

JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL
YEAR 5/6 NEWSLETTER
TERM 2 2019



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We welcome all students back to a busy and exciting term in Learning Module 4. We hope you had a relaxing and restful Easter break.

LUNCH, WATER BOTTLES and FRUIT

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 stay hydrated as well as avoiding the need to leave the classroom during learning time to have a drink. 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.



INQUIRY LEARNING

This term's Inquiry Learning unit is called, 'Disasters Down Under'. The students will learn about natural disasters around the world, especially within Australia and the impact they have had on the environment and people.

The unit will include a research project where the students will be required to create a diorama of a disaster shelter. The students will also make a Prezi presentation to accompany their diorama, which they will present to the class. Students will also have the opportunity to listen to a guest-speaker from the SES (State Emergency Service) about how bush fires are managed in Victoria. The date for this is yet to be finalized.



YEAR 5 NAPLAN

Testing in Literacy and Numeracy will be conducted on over a two week period, beginning on Wednesday 15th May to Thursday 23rd May. Our school has been migrated to the online NAPLAN testing platform this year. If you have any concerns regarding NAPLAN, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher. Parents and students can also visit www.nap.edu.au to access sample NAPLAN tests.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Interschool Sport begins on Friday 3rd May. Notes were sent home last term regarding our fixture. Students will compete against local schools in Volleystars, Netball, Soccer, Handball and Teeball. Emphasis will be placed on participation, teamwork and enjoyment. Either the full or part-payment option must have been made for the children to be able to compete.



YEAR 7 "TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL" APPLICATION FORMS

All Year 6 students will receive a Transition Pack which includes an Application Form for Secondary School in 2019. This form **must** be returned to us by **Friday 11th May**. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. We regularly receive information from local Secondary Schools which we pass on to interested students. Parents are advised to visit prospective schools on Open Days, attend Information Sessions and make personal visits to get up-to-date, accurate information about these schools. It is also extremely useful to look at any **school websites** you might be considering for your child as they will have important information and dates to help with your planning and decision-making.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge will start this term and will continue into Term 3. Year 5 and 6 students are required to read 15 books of which at least 10 must be from those recorded on the Reading Challenge list. Reading includes shared reading experiences both at home and school.



REPORTS AND PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Students' individual reports will be sent home on Monday 24th June, with Parent / Teacher Interviews held on Thursday 27th June. Appointments can be made online and information regarding the booking process will be sent home later in the term.

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. Students will be given their homework on Monday and should be returned on Friday morning. Students do not have homework over the weekend.

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 to avoid disappointment. Payments may also be made electronically via Qkr, which is accessible through the Flexibuzz communication app.

Term 2 excursion and incursions include the following:

- 24/4/19 - House Athletics
- 1/5/19 – Radio Awareness For Kids Incursion
- TBA – SES Incursion
- 18/5/19 – District Cross Country
- 3/6/19 – Divisional Cross Country

Special events:

- 8/5/19 – Curriculum Information Night
- 10/5/19 – Mother's Day Breakfast and Mother's Stall
- NAPLAN Testing (Wed 15th May -23rd May)

'Stick Together, Learn Forever' - Module Four Motto



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