

# JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL MODULE 3 NEWSLETTER (TERM 3)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to another exciting term at James Cook Primary School. Term Three is shaping up to be exciting with a range of learning opportunities and inter-curricular events for students to actively take part in.

## HOME LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Home Learning will resume again this term with a new selection of tasks and activities to work on over the duration of Term Three. They will aim to foster creativity and design development and will help students gain exposure to working with a specific timeline. In addition to these tasks, students are required to complete their weekly spelling homework activity and read each night for approximately fifteen minutes. Home Learning will commence in Week 2.

#### INQUIRY LEARNING

The Victorian Department of Education has recently approved and released an education version of the popular program, 'Minecraft'. This new program complements our STEM focus for this term. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. These four components will be used to help develop student's creativity and design skills, as they will look at planning and designing their own interactive communities using Minecraft.

#### SCHOOL MUSICAL

This year our musical is called, 'The Amazing Race'. During the next eight weeks, students will be participating in preparation for the musical through dancing lessons and musical practise sessions. Students who have a speaking part will be required to learn their designated lines both at home and at school to ensure a successful night. The Musical will be performed at the Drum Theatre in Dandenong.

#### MODULE SPORT

In addition to weekly P.E. lessons, students will also be involved in 'Module Sport'. During this weekly one-hour session, students will gain knowledge and basic skills associated with a range of different sporting activities. This Term, students will also use this session to begin training for the Gleneagles Cup; an annual inter-school tournament for Basketball, Volleystars, Netball and Soccer.

# **ATTENDANCE**

It was fantastic seeing some of our students achieving a certificate for 100% attendance last term. It is extremely important to be present and on time at school each day to maximise learning opportunities. Missing the introduction to a lesson can put a student on the back foot with a certain concept. Please ensure that your child is at school unless they are unwell.

#### SCHOOL DISCO

Our annual 'School Disco' is approaching and will occur on the 10<sup>th</sup> August on a Friday evening. Last year's disco was one of the most successful in recent history and we are looking forward to seeing everyone get their dancing shoes on for a fantastic night.

## LIONS CLUB PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

James Cook Primary have been participating in the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition over the past couple of years with some fantastic results. Students are currently working hard in class to create an exciting speech about their favourite place within their community. They will present these to their fellow module members. From there, three students will be selected, to compete at school level with one eventually being chosen to represent the school at a district event later in the Term. Good luck, Module 3!

## IMPORANT DATES

JULY 30th	Pizza Lunch Day
31st	St. John's Ambulance - First Aid Session
AUGUST 6th	School Photos
10 <sup>th</sup>	School Disco
13 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Day - No school
20 <sup>th</sup>	District Athletics
27 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Lunch
31st	Father's Day Stall
SEPTEMBER 12th	School Musical + Rehearsal

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to talk to your child's home group teacher or the Module Leader.

We look forward to working with you,

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