



JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

MODULE 4 - YEAR 5/6 NEWSLETTER

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July 2017

Dear Parents,

We welcome all students back to another busy term in Module 4.

2018 YEAR 7 PLACEMENTS

Term 3 is the beginning of the Year 6 students' final semester at Primary School. We will be emphasising the importance of making the most of the time to prepare for Secondary School. Parents of Year 6 students who have applied for a Government Secondary School will be advised of their child's placement by the end of August.

INQUIRY LEARNING

Inquiry Learning for Term 3 is based on economics and business. The Year 5/6 topic is, "Money Matters." The children will explore the importance of economic and financial decision-making in everyday life and undertake a real life project. The aim of the projects is to develop independent research skills, including locating and summarising relevant information and being able to present this information to demonstrate their understanding of the topic.

SCHOOL MUSICAL

This year our Musical is called "Journey to Bergen Town". We will be conducting rehearsals each week until the performance on Wednesday 13th September. Dance lessons will take place with Lauryn Jordan again this year as well as rehearsals during Music lessons and in the classrooms. The Musical is a large part of the term three curriculum and we are looking forward to seeing the growth in confidence, teamwork and performance skills that come with this event. We hope to see you all at the performance to celebrate all the children's hard work.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Interschool Sport begins on Friday 28th July and notes have been sent home regarding our fixture. All Grade 6 students will participate. Grade 5 will participate on a rotational basis, playing each fortnight. Students will compete against local schools in Volleystars, Basketball, AFL9s, Sofcrosse and Softball. Emphasis will be placed on participation, teamwork and enjoyment.

HOMEWORK PROGRAM

Students receive homework on Monday and are expected to have this fully completed and returned by Friday each week. They have the opportunity to complete their homework tasks online using Google Classroom or they can complete their work in their homework book. They are asked to complete personal reading on at least three nights per week, as well as learning weekly spelling words and multiplication tables. For students who already know their multiplication tables an alternative problem solving task is provided. The school also provides access to the on-line 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mangahigh' programs for extra activities. If your child does not have internet access at home we can arrange for her/him to be given time at school to complete these activities.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge will continue this term. Students need to read 15 Challenge books that are available from the module. Students who complete the Challenge receive a certificate from the Premier of Victoria and have their name published in the Age Newspaper.

SCHOOL DISCO

The annual Disco will be held on Friday 11th August. The Year 5/6 School and House Captains have been busily organising activities which promises to be a fun-filled evening for all those students who attend.

SEMESTER 2 ANTICIPATED COSTS TO PARENTS

To assist families with budgeting for school costs, these are the events planned for the remainder of 2017 for students in Years 5 and 6.

Musical Levy	\$14
District Athletics (some students)	\$10
Term 4 Swimming	\$90
Term 4 Interschool Sport	\$20
Year 6 Graduation	\$35
Graduation Bear	\$15*
End of Year excursion to Kidspace	\$20*
(Those with a * are approximate costs at this stage.)	

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