

Cook's Log

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SCHOOL TERMS 2016

Term 1: 27 January – 24 March
Term 2: 11 April – 24 June
Term 3: 11 July – 16 September
Term 4: 3 October – 20 December

DIARY DATES

Thursday 14th

School Photos

Wednesday 20th

District Cross Country
2017 Prep Information night- 6pm

Monday 25th

ANZAC DAY-PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 26th

School Council 7pm
Sporting schools program/Tennis

MAY

Tuesday 3rd

Sporting schools program/Tennis

Friday 6th

Mother's Day Stall

Monday 9th

Sporting schools program/Hockey

Tuesday 10th

Sporting schools program/Tennis

Monday 16th

Sporting schools program/Hockey

Tuesday 17th

Sporting schools program/Tennis

Wednesday 18th

Open night

ACTING PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

My name is Caroline Burston and I am here as Acting Principal for Term 2. I consider myself to be very lucky to be here as it is such a happy and friendly school. I met with Ms Sharp and Mrs McDonald during the holidays. They told me what a wonderful school James Cook Primary School is.

I have been the Assistant Principal at Noble Park Primary School, not that far away. I love being a teacher, working with children and learning new things.

Maths is one of my favourite things, and for several years my role was to coach teachers in teaching maths. I have taught all grades, been an art teacher, music teacher, PE teacher (the less said about that the better) as well as being a classroom teacher. As teachers, we can turn our hand to anything!

Some things about me: I barrack for Hawthorn, I love shoes, I have one sister and one brother and I love music.

I would like to thank all of the staff and community for welcoming me to James Cook Primary School, and I look forward to meeting you all.

Stay happy ☺

Caroline Burston

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A very big welcome back to term 2, I trust that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. I would like to welcome Miss Caroline Burston who is our new Acting Principal, if you haven't had a chance to meet her as yet come by the office to say hello.

I would also like to welcome three new ES staff; in Module 1 we have Mr Barnes, in Module 2 Mrs Johnson and in Module 3 Ms Cumming. All three staff are working part time to support their allocated grades.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Just a reminder that on Thursday it is our school photo day. You have two options of placing an order; the preferred mode of ordering is through SchoolPix online system or you can bring the order and money on the day. If you wish to have a family photo done the company does prefer you to place the order on line. Please ensure that your child is in full uniform on Thursday.

RUN4FUN

Thank you to the children who raised money for our Run4Fun event last term. Prizes arrived on Tuesday and the majority of prizes have been handed out. If your child is yet to collect their prize please come to the office after school.

PFA

With Mother’s Day fast approaching we need to have a PFA meeting to organize gifts to sell on at our annual Mother’s Day stall. I have scheduled the meeting for next Monday April 18th straight after assembly. I hope all members are available to attend.

FIRST AID

Tonight all staff will be attending a three hour First Aid course to update CPR and our Level 2 qualifications. This is an annual event to ensure all staff are equipped with the skills to handle a variety of medical issues.

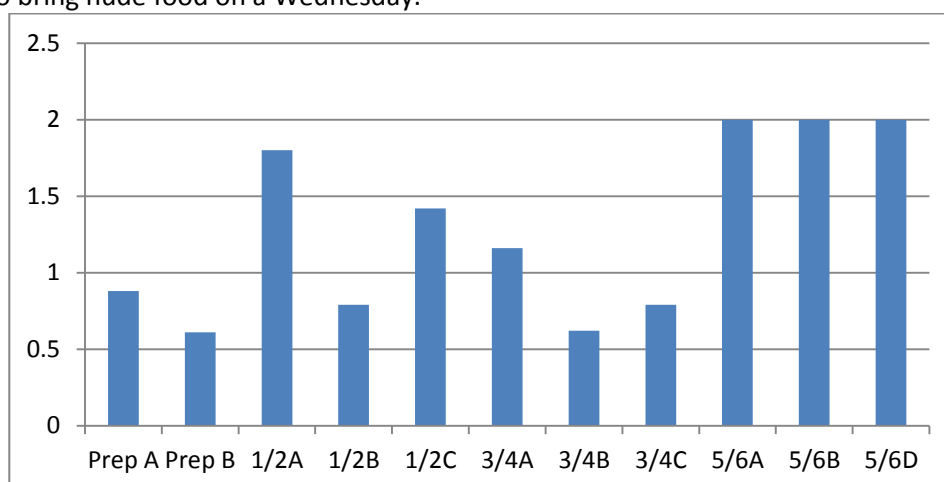
Have a good week

Lynne

STUDENT OF TERM ONE		
Prep A	Artemis	For a fantastic start to the school year
Prep B	Scarlett	For always following the James Cook Primary School values. Well done Scarlett!
1/2A	Troyencey	For being a kind and helpful class member and always giving his best effort
1/2B	Jasper	For a super effort this term
1/2C	Tiarna	For being a good role model
3/4A	Emily	For always quietly working away at her set tasks, thoroughly enjoying helping others wherever she can
3/4B	Teagan	For always being a helpful and caring student and for always completing work to a high standard
3/4C	Valentina	For being an attentive and hardworking student
5/6A	Tanja	Showing all the James Cook Primary School values throughout the term
5/6B	Suvaitha	For being a friendly student and following the James Cook Primary School values
5/6D	Maryke	For always giving her best effort, being kind and helpful and for following our Golden Rules

NUDE FOOD

Congratulations to Prep B with the lowest wrapper counts last week of 0.61 wrappers per child. Please remember to bring nude food on a Wednesday.



