

Module 2 Newsletter Term 1 2018

Welcome back to all our Year One and Two students and their families. A special welcome to our new students and families to Module 2. We also welcome Mrs. Sandra Hemer 1/2C back to Module 2, as well as some of our teachers from 2017, Mrs Jacqui Hutchinson 1/2A, Miss Sarah Eldridge 1/2B and Miss Elly Brusamarello 1/2D. The teachers have worked hard over the last few weeks creating a warm and friendly environment for our students. The children have settled in quickly and are already becoming accustomed to the new 2018 timetable changes, routines and schedules.

This newsletter will give you information about our module and the expectations we have for your children.

DAILY ROUTINE

We have had some changes to our morning routine. The students and their parents are free to enter the module when the bell rings at 8.50 am, for quiet reading before school. Students who prefer to stay outside may do so until the 9.00 am bell when all students are expected to be ready to start our morning Literacy Learning Block. Students who arrive late miss essential instruction and learning time. Please also ensure that you notify the school on days when your children are absent, as families will now be contacted on each day of unexplained absence. Due to our timetable changes, the end of day bell will now ring at 3.30 pm. Please see your child's home group teacher before or after school and arrange an appointment if you need to discuss anything with them.

CODE OF COOPERATION

The students in Year One and Two have developed a 'Code of Cooperation' to assist them in achieving their learning goals for 2018. This document clearly sets out the agreed expectations for the year. We ask that you discuss this with your children and return the signed 'Code of Cooperation' to school acknowledging your agreement.

WATER BOTTLES , HATS, FRUIT, ART SMOCKS, LIBRARY BAGS and CLOTHING

Water bottle - for use each day and named. It is important students stay hydrated.

Fruit - for the fruit break at 10.00am. Fruit helps the children stay focused and alert.

Recess - 11.00am -11.30am.

Lunch - eaten between 12.30-12.40pm, followed by lunch recess from 12.40-1.30pm.

Brain break - at 2.30 pm, for students to have a quick snack of fruit or a healthy snack.

Hats - James Cook Primary School is a Sun Smart School and students are required to wear a school-approved broad brimmed hat outside during terms 1 and 4 when the sun and UV rays are at their strongest. Students with NO hat will be required to stay in the designated shade instead of being able to play as part of our NO HAT, NO PLAY policy.

Art smocks - are needed for Art lessons to protect their clothing. Please make sure all are labelled.

Library bag - a named bag so they can borrow books from the library each week.

HOMEWORK

Our homework program aims to develop organisational skills and study habits. 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 their yellow reading log. Homework is given out each Monday and is due back on Friday of that week.

PAYMENTS

We have a new policy for payments (for excursions, special lunches etc). You will notice that on any notices sent home, you have the option to pay with cash or by credit. 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 building outside Ms. Schwarz's office.

DVD'S

As part of our studies or as an end of term reward, we may occasionally show DVDs during the year. These will be G or PG rated movies. If you do not wish your child to watch PG rated movies would you please let us know at our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Thursday 15th February 2018.

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SPECIALIST CLASSES

	MUSIC	PE	ART	MANDARIN	LIBRARY
12A Mrs Hutchinson	Wednesday 11.30 am	Tuesday 1.30 pm	Friday 11.30	Thursday 9.40 am	TBA
12B Miss Eldridge	Thursday 10.00am	Wednesday 2.30pm	Friday 2.30pm	Thursday 9.00am	TBA
12C Mrs Hemer	Thursday 9.00am	Tuesday 11.30pm	Wednesday 2.30pm	Thursday 10.20am	TBA
12D Miss Brusamrello	Tuesday 1.30pm	Thursday 10.00am	Friday 1.30pm	Wednesday 2.30pm	TBA

STUDENT COMMUNICATION BOOKS

All students have a communication wallet with a small book for parents/guardians and teachers to communicate whenever necessary. Each week a brief overview of what is happening in Module 2 will be pasted into the communication book. Please send the communication wallet every day, as all notices will be sent home in this as well.

PERSONAL ITEMS-IPODS,MOBILE PHONES, TABLETS/IPADS

Students are not to bring these or other items to school. We encourage the students to use recess and lunch breaks to socialise with other students, be physically active or participate in some of our lunchtime clubs. The school takes no responsibility for personal items. It is school policy that mobile phones be signed in at the office for safe keeping and collecting after school. If students bring a special toy for 'Show and Tell,' we encourage them to leave it in the classroom for safe keeping.

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 front office.

DIARY DATES

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

FEBRUARY 15TH - MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT
FEBRUARY 28TH - BELIEVE TO SUCCEED Burton Park Excursion 11.30-2.30
MARCH 7TH - CURRICULUM DAY(NO SCHOOL)
MARCH 12TH - LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MARCH 21ST - HARMONY DAY
MARCH 29TH - HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY P-6, END OF TERM

Our team of teachers in Module 2 are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning with your children.

Regards,

Jacqui Hutchinson (1/2A), Sarah Eldridge (1/2B), Sandra Hemer (1/2C), Elly Brusamarello(1/2D)
Miss Bec Hemer(ES staff), Ms Elisabeth Deligiannis (ES staff)