

MODULE THREE NEWSLETTER – TERM 4

Welcome back to Module Three for the final term of 2018. We are expecting an eventful term before the year comes to a close on December 21st. There will be plenty of exciting learning opportunities, extra-curricular activities and school events until then and we are looking forward to continuing the learning journey with all of our hard-working and dedicated students.

HOME LEARNING

Home Learning will continue into Term 4 with a new selection of activities to choose from based on the concepts being discussed and taught in class. Students will also be required to complete a weekly spelling activity. It is also important for students to practise their timetables as it is expected that students can recall their timetables to 12 by the time they enter Grade 5. Students can also use Reading Eggs, Mangahigh and the newly purchased Literacy Planet to practice concepts being taught in class. If you would like to discuss other ways to support your child at home, please contact your child's home group teacher for a meeting.

HATS

Term 4 sees James Cook Primary School students requiring hats to play outside to complement our Sun Smart Policy. Protecting skin from harmful UV rays is important in maintaining long-term health in life and promotion and action from an early age is crucial. Students who do not have a hat, will be required to stay under cover for the duration of recess and lunch-time and may miss out on Module Sport. If you require a new hat for your child, please contact the office for the uniform list or visit the James Cook website for more information.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our swimming program returns this term after such a successful transition to North Lodge Swimming Pool last year. Swimming is a crucial skill for students living in Australia as this country possesses many of the world's most visited beaches. It is not too late to involve your child in the program as payments are still being accepted.

INQUIRY LEARNING

Unfortunately, our hope to complete a Minecraft based unit was unable to come to fruition due to circumstances beyond our control. However, last term, students were able to use a coding program called 'Scratch' to plan, design and create their own

video game. Students are putting the finishing touches on their games early this term.

This term, students will be investigating how vegetation plays an important part in our environment as well as the environment of other living things. Students will be comparing vegetation and sustainability opportunities in deserts, rainforests and reefs. Students will also learn about how climate differs in places such as Australia and Antarctica. Students will complete a project piece on vegetation and climate as part of their assessment for Term 4.

GLENEAGLES CUP

On Monday October 15th, students will be traveling to Gleneagles Secondary College to compete in the annual Gleneagles Cup. Students from Gleneagles Secondary College have been attending our school to help develop basic skills for the four sports being undertaken this year. Students have been training for their selected sport and will compete against other schools in Soccer, Basketball, Netball and Volley stars. Good luck to all of our students.

HOME READING

It is extremely important for students to read regularly to help embed lifelong reading skills taught during school. At 3/4 level, students should be reading independently as well as with adults. Research shows that students who read for 20 minutes each day are exposed to approximately 1.8 million words a year compared to 8,000 words for a student reading for 1 minute a day. Students should be bringing in their diaries each day with the title of the book they read from the previous night, along with a parent signature. Please help us achieve our home reading goals and encourage your child to read consistently on weeknights.

CAMP IN 2019

Next year, 4/5/6 students will have the exciting opportunity to participate in School Camp. This camp has been a regular feature of our school and is held every second year at Golden Valley. It is a fantastic chance for students to gain life skills and experience in a setting away from their usual surroundings. There will be many unique activities to enjoy including ropes courses, flying foxes, giant swings, volleyball, orienteering and even a night bushwalk. Payments are currently being accepted in the office. Please see reception for more information about the running of the camp.

KEY EVENTS/DATES

October	
15th	Gleneagles Cup Excursion
18th	Regional Athletics
30th	Count Us In – Music Performance
November	
5th	Sausage Sizzle Lunch
6th	Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday
9th	Mini-fete
December	
3rd	Swimming Program Begins
11th	Whole School Orientation
13th	Family Night
17th	Principal’s Lunch/Mystery Reward Excursion
19th	Module Party
21st	End of the School Year

Other key events will be communicated as they are organised through notices and newsletters.

We look forward to another great term,

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