

Warm greetings to all,

We have definitely seen many changes across all parts of life in recent times. One of the interesting outcomes of the last two years has been how clear we have become about what is important.

For schools, it has become clear that students who frequently attend school, feel more connected to their community and develop strong social skills and friendships. **Attending** is an important life skill.

Nationally only 40% of students are attending school **regularly** – which means they are at school 90% of the time. At James Cook our figure is around 20% and I am sure we would all like this to improve – in fact, it has to improve.

To make this real, if your son or daughter is on 90% attendance then they have missed 19 days of school or 95 lessons. If their attendance rate is at 80% that means 38 days or 190 lessons have been missed.

While there may be any number of reasons why students are not at school regularly, there is a close link between commitment and success. It is worthwhile to remind those we care for about the downside of not committing fully.

Some lessons many of us would understand:

- Most things that are worth having or achieving require work and effort.... they don't just fall on our plate. This is true of sport, academic success, relationships...the list goes on.
- Not fully committing to something means we miss out, and if we are part of a team, our team misses out.
- Not committing to keep trying can mean the opportunity to turn initial failure into success through listening more, practicing more and trying harder can be missed.

MANA, our school values system means we fully commit to something. It's not just putting our names down on a list or completing an enrolment form. If we value education, we have to prioritise it, we have to put this into action and 'walk the talk'!

Like most things, our greatest success comes from working together. I would like to acknowledge your efforts in supporting your child to be at school every day. Everyone having the common goal of wanting the best for our tamariki provides a strong foundation and we look forward to doing even better in 2023.

Ngā mihi,

Laurence

Laurence Caltaux
Deputy Principal



SENIOR STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE!

Thursday 24th November

The last timetabled day for Seniors.

Thursday 8th December at 11:00am in the School Hall:

Prizegiving practice for all students receiving prizes.

Thursday 8th December

Senior Prizegiving at 6:00pm in the School Hall.

Friday 9th December at 9:00am in the School Hall:

All 2022 Year 13 students are invited to attend the Junior Prizegiving and a Farewell Ceremony.

Important Reminder

All Year 13 students need to return their school issued devices on or before the 9th December to the front office Reception.

PRIZEGIVINGS

2022 Senior Prizegiving:

6pm on Thursday 8th December

2022 Junior Prizegiving:

9am on Friday 9th December

...More information to follow!



THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON THESE DATES!

Staff/Teacher ACCORD Days (Teacher Only Day):

Fri 25th November – SCHOOL CLOSED

Teachers Paid Union Meeting

Wed 30th November - SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY at 12:20PM
Supervision will be available in the Library

Staff/Teacher ACCORD Days (Teacher Only Day):

Fri 2nd December – SCHOOL CLOSED

School finishing early:

Thurs 8th December – SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY at 1:20PM

END OF YEAR - KEY DATES

End of Term 4

Final Day for ALL Students:

Fri 9th December 2022

SCHOOL CLOSING AT 11:00AM



**JAMES COOK
HIGH SCHOOL**

VOCATIONAL EXPO 2022



Thank you to everyone who supported our Vocational Expo on 26th October. The evening was a great success!

