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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

MAY

Wednesday 10th

NAPLAN

Thursday 11th

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Friday 12th

Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 16th

EDUCATION WEEK
Open Afternoon
Prep Information night –
5.30pm – 6.30pm
School council – 7pm

Tuesday 16th

District Cross Country

Friday 19th

Walk Safely to School Day

Fri 19th - Wed 24th

Book Fair

Thursday 25th

Athletics Carnival – Knox

Monday 29th

Prep Puppet Show

Tuesday 30th

Prep Puppet Show

Wednesday 31st

Special Lunch – Noodles

PLEASE NOTE:

Saturday 26th August

Bunnings BBQ
Volunteers required

As you will know from a previous newsletter, the children at James Cook are learning about their brains, and how it learns new things.

We are all born with a speaking and listening brain, and unlike speaking, reading and spelling have to be learnt. Reading is about understanding speech that is printed. Reading allows us to access many lives and ideas beyond our own. The brain is changed forever by learning to read. Remember that reading may be practised in a variety of forms. To strengthen your children's decoding, reading fluency and comprehension skills you can support them at home by helping them to:

- Read aloud,
- Read to themselves,
- Be read to,
- Share their reading with others,
- Retell what they have read,
- Predict what might happen next,
- Give opinions about what they have read,
- Compare books they have read,
- Question what they have read.

Our Year Three and Five students have been involved in the NAPLAN testing this week and, from what I've seen so far, have been doing really well. They have been focused on the task and I know they are giving their best. Tomorrow's Mathematics session will see the finish of this year's testing.

No doubt, the children may have mentioned that we are currently not using the Library building. Due to some issues around substantial leaks in that building we have had to relocate the Music Specialist program to share the hall with Physical Education and the Mandarin classes to Module Four. There is also the added inconvenience of being unable to operate the Library, hence no borrowing of books either. I am currently in consultation with the relevant Education Department divisions as to how we are to proceed in order to repair the building.

To all our Mums and other significant women in our students' lives, have a wonderful day on Sunday with your families and loved ones.



"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

(John Addison)



Anne Burgess

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ATTENDANCE

12B	97.1%
PB	96.3%
12A	
56D	96.0%

Without challenge, there is no change. Without attendance, there is no challenge.

PFA NEWS

Hot Dog Day was a great success with our PFA volunteers cooking over 130 hotdogs. A great big thankyou to our helpers, the hotdog were enjoyed by all. Next special lunch will be Noodles held on May 31st. Keep your eye out for the notices soon.

Mothers Day Raffle and stall will be held this Friday. Gifts range from 50c to \$5. Please send your child along with a plastic bag, to hide the special gift from Mother’s eyes until Sunday.

EDUCATION WEEK

There will be an Open Afternoon held on Tuesday 16th May from 2.30pm-5.00pm. Adults and children are invited to participate in activities around ‘Healthy Mind, Healthy Body’. Please feel free to visit each module and see what’s on offer.

Scholastic Book Fair will also be held during Education Week commencing Friday 19th May. More details to follow soon.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING

Parents of children commencing school in 2018 have been invited to the Open Afternoon followed by an information session. Families will get to meet with the teachers and discuss current curriculum requirements. I know that you will make them feel part of the James Cook Community if you see them during the Open Afternoon.

Tracie Schwarz

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep A	Maya	For doing an amazing job with her writing
Prep B	Mahdi	For being a thoughtful and caring friend in Prep B
Prep C	Ehsan	For making great choices in the classroom
1/2A	Areejh	For confidently helping others in the classroom
1/2B	Kayla B	For always being mindful of others and listening in class
1/2C	Shaurya	For working hard to complete all tasks to the best of his ability
1/2D	Nadiah	For her positive approach to learning tasks
3/4A	Maxwell	For having a positive attitude and being persistent with his writing
3/4B	Naameen	For working hard to remember punctuation in her writing
3/4C	Harlem	For working hard to complete his creative story
5/6A	Bailey	For always trying his best to complete all tasks
5/6B	Hiba N	For making a very good effort with her writing
5/6D	Karen	For always being well organised and completing tasks

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event in which all Primary School children are encouraged to walk safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health and the Environment.



James Cook Primary School has planned a 'Walk Safely to School Day' on Friday, 19th May 2017. We will meet at Lorraine Kovacs Reserve (Melway C5, map 91) at 8:10am and walk down Daniel Solander Drive to school. Come along and help us to reinforce correct pedestrian behaviour, the benefits of walking and the enjoyment of being part of our school community. Family members are most welcome.

Sandra Hemer

NUDE FOOD

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Wipe out Waste WOW

We can reduce waste by packing Nude Food.

Pack

- ✓ Snacks in reusable containers
- ✓ Drinks in a reusable bottle
- ✓ Reusable utensils when needed.
- ✓ A reusable lunchbox or backpack

Avoid

- ✗ Food packed in plastic bags, cling film or foil
- ✗ Single-use drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottles
- ✗ Single-use forks and spoons
- ✗ Pre-packaged or single serve food items

Our Nude Food days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Need help?
Variety is here for you

We help when others can't

Variety – the Children's Charity helps children and their families with financial support for things like wheelchairs, specialist equipment and medical supplies, when they can't afford it, and when government assistance isn't available.

For families of children who are sick, disadvantaged or who have special needs, finding support can be a challenge. Each year, thousands of these children and their families turn to Variety for support when they need it most. If you or someone you know is struggling to cope, Variety is here for you.

Visit our website or give our friendly team a call on (03) 8698 3900.

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OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE - EXTEND

Recap

Last week saw us create Pokémon Sun Catchers and Pokémon Cards being made with their own strengths and powers. Pokémon pictures were also drawn and a Pokémon Uno game played!!

Marie, Team Leader



Our Extend Superstar is: Suvaitha...for always helping when asked and always having a big smile and friends to everyone.

What's on next week?

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

Monday 15 May	Tuesday 16 May	Wednesday 17 May	Thursday 18 May	Friday 19 May
Making a Dream Catcher	Cooking shortbread	Making Terrariums and growing grass in a cup	Dress ups / playing school	Playing fruit salad on the tiger turf

EDUCATION WEEK 2017

Healthy Mind, Healthy Body
21-27 May

Open Afternoon

Tuesday 16th May 2.30pm-5.00pm



Module 2 will be looking at the different parts of the brain. We will be making models of the brain out of play-dough and exploring how each part has a different job to do.

We had a lot of fun doing this activity in Term 1 and the students are very excited to show you how it is all done.

Just Get Active'. The philosophy behind the program is to promote children to - "become healthier, more empowered and confident, both now and in the future". The program is a collection of digital videos designed to teach children how to correctly utilise their Minds & Bodies for improved confidence, performance & wellbeing. The program covers such areas as Posture, Cardio, Strength, Flexibility and Mindfulness. Module Four will be demonstrating how we use the Just Get Active program, there will also be a PowerPoint displaying how the brain works. The parents and students can participate in a quiz based around the knowledge of Health and Fitness and Just Get Active.

Module 4



Module 3

Please come and see us at the **Module 3** Big Top, where we will be attempting a range of circus tricks armed with nothing but a growth mindset! We will be developing our neurons through juggling, balancing, plate spinning and a range of other fun circus tasks and we hope that you can join us to see what you're capable of too!!



Module 1

Fun and Games Model Day
Activities that support students in using their brains and their bodies to develop personal motor skills, gross and fine motor skills.

