



## JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to welcome all Year 3 and Year 4 students to a busy year ahead in Learning Module Three. We extend a special welcome to our new students. Module Three will be a learning environment in which each student is encouraged to be an independent learner who participates in decisions about his or her own learning, make good choices and take responsibility for his or her own actions.

### **DAILY ROUTINE**

All students are expected to be at school when the bell rings at **8.50am**, ready to start the school day. Student learning starts promptly at 9.00am and students who arrive late interrupt the Literacy block (Reading and Writing) and miss essential information. As part of our emphasis on greater independence for all students, we request that parents encourage students to be responsible for their own belongings and to allow them to organise themselves on their own when they arrive at school.

### **CODE OF EXPECTATIONS**

The students of Years 3 and 4 have developed a Code of Expectations for Module 3 to ensure that all students support one another and to assist them to achieve their learning goals. The students have brought a copy home to discuss with parents or guardians. Parents/guardians, together with the student, are asked to sign and return the Module 3 Expectations to school.

### **LUNCH, WATER BOTTLES, FRUIT and HATS**

Please, ensure your child has enough food for snack and lunch each day. Students are asked to bring a water bottle to school for use during the day. This enables them to keep hydrated, as well as avoiding the need to leave the classroom during learning time, to have a drink at the taps outside. Bottles with sports tops are best to avoid any spills. Please remember to clearly label the water bottle with your child's name.



Students may also bring some fruit to have during the day. This is in addition to their recess snack and lunch. All students are required to wear a navy blue, wide-brim hat outside during Terms 1 and 4.

### **CHROME BOOKS**

Each child will be allocated a Chrome Book at the beginning of the term. The agreement signed last year outlining the schools policy on computer use, will continue to apply this year for all past students. New students will have received and signed the agreement on enrolment. Students will be allocated a Gmail account specifically to use for school-related activities only.

### **STUDENT DIARIES, HOME READING & HOMEWORK**

Student diaries are used for communication between parents and teachers. Students also use the diary to record events and reminders and record their daily personal reading. All students must have this diary at school each day. Parents are asked to sign the diary each week. Home Reading will commence week three and all students are expected to read for a minimum of three nights per week. Homework will commence in week four. Students will be given their homework on Monday and should be returned on Friday morning. Students do not have homework over the weekend.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

It is school policy that all mobile phones must be signed in at the office before school for safe keeping, and collected after school. Please ensure ALL clothing, including hats, are labelled with your child's name for easy identification if mislaid. Our school uniform is light and navy blue. Black pants / shorts / leggings / skirts are not acceptable.

## SPECIALIST CLASSES

Each week students will have a Specialist class:

- Physical Education with Mrs. Hutchinson
- Art with Mrs. Tidey
- Mandarin with Mr Wang
- Music with Mr Mcpherson.

They will also participate in daily fitness with the "Let's Get Active" program in the module.

## SPORT

Module Three Sport is held every Monday afternoon with Mrs Hutchinson and the Years 3 and 4 teachers. All students are asked to wear sports shoes (runners), on Monday and during Physical Education lessons. This is to protect feet and ankles and to prevent injuries.



## EXCURSION AND INCURSION NOTICES

All payments for excursions and incursions need to be placed in the Posting Box at the office. Please ensure that all notices are signed and returned by the due date. Payments can also be made electronically via Qkr, which is accessible through the Flexibuzz communication app.

Term 1 excursion and incursions include the following:

- 12/2/19 - Life Saving Victoria incursion - water safety
- 22/2/19 – Whole school Burden Park excursion
- 28/2/19 – Twilight Tabloids (after school)
- 06/03/19 – House Athletics
- 21/03/19 – Footsteps
- 03/04/19 – 05/04/19 – Year 4/5/6 Camp



Year 3 & Year 4 Teachers:  
Juli Petch (3A), Filomena Garner (4A) & Jo Knight