

# James Cook Primary School

## Module 1 Newsletter Term 1



A special welcome to all families and students to Module One. We have had a wonderful start to Term One in 2020.

We have worked hard to create a warm and friendly learning environment for our students with Miss Padgham in Prep/1A, Mr Clement in Prep/1B and Miss Eldridge in Prep/1C. The children have settled in quickly and are becoming accustomed to the routines and schedules. Here is some information about our module and the expectations we have for your children.

### DAILY ROUTINE

Students and their parents are free to enter the module when the bell rings at 8.50 am. Students have 10 minutes to quietly organise themselves for the day and put their blue book bag in the tub. As part of our emphasis on developing independence, we request that parents leave the Learning Module at 9am. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please do so before or after school and arrange an appointment if you need to discuss anything with them.



### STUDENT BELONGINGS

Water bottles - All students need to bring a named water bottle to school for use each day. It is important students stay hydrated during the warm weather.

Hats - James Cook Primary School is a Sun Smart School and students are required to wear a school approved broad brimmed hat outside during term 1 and 4, when the sun and UV rays are at their strongest. Students with NO hat will not be able to play.



Fruit - Please ensure children have fruit and a healthy snack in their lunchbox. Students will have a break at 10.00am for a healthy food break.

Book bags - All students have a blue book bag that will be used for take home books, library books and any notices. Please ensure library books and take home books are kept in the bag in a safe place at home. Students will return their library books to the library after one week of having them at home.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

Personal items such as toys are encouraged to be left at home. The school is unable to take responsibility for personal items. When your child begins school and tell, students will keep their toys in their bag during the day for safekeeping.

## SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Padgham P/1A	Library	Science ICT	Music PE		PMP Mandarin Art
Mr Clement P/1B	Library	Science Music	PMP PE	ICT	Art Mandarin
Miss Eldridge P/1C	Library	Science	Music ICT	PMP	Mandarin PE Art

## HOMEWORK

Our homework and at home reading program aims to develop organisational skills and study habits.

### Preps

Prep students are required to read, or be read to, for 5 minutes every night. All reading should be recorded in the yellow reading log, which is kept in the blue book bag. Practising the coloured sight words daily will ensure that their reading vocabulary grows with their reading ability. The students' sight words will be tested weekly.



### Grade One

Homework activities will involve revision of work covered in class as well as activities that enhance your child's thinking processes. Daily home reading is an important part of the program and should be recorded in the yellow reading log, which is kept in the blue book bag. Homework is given out each Monday and is due back on Friday of that week.

## PARENT HELPERS

It is wonderful to have parents help in the module. Please see your child's teacher if you are interested in assisting with reading during the morning literacy block. Please note that we can only have parents helping if they have a

current, 'Working with Children' card. If you need more information about this, please contact the office.

### **MOVIES/DVDs**

As part of our studies or as an end of term reward, we may occasionally show movies or DVDs during the year. These will be G or PG rated movies. If you do not wish your child to watch PG rated movies, can you please let us know at our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### **PAYMENTS**

If you send cash to school, please deposit the cash in a labelled envelope, with the notice, into the post box located in the office. This is to ensure that both teachers and students are able to begin learning at 9.00 am and not spend time on administrative duties.

### **DIARY DATES**

Please add these dates to your diary for the term. Further information will be sent home regards to these events.

#### **February**

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Breakfast
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight Sports

#### **March**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Van
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Super Circus
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Harmony Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Colour Run
	Last day of term (early finish 2:30pm)

Our team of teachers in Module 1 are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning with your children.

Regards,

Caitlin Padgham (P/1A), Brad Clement (P1/B) and Sarah Eldridge (P/1C)  
Bec Hemer (Support Staff)