

COOK'S LOG



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I stand corrected - A TERM JUST LIKE THE NO OTHER... 'Unprecedented' 'Challenging' 'Exhausting'



Remote Learning has started off very smoothly for most of us. You can no doubt tell how hard the staff have worked in week one to plan and put together student learning packs to support you all over the next 4 weeks.



Thank you all for coming collecting the packs in readiness for a start last Monday morning.

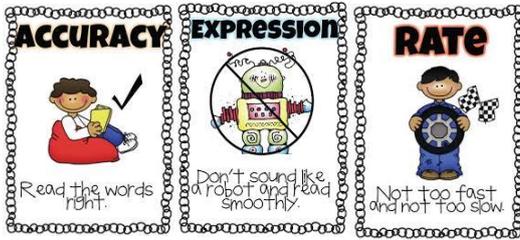
A great deal less troubleshooting with technology this time so that students and parents could go through a quick refresh and get straight into learning. I cannot stress to all parents how crucial it is that your children attend and participate in the online learning with their friends and teachers. We don't want to leave anyone behind.

As we head into Remote Learning for the second time, we are all mindful of how we interact when we are online. To ensure we stay on track with our implementation of School-Wide Positive Behaviours Support (SWPBS). I have included a copy of our remote learning engagement behaviours. Staff will be referring to them during the term, when online with students.



James Cook Primary School Remote Learning Expectations

- 1. We follow all staff instructions with good grace.**
 - All students are to follow the expectations below to ensure they and their peers benefit from remote and flexible learning.
 - Learning starts with a positive mindset, so ensuring expectations are reinforced will help children stay on task.
 - Students should only be in Webex meetings when there is a teacher present.
- 2. We use good manners when speaking and listening.**
 - Use the mute function during Webex meetings.
 - Put your hand up if you have a question or something to say.
- 3. We come to lessons organised and ready to learn.**
 - At a desk/table with all you need for your learning.
 - Eating times are built into the timetable. Please eat during these times.
- 4. We allow ourselves and others to learn without interference.**
 - Minimise distractions around the home learning workspace.
 - Keep the home learning workspace tidy.



Teachers will be filling all students in on a special reading challenge during this period of remote learning. Part 1 needs to be submitted by Tuesday morning next week (28th).

Anne



From the Music Room School Musical Term 3



Greetings parents and guardians,

As you know, it's a particularly uncertain time at the moment with restrictions constantly changing in regards to COVID-19 laws. Normally at this time of year we would have rehearsals and dance practise in full swing for our annual musical.

I would like to let you know that even though it won't be possible to stage a musical at the Drum Theatre this year, I am still planning a 'Virtual Concert' so that your children can share their musical and artistic ideas.

In the Prep and Grade One classes, the students are learning dances and songs, which I am hoping to record on webcams on the students' devices to edit together into a class performance. The Grade Two students are composing their own music and lyrics to share. The Grade Three and Four students are learning to perform songs on body percussion and household instruments, as well as choreographed dances. Finally the students in grades Five and Six are writing their own music, lyrics and directing video clips as part of their performance.

The aim will be to share the work with you all via a web link so that we can still celebrate your child's unique artistic voice. I am available if you have any questions, and you can check on your child's progress through either Google Classrooms or Class Dojo.

Finally, I am more than happy for siblings to collaborate at home and for parents, guardians and carers to participate with the students (if you're game!)

I know that things are hard right now, but hopefully this project will be a nice little time capsule of a crazy time in all of our lives.

Mr. M.