



Module 3 Newsletter – Term 2 2017

Welcome back to James Cook Primary School. We hope you had a safe and relaxing holiday break. Term 2 is now underway and we are expecting a busy and exciting term ahead filled with many learning opportunities for your child. All of the teachers and staff in Module 3 have been planning and setting up their learning areas over the last couple of weeks and we are excited about implementing our ideas.

CURRICULUM

Each week, students will participate in a range of subjects designed to develop important lifelong skills. Your child will participate in the following weekly subjects during Term 2:

Module-Based Lessons	
Subject	Number of Sessions (Weekly)
Reading	5
Maths (Including Measurement)	5
Writing	4
Inquiry	2
Spelling	2
Sport	1
I.C.T.	1

Additionally, students will participate in one weekly specialist class for Art, P.E, Science, Music and Mandarin. Please don't hesitate to come and talk about your child's progress with their subject teacher as we are more than happy to help your child reach their goals.

DAILY PROCESSES

Students have been practising their morning and afternoon routines throughout the early stages of the year and are improving their organisational skills. To help your child with their organisation, please ensure that:

- Students have their drink bottles in their bag
- Students are bringing their diaries to school each morning
- Students are attempting to limit their wrapper count in their school lunch

HATS

As winter approaches and the weather becomes colder, students will not be required to wear hats for both Term 2 and Term 3. Students will be advised to take their hats home during this time to ensure they are not misplaced. Please take this time to ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled before bringing it back in Term 4.

BASKETBALL CLINICS/HOOPTIME

During Term 2, students will be focusing on learning the basic skills needed for basketball. Students will participate in four basketball clinic sessions during our allocated sport time. Furthermore, students will have the opportunity to represent James Cook Primary School in a 'Hooptime' basketball tournament against our neighbouring schools. This event will take place at Dandenong Basketball Stadium on Stud Road and specific details will be provided closer to the tournament.

ALL ABOUT AUSTRALIA – INQUIRY LEARNING

For Inquiry Learning, students will be learning about the states, territories and landmarks situated in Australia. We are aiming to use technology to give our students the opportunity to take virtual 3D tours of our country. Students will complete a research project where they will be expected to find information about an Australian landmark and present their findings on a poster. They will also complete an oral presentation on their selected landmark. Students will be able to bring their project home at the end of the term.

NAPLAN TESTING

Grade 3 students will be involved in the state-wide NAPLAN testing beginning on May 9th, 2017. Over three school days, students will be tested in the areas of Reading, Writing, Numeracy, Spelling and Grammar. The teachers are currently working to prepare students for the test during designated lessons. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your child's teacher.

KEY DATES – TERM 2

MAY	
May 9th	
-	Hotdog Lunch
-	NAPLAN testing begins for Grade 3 students
May 11th	
-	NAPLAN testing concludes
May 12th	
-	Mother's Day Stall
May 16th	
-	District Cross Country
-	Education Week Open Afternoon 2:30 – 5:30pm
-	Prep Information Night (For families with a student enrolling in 2018)
May 19th	
-	National Walk to School Day
May 22nd	
-	Book Fair
May 25th	
-	Athletics Carnival Day

JUNE	
June 2nd	
-	Hooptime Basketball Tournament
June 12th	
-	Queen's Birthday Holiday
June 23rd	
-	Reports go home
-	Learning Portfolios go home
June 28th	
-	Parent/Teacher Interviews