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Term 1 Week 10 – 1st April 2022



Kia Ora

We are almost at the end of what has been a very busy term. Its hard to believe that we have almost completed a semi-normal term of teaching with no Learning from Home. We still have a few events to end on a high - the Easter Hat parade and school disco are next Friday. Students in K-2 will parade around the cola with hats and baskets and may even receive a special visit from the Easter Bunny. Watch this space! We can't wait to invite parents back onsite for the parade. We ask that parents onsite wear a mask during this event please.

Staffing – Assistant Principals

Earlier in the term I communicated that we had 2 permanent Assistant Principal positions that were advertised. The process is complete, and I would like to announce the successful candidates are Mrs Kylie Halfpenny and Ms Mel Bates. Congratulations to both Mrs Halfpenny and Ms Bates who have displayed such a dedicated commitment to the students and staff of James Erskine Public School.



SkoolBag App



We have identified a need for clearer communication channels for families. Thank you to those who have given us feedback and ideas. We are in the process of moving to an app-based communication platform called SkoolBag. Parents will be asked to download the app and subscribe to our school. This will allow you to receive notifications for newsletters, notes and events. You will also be able to submit absences and update your contact details with us. All that is required is a smartphone and an email address. This will be ready to go Day 1 of Term 2. I would like to thank the P&C who have offered to pay the first two years of subscription costs. This will go a long way to ensuring our families are receiving information in a timely manner.

Front Gate

We have had quotes come in for the installation of an electronic gate system on the pedestrian gate. We are looking to install it for safety reasons as recently we have had absconding concerns. The gate will have an intercom system connected to our office. We are hoping to have this installed over the holiday period to limit disruption to our playgrounds.

Cross Country

The beginning of Term 2 will see students participate in Cross-Country. This is for students who are turning 8 and older. A note will be coming home to communicate the organisation for Friday 29th April.

Stage 3 Camp

Our students have missed out on camps for the passed two year thanks to COVID. This year we have been able to secure the Stage 3 camp to Canberra however the only available dates are for the end of Term 2. Our stage 3 teachers are in the process of organising camp and fingers crossed there will be no interruptions that will prohibit students from attending. Canberra is a magnificent experience for students – one of my all-time favourite camps. I know the teachers are preparing a jam-packed itinerary that students will enjoy.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	25 Apr S.D.D	26 Apr	27 Apr Anzac Ceremony	28 Apr	29 Apr Cross Country
2	2 May Kindy Hearing	3 May Kindy Hearing	4 May	5 May Mother's Day Stall Cross Country back-up	6 May
3	9 May	10 May NAPLAN →	11 May	12 May	13 May
4	16 May	17 May	18 May School Photos	19 May Sibling Photos	20 May
5	23 May	24 May	25 May	26 May Sorry Day District Cross country	27 May
6	30 May Reconciliation Week →	31 May	1 Jun	2 Jun	3 Jun
7	6 Jun	7 Jun	8 Jun	9 Jun	10 Jun
8	13 Jun Queen's Birthday Long Weekend	14 Jun	15 Jun Year 6 Camp	16 Jun Year 6 Camp	17 Jun Year 6 Camp
9	20 Jun Year 5 Camp	21 Jun Year 5 Camp	22 Jun Year 5 Camp	23 Jun	24 Jun Assembly of Excellence
10	27 Jun Naidoc Week →	28 Jul	29 Jun	30 Jun	1 Jul