



# Cook's Log

*From The Principal....*

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## TERM DATES

Term 1 – 30 Jan – 31 March  
Term 2 – 18 Apr – 30 June  
Term 3 – 17 July – 22 Sep  
Term 4 – 9 Oct - 22 Dec

## DIARY DATES

### MARCH

#### Friday 10th

Curriculum Day  
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

#### Monday 13th

Labour Day – Public Holiday  
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

#### Wednesday 21st

Harmony Day  
School Council 7pm

#### Friday 24th

Special Lunch  
Pizza Lunch

#### Monday 27th

Young Leaders Day

#### Wednesday 21st – Friday 31st

Year 4 / 5 / 6 Camp

#### Friday 31st

LAST DAY OF TERM 1  
2.30pm FINISH

### APRIL

#### Tuesday 18th

TERM 2 COMMENCES

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Anzac Day – Public Holiday  
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

It was encouraging to see so many parents along at last Wednesday's 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. It was a good opportunity for parents and teachers to collaborate together and exchange information about your children, so that we are able to provide the most effective and engaging learning opportunities for every child here at James Cook Primary School, with high expectations for all.

Students, staff and parents alike had a wonderful time at the Burden Park Picnic. This whole school excursion was the culmination of our 'Believe-to-Succeed' introduction to the beginning of the 2017, where we spend time getting to know ourselves and each other. The students have been focussing on the school values, establishing routines and developing a 'can-do' attitude towards all aspects of their academic, social and personal learning. Watching our students playing and interacting with each other in the true spirit of friendship was inspiring to see.

School Council are still investigating options regarding the provision of a lunch service and the future of the canteen. In the meantime, we will continue to sell icy poles for 50 cents at recess on Wednesdays and Thursdays for the remainder of Term One. A big thank you to the PFA team, who worked very hard to provide the Sausage Sizzle Lunch last Friday. There will be another lunch day coming up on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Order sheets will be sent home soon. Please ensure all orders are given to the office by the due date to avoid disappointment.

An Open Day for 2018 enrolments is coming up on a Saturday morning towards the end of this term. The Prep Module will be open to explore. Keep an eye on the newsletter, on Tiqbiz and at our local kinders for the date.

*Anne Burgess*

*"My hope still is to leave the world a bit better than when I got here."*

(Jim Henson)



**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**ATTENDANCE**

With only one absence last week 12D were our highest class with a total of 98.9% attendance. 34C and 34B were close runners up with 98% and a total of 2 absences for the week.

If you are just 10mins late three days a week for a term, this means that you have lost one whole day of learning. Please remember to be on time each day. If your child is unwell, please notify the office as early as possible.

**ICAS TESTING YEAR 3-6**

Once again parents are given the opportunity to register their intent for their children to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools testing.

The (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives you broad insights into your child's performance across English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

Information regarding dates and cost along with registration forms will be sent home early next week.

**2018 PREP STUDENTS**

We will be holding an open morning shortly to show case our school for parents of children starting primary school in 2018. More information to follow in the next few weeks. If you have friends, family or neighbours that have children starting school next year, please direct them to our website or the school office for more details.

*Tracie Schwarz*

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

|                      |          |  |
|----------------------|----------|--|
| <b>Prep Teachers</b> | Bella    | For being well organised within the Module                               |
| <b>Prep Teachers</b> | Tea      | For great listening during class instructions                            |
| <b>Prep Teachers</b> | Madiha   | For showing great confidence in the prep module                          |
| <b>1/2A</b>          | Shevon   | For being considerate of everyone in 1/2A                                |
| <b>1/2B</b>          | Senan    | For always trying his best and working with others                       |
| <b>1/2C</b>          | Jasper   | For completing all his work tasks confidently                            |
| <b>1/2D</b>          | Rosie    | For being super organised and helping others                             |
| <b>3/4A</b>          | Kim      | For being well organised and helpful in the module                       |
| <b>3/4B</b>          | Amaan    | For working like a superhero in Maths and Reading                        |
| <b>3/4C</b>          | Jude     | For confidently attempting all set tasks                                 |
| <b>5/6A</b>          | Pal      | For writing an interesting and descriptive memoir                        |
| <b>5/6B</b>          | Assad    | For his persistence and effort with all set tasks                        |
| <b>5/6D</b>          | Aryan    | For a terrific piece of writing  |
| <b>P.E</b>           | Mystique | For listening and following directions                                   |
| <b>Music</b>         | Isabella | For an outstanding effort in Music                                       |
| <b>Art</b>           | Max      | For excellent work in Art  |
| <b>Science</b>       | Harlem   | For having the confidence to answer questions in a whole module activity |

**ART DISPLAY**

**‘We are each unique and beautiful, but together we are a masterpiece.’**



If you get a chance, drop into the office and have a look at the whole school art display that has been set up. In the first couple of weeks of term in Art, every student in the school made a hand/hands using line design and watercolours in warm and cool colours. These hands have been used to create a collaborative display of a gorgeous flower. Well done everyone!!

**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE - EXTEND**

**AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!**

**Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.**



**New booking terms:** Great news! In response to parent feedback we are pleased to announce that our Holiday Program booking terms have now changed to provide greater flexibility for families. See Terms and Conditions on our website for further information.

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend! Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Autumn Holiday Program.

**To check out what's on and where your local program is, visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal.**

**RECAP**

We have been fairly busy with cooking our apple pies that I'm told were yummy to eat., We also have been making bracelets and necklaces.

Outside we attempted to draw some butterflies around your children with some chalk (you may have seen this on Monday morning).

Would anyone have, or be able to save, the plastic lids from tubs of yoghurt, dips, sour cream so we can make our sun catchers?

Please remember to book in for the 10<sup>th</sup> March Curriculum Day.

*Marie, Team Leader*

**What's on next week?**

**PARENT PORTAL: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)**

| Mon 6 Mar                     | Tues 7 Mar  | Wed 8 Mar                      | Thurs 9 Mar               | Frid 10 Mar           |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Making Crafts from the Garden | What does a plastic cup, one balloon and a pompom make? | Let's make cosmic sun catchers | Cook your own mini pizzas | <b>CURRICULUM DAY</b> |

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION – 2017 EASTER FUNDRAISER**

Dear Families,

It's that time of the year again and we are holding our 2017 Easter Fundraiser. The PFA rely on donations for us to be able to hold this event. We ask all families to donate an Easter egg, chocolate bunny or Easter related gift so we can have a number of Easter hampers as prizes. We have had a great response in previous years and we anticipate the same response this year.

Could all donations please be left in the front office by 9.00am on Friday 24th of March. The grade with the most donations will receive a treat from the PFA.

A book of tickets will be sent home this week with each family to sell as part of the fundraising event.

Thanking you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

PFA Committee



**COMMUNITY NOTICES**



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Open daily between 10am and 5pm

**EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club**

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

**April 2017 school holiday dates:**

- Week 1: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Friday 7<sup>th</sup>
- Week 2: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>
- 10am –4pm

Cost: \$70.00 per day, or \$189 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).

Maximum 16 children per day.

**Bookings essential as spaces are limited**

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

