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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

Fri 19th - Thu 25th am only

Book Fair

Thursday 25th

Athletics Carnival – Knox

Monday 29th

Prep Puppet Show

Tuesday 30th

Prep Puppet Show

Wednesday 31st

Special Lunch – Noodles

JUNE

Thursday 1st

Basketball Yr 3-6

Friday 2nd

Hoop time Yr 3-4

Monday 12th

Public holiday –

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 20th

School Council 7pm

Tuesday 27th

Special Lunch – Pizza

Wednesday 28th

Parent Teacher Interviews

PLEASE NOTE:

Saturday 26th August

Bunnings BBQ

Volunteers required



As we head into the second half of Term Two, wondering where the time is going, there are still a number of events happening at James Cook. Tomorrow the students from Years Three, Four, Five and Six head off to the Knox Athletics Track for our annual House Athletics Carnival. Not only will they be competing for their house, students who achieve at the top of their age group for each event will hopefully go on to represent the school at the District Athletics Level.

Good luck to all students. Apply your best effort, and compete in the true spirit of sportsmanship. That is all you can ask of yourself. May the best house win!

There are times when information is sent home, most commonly in the newsletter, and there are times when event notes go home and need to be filled in and returned. Some may require payments. I urge parents and carers to read all communications sent home carefully to ensure payment and return deadlines are met, to avoid children missing out on important events.

At assembly this week I had cause to reaffirm with the children some of the values by which we live here at James Cook – Respect, Friendliness, Consideration, Tolerance, Kindness. The past two to three weeks has seen a number of incidences where some students have resorted to hitting others when things haven't happened the way they planned. This type of behaviour will not be tolerated in any way at James Cook Primary School as it is in direct breach of our core school values of 'Respect' and 'Inclusiveness' in particular. Any incidents of this type are dealt with directly by either Mrs Schwarz or myself, and parents are contacted. I appreciate your continuing support with ensuring that James Cook will always be a safe and welcoming place to come to and learn.

'I like to smile. I smile even when I'm nervous since it calms me down and shows my friendliness.'
(Yani Tseng)

Anne Burgess

*Don't wait for
people to be
friendly, show
them how.*

Author Unknown
WWW.VERYBESTQUOTES.COM

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ABSENCES

There has been an increasing number of students arriving late to school on a regular basis. The school day starts at 8.55am when children have the opportunity to enter their classrooms, complete the daily routine of putting away their belongings and making connections with their peers and teachers. This helps children to establish independence along with valuable lifelong skills. Consider adults that arrived to work at the exact time their shift commences.



Our instruction begins promptly at 9am. On most days, teachers start the day with Reading. If your child is 10mins late each day, they have missed 50mins of reading instruction in a week. With the growing number of children not being ready to start their day at 9am teachers may consider starting the lesson 5 or 10 minutes later. This, however, would have an effect on everyone’s learning.

Remember free breakfast is available each day from 8.30am. At this time parking is less of a problem and there is plenty of choice available for a breakfast shared with friends.

Better to be at school early than late.

Please be considerate of everyone’s ability to access every minute of the learning day and make an effort to have your children at school prior to 9am. Your support will be greatly appreciated by everyone in the James Cook community.

ATTENDANCE TERM 2 WEEK 5					
56D	96%	34A	95.7%	34C	94.8%

BOOK FAIR

This week has seen lots of children visit the Book Fair. There has been a lot of interest in the new publications available. With our library currently out of operation, this has been an opportunity for children to connect with a range of new books. If you have not already visited the book fair, it will be open before school tomorrow in Module 3.

ICAS TESTING

For those children that enrolled to participate in the University of NSW Academic Testing it has now begun. Children participated in the Digital Technologies Exam this week, with Science to follow. If your child is participating, you may like to access practice exams at <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation>



NOODLE DAY

The PFA have been preparing for our next special lunch day. Noodles will be available on Wednesday 31st May. Notices have already gone home. If you did not receive one, please contact the office before Friday 26th May so your child does not miss out.



Tracie Schwarz

STUDENT OF THE WEEK		
Prep B	Michael	For confidently writing a great 'Mother's Day' story
1/2A	Artemis	For confidently challenging herself in maths
1/2B	Blade	For confidently contributing in class discussions
1/2C	Martin	For showing confidence in writing a story about spiders using Purple Mash
1/2D	Scarlett	For her great effort in tasks and positively contributing to our class
3/4B	Valentina	For her amazing achievement at District Cross Country last week
3/4C	Sahar	For always asking great questions to help further her learning
5/6A	Asma	For always being organised and having a positive approach to her learning
5/6B	Milos	For his fantastic effort and persistence with his writing
5/6D	Ruby	For giving her best effort to learn new concepts in Number
Art	Blade	
Music	Jordan	
P.E.	Troyencey	
Science	Zoe	

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers who joined in the James Cook 'Walk Safely to School Day' last Friday.

Approximately 30 students and several parents met at Lorraine Kovacs Reserve and walked along Daniel Solander Drive to school. The weather was fine and we all enjoyed walking and chatting with friends.



Thank you to A.J and Sam's mums, Leroy's, Artemis and Sophia's dad, and Amy's nanna for walking with us. Thank you also to Mrs Schwarz, Mrs Hutchinson, Miss Eldridge and Miss Brusamarello for supporting our students in walking safely to school.

Sandra Hemer

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the students that represented James Cook at the District Cross Country last Tuesday. All students showed great determination to make it to the end and we are very proud of all of them. A special mention must go to Valentina who finished 3rd in the 9/10 year old girl's race. Valentina, Rachael and Jennifer will compete at the Division Cross Country next week.

ATHLETICS

A reminder that the James Cook House Athletics is on tomorrow. Students are encouraged to wear house colours and bring a jacket in case of rain. If there are any parents who would like to help out please contact the school. If you would like to come and watch, events will start about 10am at Knox Athletics Track.

Mrs Tidey

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE - EXTEND

WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.



Participate in our winter-themed activities, including science experiments to learn about animals with blubber, recreating a winter snowstorm in a jar, and participating in a snowman slam!

Check out the daily schedule at your nearest program at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

RECAP

Last week was a busy week with Harma Beads finding their way out of the cupboard and some lovely horses, dogs and a mobile phone being made. We have also been growing some seeds in a cup that we hope to be able to plant outside and eventually be eaten in O.S.H.C. We are having a visit from a nurse next week on the 1st of June to talk about going into hospital.

Marie, Team Leader

What's on next week?

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

Monday 29 May	Tuesday 30 May	Wednesday 31 May	Thursday 01 Jun	Friday 02 Jun
Exercise with the dice	Making big bubbles	Making a Weird Whirring Widget	What happens when you go to hospital?	Glass bottle orchestra

COMMUNITY NOTICE

MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Together, the YMCA and Doveton College are hosting an information evening in honour of International Men's Health Week in June 2017.

During Men's Health Week, communities across Australia reach out to men, boys, and their families to promote health and wellbeing.

This event will create the right setting for conversations about the elements that make us healthy - life, purpose, health and wellness and everything in-between.

This year's theme "HEALTHY BODY – HEALTHY MIND: KEEPING THE BALANCE" explores the different ways men and boys are managing to keep healthy, physically and emotionally, in a busy and sometimes challenging world. Balancing these challenges means doing things that are nourishing and good.

With our guest speaker Ted Witten Jnr coming along to share his insight on this subject it's a night not to miss!

When: Wednesday 14th June 2017
Where: Theatre at Doveton College
Time: 6:30pm arrival for 7pm start
Cost: FREE

To register please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=281094>

Lots of prizes and giveaways!
 For more information please contact tori.norris@ymca.org.au

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