



Module 3 – Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to James Cook Primary School for Term 2. We hope you had a safe and relaxing holiday break and are ready to continue our learning journey in 2018.

CURRICULUM

Each week, students will participate in a range of subjects designed to develop important lifelong academic and social skills. Our weekly lesson allocation is displayed below.

Module-Based Lessons	
Subject	Number of Sessions (Weekly)
Reading	5
Maths (Including Measurement)	5
Writing	5
Inquiry	2
Spelling	3
Handwriting	2
I.C.T.	1
Sport	1
Science	1

Additionally, students will participate in a weekly specialist class for Art, P.E, Music and Mandarin. Please don't hesitate to come and talk about your child's progress with their home group teacher. To organise a meeting, please write in the communication diary issued at the beginning of the year.

NAPLAN TESTING (GRADE 3 STUDENTS)

During Term 2, Grade Three students are expected to undertake the state-wide NAPLAN examinations. These exams will begin on Tuesday 15th May and will conclude on Thursday 17th May. Students will be tested on Reading, Writing, Numeracy and Spelling/Grammar and results will be available during Term 3. If you have any questions or concerns about the NAPLAN testing period, please contact your child's teacher.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In Module Three, we are striving to increase our attendance rates to ensure students are being taught sequentially and are not missing crucial conceptual building opportunities. Please ensure your child is attending school every day unless they are unwell. This term, we will be introducing incentives for students who are always present at school as we believe this is the key to success. Students will collect tokens for attending each day and will be rewarded for building up consecutive days. These tokens can be used in our Module Reward Shop to purchase items.

INQUIRY – HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

This Term, Inquiry sessions will focus on Australian celebrations, symbols and emblems and their significance. Students will be expected to complete a research project on a celebration throughout the term. Students will also look at the history of the First Fleet including the causes and reasons for the journey, who travelled to Australia and their experiences during their journey. This unit of work will include an excursion to Coals Creek to help students explore living experiences of Australia's first

generations. All students are expected to participate in this excursion, as it aligns with the Curriculum. There will be a cost to attend for students.

HOME LEARNING

Home Learning was a great success last term with the majority of students completing multiple projects over the term and presenting their final products to the module. It was fantastic to see such creativity and hard work put in to create our display area in Module Three. As a result, we will continue with the Home Learning Program this term. Students will receive this Term's activities early in Term 2 and will have the Term to complete these activities with their families. Additionally, students will need to complete their weekly spelling practice and will need to be reading independently at home for 15 minutes each night.

A.F.L CLINICS

As part of the allocated 'Sport' session, students will participate in an A.F.L clinic starting on Week 6. Students will learn the basic skills of Australian Rules Football including kicking, handballing and marking. These sessions will occur on Friday afternoons over four weeks, with each sessions being one hour long in duration.

KEY DATES – TERM 2

	APRIL
25th	ANZAC DAY - NO SCHOOL
30th	Special Lunch - Pizza
	MAY
4th	Visit from an Olympian - David Morris
9th	House Athletics Day
10th	Mother's Day Stall
11th	Curriculum Day - NO SCHOOL
15 th – 18 th	NAPLAN testing
18th	District Cross Country
TBA	3/4 Excursion to Coal Creek

➤ June dates will be confirmed

We look forward to working with you again this term,

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