

COOK'S LOG



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Sharon in Grade 5 is a teacher in the making. Sharon completed a fluency task for Reading Extension - reading a children's book. It was so good that Ms Nelson played it for the Preps and Grade 1s onsite - and they LOVED it.

How is your reading fluency improving while you're at home? Will we notice a difference when you submit your next video?

A reminder to all students to please make sure you keep your meeting appointments with teachers, as they are trying to keep up with how you are doing and what you need to keep learning.

A big shout out to Chelsea, Olivia and Rose in Year 6. I was invited to attend the first ever **James Cook Primary School online Trivia night**, last Thursday. The girls, who clearly spent many hours of their time, put together a fantastic 45 minutes of challenging, entertaining and engaging social event. They will be conducting a new game each Thursday evening from 7.00-7.45pm for each year level. Watch out for your turn via an email with a link to the game, when it's your turn. I hope I haven't given away any clues girls 😊



Whilst it has taken a little longer than expected, our new terrace space, outside of the Specialist Centre, is almost finished. The beautification of this space was included as part of the art room refurbishment project funded by School Council. The builders are putting on the finishing touches, so that we can get plants put into the planter boxes that are behind the seating being installed.



Primary School



The remote learning landscape and Stage 4 COVID Restrictions means that we have to come up with different ways to make sure the wheels continue to turn at James Cook Primary School. We need your help to make sure families who have students turning 5 years old before April 30 2021, secure their place in Prep with us at James Cook Primary School. Some may be anxious due to time missed at kindergarten. I can assure parents, this will be taken into consideration and a strategy will be in place to transition them successfully into their first year of school. If you know of any families who are ready to become a member of the James Cook Primary School community in 2021, please ask them to make contact with the school on 9700 2601 to organise to collect a 2021 enrolment pack.

LIGHTENING THE LOCKDOWN LOAD Something for parents and carers



A FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS IN VICTORIA WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST, 8pm

Lockdown is hard. It hurts our kids and it's a drain on parents. The first time was tricky. There were challenges. For some, it was horrible. But most of us managed ok and got through it.

This time it's different. The pressure is higher. The demands are greater. The children are more oppositional. The home learning stretch is longer. While we can't click our fingers and make it magically disappear, there are real strategies that parents and children can rely on to not just survive, but thrive in lockdown. They're simple ideas that you can start on right away.

Dr Justin Coulson, one of Australia's most trusted parenting specialists, as he shares 4 secrets to make it through the pain of the Victorian COVID-19 lockdown. This free webinar will help you:

- Feel reassured, with less stress and pressure around your kids, their schooling, and life
- Have concrete strategies you can start on immediately to make your family happier
- Know how to be on the same page as your partner
- Be able to develop habits and practices that will ensure your children – and YOU – can get your daily work done, while at home <https://www.happyfamilies.com.au/freebies/lightening-the-lockdown-load/>

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At the beginning of Term Three, we thought we might be back by this coming Wednesday (19th) but of course we know we still have four weeks to go. Students in Years P-1 and 5-6 will need just one more small pack to get them through. Years 2-3-4 have all they need.

→Year 5-6 students can pick up their extra packs this coming Thursday 20th August between 10.45am and 1.15pm from Module one.

→Year P-1 students can pick up their extra packs this coming Monday 24th August between 10.45am and 1.15pm from Module one

Anne

'Brain Breaks' are essential to stay alert and focused. Try these. Let me know how you go.



Problem Two: Transforming Words
Transform each of the first three words into the word below it. Change just one letter at a time, forming a new word at each stage.
For example: To change cat to dog you may turn cat into cot, to cog, and then change cog to dog. There is usually more than one way to make changes. Your goal is to make the second word with the fewest possible number of changes. You may use any letter of the alphabet to make the changes.
(Note: The numbers in brackets represent the minimum number of changes required.)

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| COAL | SOUP | HEAD |
| ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| FIRE | BOWL | FOOT |
| (6) | (3) | (4) |

Problem One: Balancing Scales
If the first three scales are balanced, what needs to be placed on the final scales?
(Note: There are two possible solutions.)

.Five men were eating apples.
A finished before B, but behind C. D finished before E, but behind B. What was the finishing order?

"Name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday."