

JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2019



Welcome back to James Cook Primary School for another exciting year. We hope you had a safe and relaxing holiday break and are ready to join us on our learning journey in 2019. We extend a special welcome to our new students. Years Five and Six are important years in each student's pathway to secondary school. Module Four will be a learning environment in which each student is encouraged to be an independent learner who actively participates in decisions about his or her own learning, makes good choices and takes responsibility for his or her own actions.

DAILY ROUTINE

All students are expected to be at school **before** 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 an important time of the day and miss essential information. As our emphasis on developing greater independence for all students, we request that parents allow students to be responsible for their own belongings and to allow them to organise themselves when they arrive at school. It is possible to see your child's homeroom teacher before or after school but if a longer discussion is preferred, please arrange an appointment.

CODE OF EXPECTATIONS

The Years Five and Six students have developed their own agreement on what behaviours and values they expect in Module Four. The students have brought two copies home to discuss with parents or guardians. One copy will remain at home and the other will need to be signed and returned to school. The agreement needs to be acknowledged by both the parent/guardians and the student.

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. 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 is allocated a Google Chrome Book for school use, 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 would 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 check and sign the diary each week. Home Reading will start week three and all students are encouraged to read 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.

SPECIALIST CLASSES:

- Physical Education with Mrs Hutchinson
- Art with Mrs. Tidey (art shirt/smock needed)
- Mandarin with Mr Wang
- Music with Mr Mcpherson.

They will also participate in regular fitness activities via the "Just Get Active" program in the module.

PERSONAL ITEMS

A reminder that 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.

YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Our two School Captains, eight House Captains, four Subject Leaders and two SRC representatives will attend the Young Leaders Day on March 18th. The aim of the Young Leaders Day Conference is to inspire and motivate students in their leadership roles and provide ideas that they can implement.

SPORT

Module Four sport is held every Friday morning. Interschool Sport will take place in Terms 2, 3 and 4. All students need to wear sports shoes (runners), for sport sessions to protect feet and ankles from injuries.



SCHOOL LEADERS

We would like to congratulate our school leaders for 2019:

School Captains: **Gunnu & Briana**

House Captains: **Claire & Ann (Correa)** **Mustafa & Wajeeha (Acacia)**

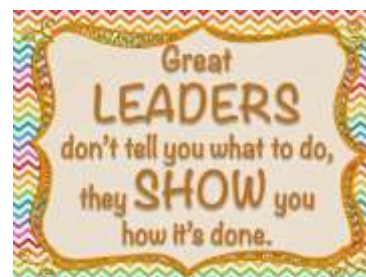
Hiba & Kim (Bluegum) **Hamnah & Valerina (Waratah)**

Specialist Captains: Sustainability – Abby Art – Kiana Music – Alen Sport – Valentina

SRC Representatives: Year 5 - Year 6 – Ghaniya & Gage

STUDENT PASSION PROJECT

This year, students from Year 6 have been given an opportunity to get involved in a passion project in which they have an interest. This might be related to sport, music or art activity that they would like to teach to the younger students, or they may have an idea that they would like to implement to improve the school. The students were given a 'Passion Project Action Plan' last year to be completed and returned to the class teacher or the Principal, Ms Burgess.



INQUIRY

Our Inquiry unit for term one focuses on Laws and Rules, we will be participating in an incursion run by the Victoria Police. An officer will visit our school on Tuesday 26th February to talk about their role in the community, the laws relating to young people and using the internet and social media safely and responsibly.

EXCURSION AND INCURSION NOTICES

All payments for excursions and incursions need to be posted 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
- 28/02/19 - Twilight Tabloids
- 05/03/19 - Grandparents Breakfast
- 06/03/19 – House Athletics
- 18/03/19 – Young Leaders Day
- 21/03/19 – Footsteps
- 20/03/19 – House Cross Country Colour Run
- 03/04/19 – 05/04/19 – year 4-5-6 Camp



*Year 5/6 Teachers: Michelle Nebert (5A) and Shiromi Wijeratne (6A)
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