

3 June 2022

Term 2, Week 5



Tēnā koutou katoa, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Ni sa bula vinaka, Taloha ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Ni hao, Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh, Namaste, and Warm Greetings to All.

What a wonderful and eventful week for our kura. We had a number of things going on despite how unpredictable the weather has been!

Sunday 29th May was the opening of Samoa Language Week. This year's theme for Vaia so o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week is Fa'aāuāu le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai - *Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders of the Ocean*. This year marks 12 years since Samoa Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand.

This week was also a significant milestone for our Samoan Community, as they celebrated Samoa's 60th Independence Day on Wednesday 1st June. Fa'afetai tele to Mrs Seumanutafa and her team who put together a wonderful celebration for students and staff, with performances from the O le Tupu'aga students, 'ava ceremony and delicious foods for everyone to enjoy and experience the rich and beautiful culture of Samoa.

It is great to see inter school sporting events happening again and we have welcomed some school teams onto our site in recent weeks. It is important to remember that at Orange level we unfortunately cannot welcome or allow whanau/aiga or supporters onto our site, hopefully this will change soon and we will let you know as soon as it does. In the meantime, thank you for your cooperation with this.

As we head towards Queens Birthday weekend we join with the rest of the Commonwealth in celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen is an inspiring example of service, dedication and hard work for us all and we wish her continued good health.

Queen's Birthday weekend is an opportunity for us all to take a slight pause and some well-earned rest at this time of the year. I wish you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Ngā mihi nui,

Grant
Tumuaki • Principal

SCHOOL APP COMPETITION WINNER

We've seen a HUGE jump in school app downloads this week alone and we're nearing 400 school app users.

We did our first draw this morning and the two winners were announced today via the school app. Those winners were **Samantha Wolfram** and **Loretta Johnston**. Congratulations to you both! 🎉🎉

How to Enter? Just download the school app (check our Facebook / Instagram for instructions) and **BE IN TO WIN EVERY FRIDAY IN JUNE - two winners to be drawn!**

BUSINESS CHALLENGE 2022

Students at James Cook High School got a taste of the business world last week, when they took part in the BP business challenge.

The business challenge is a three-day practical workshop which introduces secondary school students to the world of business in a fun and engaging way. The students gained knowledge, developed key employability skills, and for some their entrepreneurial spirit was ignited.



BASIC LEADERS CAMP

Some Services Academy students were recently selected to participate in the northern region basic leaders camp at Whenuapai Airforce base.

They were housed and catered for, for five days on base and learned the basics of effective communication, planning, role-modelling and leading. It was a great week and beneficial for every student who was lucky enough to be chosen.

A huge thank you to the youth development unit (NZDF) and the 5 other schools who took part.

"Results not Excuses"



Celebrating Samoa Language Week & SAMOA'S 60TH INDEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY



More photos from Samoa Language Week and Independence Day will be on our school Facebook and Instagram pages.