



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

Friday 17th

Book Club due

Tuesday 21st

Harmony Day
School Council 7pm

Thursday 23rd

House Cross Country

Friday 24th

Special Lunch - Pizza

Monday 27th

Young Leaders Day

Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st

Year 4 / 5 / 6 Camp

Friday 31st

LAST DAY OF TERM 1
2.30pm FINISH

APRIL

Tuesday 18th

TERM 2 COMMENCES

Tuesday 25th

Anzac Day – Public Holiday
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

We started the week with the diligent students of 1/2C achieving a very impressive 100% attendance rate for last week. They have now knocked Mr Wende's 3/4C off the Awards Board in the Office. Hopefully it won't take another four weeks for that to happen again.



100%!



Our Annual General Meeting for the James Cook Primary School Council will be held on Tuesday 21st March at 7.00pm. We welcome four new members to the council for the 2017/18 year. We did not require a ballot as we had the same number of nominations as we had vacant positions. Our two new parent members are Klara Atkinson and Sherona Benham, along with Penny Batty and Indranil Daware who will be returning for a second two-year tenure. Our two new staff members are Tracie Schwarz and Heather Eddy. I look forward to an exciting and productive year with this dedicated group of parents and staff working together to achieve great things for our school.

This Friday 10th March is a Pupil Free Curriculum Day. Students are not to be at school. Please make alternative arrangements for your children on that day. Unfortunately, due to a lack of applicants, Extend will not be providing a service on that day.

Anne

"The best part about being with a group is that you don't have to do everything alone. You're with your friends." (Justin Timberlake)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ATTENDANCE

This week it was pleasing to see that overall we had a 95% average attendance across the school. 100% attendance was achieved from 12C and PA. They could only be separated by the number of late arrivals during the week, with 12C the overall winner.

Remember to be at school on time each day. Only a few minutes late causes disruption not only to your own learning, but also to others in your class.

ICAS (YEAR 3-6)

Registration forms for the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2017 are now available from the office. They need to be completed and submitted with the entry fee prior to Monday 27th March. No late entries can be accepted.

Subject/Paper	Official Sitting Date	Entry Fee, incl. GST
Digital Technologies*	23 May 2017	AUD 9.90
Science	30 May 2017	AUD 9.90
Writing	12–16 June 2017	AUD 19.80
Spelling	14 June 2017	AUD 13.20
English	1 August 2017	AUD 9.90
Mathematics	15 August 2017	AUD 9.90

SEMPER DENTAL

Students at James Cook have the opportunity to receive free dental check-up and treatment. The Child Dental Benefits Schedule is funded by the Federal Government at no cost to the school or families. If your child is not eligible for this funding, Semper Dental will still provide the service at a cost of \$99.00, which can be claimed against private health benefits. Consent Forms have been sent home this week. Please return them, and an appointment time will be made available at school, during school hours.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY P-6

We will be holding a House Cross Country for the students this term. This will also be a major fundraiser this term so we ask for your support. A sponsorship form will be sent home this week. The event date is 23rd March, money and forms due back by 28th March.

The fundraiser is all about participation. Students raise funds for our school, and are rewarded with fantastic incentive prizes. Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to participate. More information will be available shortly.

HARMONY DAY

Tuesday March 21st is National Harmony Day. Children will be celebrating cultural diversity with multi-age and module activities. Children will be asked to bring food to share within the module. Teachers will be sending further information relevant to each module to families shortly.

Tracie Schwarz

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep Teachers	Charlotte	For always giving her very best
Prep Teachers	Jhye	For confidently practising letters and sounds
Prep Teachers	Waylon	For always being an organised learner
1/2A	Maddox	For sharing so nicely in our classroom
1/2B	Adna	For always being so considerate and thoughtful
1/2C	Murtaza	For outstanding behaviour and cooperation
1/2D	Irfan	For a fantastic effort in his writing and encouraging others
3/4A	Gunnu	For terrific organisation with Nude Food
3/4B	Abby B	For always working your hardest no matter what the task
3/4C	Elisa	For always being organised and ready for each session
5/6A	Najeeb	For having a positive attitude towards all learning tasks and being a friendly class member
5/6B	Samuel	For being organised and completing set tasks
5/6D	Teagan	For working well with all her peers
Art	Austen	
Mandarin	Samuel / James	
Music	Gunnu	
P.E	Marius	
Science	Leatrice	

CAR PARKING – DROP OFFS & PICK UPS

Please be vigilant and observe all car parking signage around the streets of our school. The rules are in place for the safety of our children, our Crossing Supervisor, and residents. **In particular, there is NO DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP students at the front of the school (near the entry to the staff car park) while the flags are displayed.** It is also illegal to stop in the disabled parking bay unless you have a current “disabled parking permit” displayed. An alternative to the congestion at the front of the school is to perhaps park in the side streets.

Local Laws Officers have advised they will regularly monitor the traffic and parking around our school. **If you don't wish to be booked – please remember to do the right thing!**



BOOKCLUB

A reminder that all Book Club orders are due back the Friday, 17th March. Please ensure your child's name and grade are clearly marked and placed in an envelope with correct money. If you wish to pay by credit card, you will need to do this on-line. On-line LOOP orders will be processed at 10am on Friday, 17th March. Please have your orders completed by this time to ensure delivery to school at no extra cost.

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 and book via the Parent Portal.

RECAP

Last week saw us looking for lots of friendly things in the garden and wow did we find some interesting items so please come have a look at what your children have created from our garden. Well as some of you now know what a cup pompoms and a balloon make yes, it's a pompom popper and what fun we had popping all over the place. Now our sun catchers were a bit tricky to make but I hope they will look nice hanging around your garden. Cooking mini pizzas was an experience like no other, but we all managed to cook and eat our yummy pizzas.

Thank you *Marie, Team Leader*

Mon 13 Mar	Tues 14 Mar	Wed 15 Mar	Thurs 16 Mar	Frid 17 Mar
Public Holiday	Colour and Cut Dinosaurs	We're going on a Treasure Hunt	Let's make a Flying Saucer	Decorating some Cool Bookmarks

COMMUNITY NOTICES