

# James Cook Primary School

## Module Two Newsletter – Term 1, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to James Cook Primary School for another exciting year. We have enjoyed meeting our new Grade Two students over the past couple of weeks and look forward to a successful year of teaching and learning within our learning community. This year, Grade Two students have their own learning module located in Module Two with plenty of space for effective learning.

The teaching staff working in our Module is as follows:

**2A** – Heather Eddy (Team Leader)/Jacqui Hutchinson

**2B** – Rory Wende

**Support Staff** – Victor Filippelli



We look forward to working with you all this year.

### CURRICULUM

At James Cook Primary School, all staff are continually working together to deliver the curriculum in an effective and engaging manner. Each week, students will be active participants in five Reading sessions, five Writing sessions (incorporating Spelling and Handwriting) and five Maths sessions. Additionally, students will have weekly sessions for Inquiry and Science.

Furthermore, students will continue experiencing specialist classes in 2019. For one session each week, all students will be involved in Art, P.E, Music, I.C.T and Mandarin. Specialist classes are conducted by specialist staff who have expertise in each specific area. This year, the specialist staff are:

**Art** – Sandi Tidey



**P.E.** – Jacqui Hutchinson



**Music** – Andrew McPherson



**Mandarin** – Shawn Wang



**I.C.T.** – Jo Knight



## HATS

During Term One, James Cook Primary School students will require hats to play outside to complement our SunSmart Policy. Protecting skin from harmful UV rays is important in maintaining long term health in life and promotion and action from an early age is crucial. Students who do not have a hat, will be required to stay under cover for the duration of recess and lunch-time. If you require a new hat for your child, they can be purchased at the office or at Beleza.



## CHROMEBOOKS

In 2019, students in Module Two will have access to their very own Chromebook. Each student has been allocated a Chromebook number and be responsible for the care and maintenance of their Chromebook at school. These Chromebooks will be used for educational purposes and are intended to help equip students for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning. Some of the concepts being covered include word processing skills, coding skills and typing skills. If you would like to know more, please feel free to talk to your child's home group teacher.



## INQUIRY LEARNING

Our focus for Inquiry Learning this Term is Mindsets and Neuroplasticity. We will be investigating the different parts of our brain and their functions and roles in the learning process. Students will engage in a range of hands-on activities to learn about these functions. Students will also begin investigating 'Growth Mindsets' and how having a positive approach to learning and putting in the 'right effort', is an effective way to achieve their goals.

## TERM 2 INCURSION COST

As part of our History topic for Inquiry in Term Two, we are anticipating a potential incursion to be run by 'History Box'. Please note that there is an estimated cost of \$15.00 for this incursion. All students will be expected to attend as this this will cover areas of our Curriculum for Term Two.

## HOME READING

It is extremely important for students to read regularly to help embed a lifelong enjoyment of reading through skills taught during their early school years. Grade Two students should be reading with a family member each night. Research shows that students who read for 20 minutes each day are exposed to approximately 1.8 million words a year compared to 8,000 words for a student reading for 1 minute a day. Students should be bringing in their diaries each day with the title of the book they read from the previous night, along with a parent signature. Please help us achieve our home reading goals and encourage your child to read consistently on weeknights.



## COLOUR FUN RUN 2019

Last year's 'Colour Run' was a fantastic community event held on our soccer field. As a result, we will be bring the event back again this year. All students will be competing in a 'Cross Country' style race where they will have the opportunity to earn points for their house and be emerged in a range of colourful sprays. More information about this event will become available closer to the end of the term.



### KEY EVENTS/DATES – Term 1

February	
18th	James Cook Kitchen Opening – 9am
21st	Meet the Teacher Day
22nd	Burden Park Excursion
28th	Twilight Tabloid Sports – 5pm
March	
5th	Grandparent's Breakfast Morning
11th	Labour Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
21st	Footsteps Dance Workshop
29th	Cross Country/Colour Run

Other key events will be communicated as they are organised through notices and newsletters.

If you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss, please contact your child's home group teacher. We are always happy to help.

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