ATFTER SCHOOL SPORTING PROGRAM

MONDAYS Hockey
3.30pm – 4.30pm

May: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th
June: 6th

TUESDAYS Tennis
3.30pm – 4.30pm

April 26th
May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st
June 7th

Forms are available at the office and we can only take 25 children, so places will be given in order of the forms submitted.

If you are interested in your child participating in these sports please collect a permission form from the office. Children meet at the art room with Marie at 3.20pm and then the sessions with accredited coaches begin at 3.30pm.

MANDARIN

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Ni hao (that's hello in Mandarin)!! It is going to be a fantastic term in Mandarin. We are very excited to be running the program 'My Chinese Teacher' for module 2 and 4 to assist us in learning Mandarin. Primary years are important years to be immersed in another language and culture; we look forward to learning about all things Chinese this year through the use of mini games, song and dance.

Module 1: We will be learning how to count from 1-10 in Mandarin. We will also be learning about Chinese History which is related to the school inquiry for this term.

Module 2: We will be learning about some common phrases such as "Can I have a drink? We will also be learning about some famous landmarks of China which is related to the school inquiry for this term.

Module 3: We will be learning about colours in Mandarin. We will also be learning about the activities that Chinese people do which is related to the school inquiry for this term.

Module 4: We will be learning about some common phrases such as asking the whereabouts of a student. We will also be learning about some famous people from China which is related to the school inquiry for this term.

SPORE PROJECT

Have you seen the mushrooms growing in our garden?

The SPORE Project is an awareness program to support creativity and art education by constructing and planting mushrooms simply made from brown paper lunch bags.

Developed in 2005, the SPORE Project expanded into a world wide effort to spread the message of the importance of creativity and art education.

Ten of thousands of paper bag mushrooms have been constructed and planted by hundreds of individuals, students, businesses and organizations around the world.



Paper bag mushrooms have been planted in every continent of the world, including Antarctica!

SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

PARKING

Please be vigilant and observe all car parking signage around the streets of our school. The rules are in place for the safety of our children, our Crossing Supervisor, and residents. **In particular, there is no stopping at the front of the school (near the entry to the staff car park) while the flags are displayed.** It is also illegal to stop in the disabled parking bay unless you have a current “disabled parking permit” displayed.

Local Laws Officers have advised they will regularly monitor the traffic and parking around our school.

If you don't wish to be booked – please don't do the wrong thing!

An alternative to the congestion at the front of the school is to perhaps park in the side streets.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund help ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

How to Apply

- Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. Applications close 3 June 2016.

EXTEND: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENROL NOW FOR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply enrol and set up your account online at extend.com.au. Please note – all children **must** be enrolled before attending.

Flyers are available at the office. These flyers include general information about our services, as well as information about your out of pocket expense.

OPERATING HOURS AND FEES:

Before School Care: 7.00am – 8.45am

\$20.00 permanent, \$23.00 casual

***YOU PAY BETWEEN:**

\$5.40 - \$8.50 for a permanent booking –

After School Care: 3.15pm – 6.00pm

\$17.00 permanent, \$20.00 casual

***YOU PAY BETWEEN: \$5.13**

\$10.00 for a permanent booking

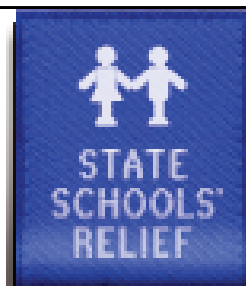
Emergency on-the-day bookings incur an additional \$5 fee, which is no more than \$2.50 after fee relief.

*Child Care Benefits and the non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate of up to \$7500 apply for eligible families. Fees are per child per session.

QUESTIONS?

Check out the FAQs on our website which contains useful information for new parents.

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au



*Confidence
to connect*

State Schools' Relief

Prep CSEF uniform support

Fact sheet for parents

Program background

As part of the Victorian Government's Affordable Uniform Program, every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher. Each year, State Schools' Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

What uniform support is provided?

SSR will provide:

- A basic windcheater and tracksuit pants
OR one of the following
- A bomber jacket, rugby top, hoodie or zip jacket

How can parents apply for the uniform?

Parents must apply for CSEF by the closing date listed at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef before they approach the school to apply. Primary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools.

Once approved, the voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).

What if parents have already purchased their child's uniforms?

Eligible parents who have already purchased their child's uniforms for the year can select items of a larger size from the retailer.

Can parents who are ineligible for CSEF or, who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?

Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions

- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 45 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged.
- Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is \$57 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.
- The value of the voucher is a maximum value rather than an entitled amount. Should the value of the item be less than \$57 the difference will not be credit towards other items.

More information

Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Schools: For SSR applications please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr



State Schools' Relief

Telephone: 03 8769 8400

Email: contact@ssr.net.au

Website: www.ssr.net.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KARATE AT
JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

守備力

BECOME A KARATE KID!

FIRST LESSON FREE

- Self Defence
- Fitness
- Discipline
- Confidence
- Control
- Co-ordination
- Fun

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Join the **nab AFL Auskick** for
FunFamily Footy in 2016

To register please visit aflauskick.com.au and search for the **ENDEAVOUR HILLS** centre.

Auskick is a great starting point for children to experience and learn more about the great game of Australian rules football and is a fundamental step in their early development.

Auskick runs every Friday Nights at
Charles Green Reserve

Starting at 5.30PM and finishes at 7.00PM

For more information please contact our Auskick coordinator
Jeff Benham
Mobile: 0479 135 537

Season starts
15th April