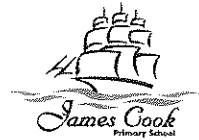


JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL
YEAR 5/6 NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2018



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to welcome all Year 5/6 students to a busy year ahead in Learning Module Four. We extend a special welcome to our new students. Years Five and Six are important years in each student's pathway to secondary school. Module Four will be a learning environment in which each student is encouraged to be an independent learner who participates in decisions about his or her own learning, make good choices and take responsibility for his or her own actions.

DAILY ROUTINE

All students are expected to be at school **before** the bell rings at **8.50am**, ready to start the school day. Student learning starts promptly at 9.00am and students who arrive late interrupt an important time of the day and miss essential information. As part of our emphasis on greater independence for all students, we request that parents allow students to be responsible for their own belongings and to allow them to organise themselves on their own when they arrive at school. It is possible to see your child's homeroom teacher before or after school but if a longer discussion is preferred, please arrange an appointment.

CODE OF COOPERATION

The students of Years 5/6 will be developing a Code of Cooperation to assist them in achieving their learning goals for 2018. It will set out the agreed expectations for the year. When completed, students will bring this home to discuss with parents or guardians. Parents/guardians, together with the student, are asked to sign and return the Code of Cooperation to school.

LUNCH, WATER BOTTLES, FRUIT and HATS

Please, ensure your child has enough food for snack and lunch each day. Students are asked to bring a water bottle to school for use during the day. This enables them to keep hydrated as well as avoiding the need to leave the classroom during learning time to have a drink at the taps outside. Please remember to clearly label the water bottle with your child's name. Students may also bring some fruit to have during the day. This is in addition to their recess snack and lunch. All students are required to wear a navy blue, wide-brim hat outside during Terms 1 and 4.

CHROME BOOKS

Each child will be allocated a Google Chrome Book at the beginning of the term. There will be an agreement that will come home outlining the schools policy on computer use, which we expect each student and parent to sign and return. Students will be allocated a Gmail account specifically to use for school related activities only. They will use Google Classroom to access and complete their homework online. Important notices and our weekly newsletter will also be posted on this platform.

HOMEWORK

The Homework program aims to develop organisational skills and sound study habits. Activities will include spelling, revision of work covered in class and research on Inquiry topics. Daily Home Reading is an important part of the program, and should be recorded in the Student Dairy. This year the school has provided subscriptions for all students to use Mangahigh and Reading Eggs on-line programs. Tasks may be included using these programs for their homework. Please let us know if your child does not have access to the internet at home. Homework is given out on Monday and must be returned by Friday. Consequences for non-completion of homework will include completing homework tasks during Sport or Interschool Sport sessions.

STUDENT DIARIES & HOME READING

Student diaries are used for communication between parents and teachers. Students also use the diary to record events and reminders and record their daily personal reading. All students must have this diary at school each day. Parents are asked to sign the diary each week.

PERSONAL ITEMS

A reminder that it is school policy that all mobile phones must be brought to the office before school for safe keeping, and collected after school. Please ensure ALL clothing, including hats, are labelled with your child's name for easy identification if mislaid.

SPECIALIST CLASSES

Each week students will have a Specialist class in Physical Education with Mrs. Tidey; Art with Mrs. Robertson (art shirt/smock needed); Mandarin with Ms Zeng and Music with Mr Mcpherson. They will also participate in daily fitness with the "Let's Get Active" program in the module.

SPORT

Module Four Sport is held every Friday morning with Mrs Tidey and the Year 5/6 teachers. Interschool Sport will take place in Terms 2, 3 and 4. All students are asked to wear sports shoes (runners), on Friday and during Physical Education lessons. This is to protect feet and ankles and to prevent injuries.

DVDs

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 February 15th, 2018.

YEAR 6 JUMPERS

Year Six students will be able to order special Year Six Jumpers for 2018. We will have sample sizes in Module Four for you and your child to choose from at the "Meet the Teacher" evening. These will be ordered at the beginning of March as Beleza does not take orders beforehand. Generally, the windcheaters do not arrive until the beginning of Term 2.

Year 5/6 Teachers:

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