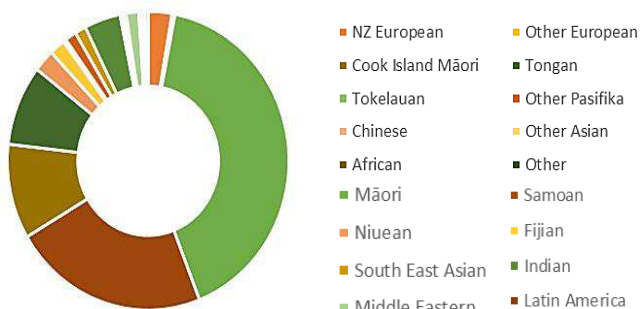
Growing year by year

Our school is growing in size each year. This is due to more students enrolling with us and a small increase each year of students who stay longer to complete their entry to tertiary courses or apprenticeships.

This year James Cook High School grew to just over 1,400 students in the Ministry of Education (MoE) U-grade system.

Our Students

Exciting, diverse, and vibrant young people



Our 2021 Year 13s

When Grant McMillan arrived in May 2016 as our new Tumuaki•Principal this year's Year 13 students were in Year 9. They have experienced and seen the changes we have made.



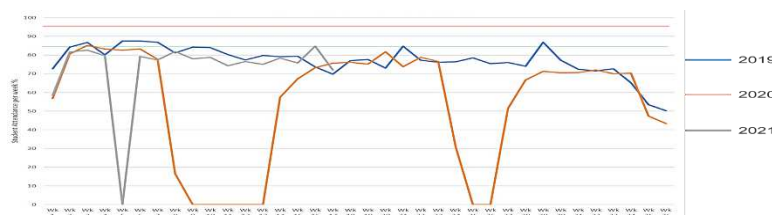
School Zone

Later this year it is likely that our school will be given an enrolment zone by the MoE to limit and manage roll growth. Further information can be read on the back of this newsletter.

Attendance

An area of focus

We reflect the wider national trends in school attendance. Students returned to school more quickly after each of the four Covid-19 lockdowns, but overall attendance drops off during the year (ignore the exam period at the end of year).



The green line is the MOE expectation of 85% and the red line is our goal of 95% attendance by all students across the school. Attendance is an area we will be working on more in the future, because a young person needs to be in school and in class to achieve qualifications and to have quality options when they leave school.



COOK ISLANDS LANGUAGE WEEK

This year's theme for 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani – Cook Islands Language Week is 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna which means, *Connect me to the soil of my ancestors*.

The theme reflects on the journey of Cook Islands people in New Zealand, as well as the longing of young Cook Islanders to connect with their language, culture, and identity.

Acknowledging that while community elders are fundamental to the teaching and sharing of Cook Islands language, the leadership of young people as the next wave of cultural and language experts is also critical in keeping the connection to their homelands alive.

This year's theme also reflects the overarching 2021 Pacific Language Week theme of Wellbeing, by linking the importance of language to overall wellbeing.

It was great to see students participating by wearing their Cook Islands dresswear and accessories.



TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE



Thursday, 5th of August, the year 12 Services Academy and the year 13 Core Values classes participated in the Secondary Schools "Tough Guy & Gal Challenge".

The event saw our students race and navigate through 6km of hills, mud, obstacles, electricity and barbed wire.

and rewarding! Everyone enjoyed the experience of tackling the course with close to 1000 other students from around the Auckland region.

MITO'S ANNUAL SPEEDMEET EVENT

Six of our Year 12-13 Vocational Academy students participated in the MITO annual 'SpeedMeet' event last week.

SpeedMeet brings together students and employers from a variety of industries 'speed-dating style', via short six-minute mini-interviews. If both employer and student note that they are interested, a match is made, and the student's contact details passed on the prospective employer.

This event gives students the opportunity to have valuable discussions with prospective employers, learn more about a whole range of industries, and is a great way to practice interview skills.





JC BELONG

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YOU ARE INVITED!

JC BELONG IS A GROUP RUN BY PARENTS,
FOR ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/WHANAU OF JC STUDENTS.
THE WHOLE IDEA IS TO HAVE OUR GROUP CONNECT WITH EACH
OTHER, LISTENING TO AND SHARING GOOD STORIES ABOUT THE
GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT SCHOOL.

THIS TIME WE WILL BE HAVING SOUP AND BUNS,
THERE WILL BE PHOTOS, YOU'LL HEAR
SOME AWESOME STORIES,
YOU COULD EVEN WIN SPOT PRIZES.
WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU COME ALONG,
THIS THURSDAY
AUGUST 12TH 6:30PM-8PM IN THE STAFFROOM.

CONTACT EMMA DIACK FOR MORE INFO
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[HTTPS://FACEBOOK.COM/JCWHANAU](https://facebook.com/jcwhanau)

YEAR 12 BUSINESS STUDIES MARKET DAY

The Year 12 Business Studies students will be conducting their second market day activity on the 19th of August.

As part of this Activity they will be selling a wide variety of food and beverages on Thursday during lunch time at the LCR from 1.20 – 1.55 pm.

Please note that this is their final market day activity for the Business Studies assessment AS 90848 which together contributes 9 credits towards NCEA level 2.

It would be really appreciated if the students could come along with some cash and coins to make some purchases to make this market day a successful one.



FORMAL CONSULTATION FOR THE PROPOSED JAMES COOK HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME

The Ministry of Education is currently working with the Board of James Cook High School to establish a new enrolment scheme.

Enrolment schemes are needed to help manage enrolments and student numbers across schools in a defined area. This allows Boards to manage the risk of overcrowding, provides a fair and transparent process for enrolment and ensures the best use of schooling facilities across the area.

Enrolment schemes do mean that choice is limited in this area – all families will be entitled to attend a school that is reasonably convenient to them, but won't have the same entitlement to enrol at other state schools. (Note - students already enrolled at a school before an enrolment scheme is implemented or changed are entitled to stay at their current school).

It's important that the Ministry of Education hear and understand community perspectives before establishing these new schemes – especially the practical implication and whether the new boundaries accurately reflect the area. Please have a look at the maps and overview information available above before you participate in the consultation process.

The Ministry of Education is currently undertaking consultation about the proposed changes and new enrolment schemes. You can have your say by:

- Completing the survey online (see our school Facebook page and website for the link)
- Emailing auckland.enrolmentschemes@education.govt.nz if you have further questions or comments.

The Ministry of Education will consider all feedback and liaise with the James Cook High School Board before making a final decision. The new schemes and changes will come into effect for the beginning of 2022.

