

Cook's Log

Principal News

We are finally seeing some obvious progress with the roof replacement works. 😊 Whilst there have been many tons of dirt being dug and deep holes being made, it has been hard to see the actual progress visually. Now the new hall roof is actually taking shape, and it will be higher than before to ensure that water runs off to the stormwater drains, not inside the hall and the storerooms.

The crane has been the eye-catcher this past week and the cause of a great deal of fascination among the children and the staff. I had an update meeting with the VSBA, and the builders earlier this week and we are hoping that we will have the Hall and the Library Building back in action for the beginning of Term 4 – Fingers crossed. 🙌 Once that happens the new building project can commence.



Over the next few weeks, we will be moving the office up to Module 4. We are gradually setting up and will be ready for the relocation prior to the next phase of building works. Access will via the cyclone wire gate up from the Adventure Playground next to the kindergarten. By next term, the front gate access on James Cook Drive, will no longer be available. All students will be required to enter the school via one of the 3 back gates behind Modules 2, 3, 4.



Rehearsals have commenced for this year's musical production, 'Roblox'. Lochie has written a fantastic script, bring the ideas of our Year Six students to life. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help with costumes and props making. Every little bit helps.

We welcome back Tracie Schwarz to the Assistant Principal, following her year with Southern Cross PS. We missed her and are all very excited to have her back with us. Sarah Eldridge is also back to see our Year 5-6 class through until the end of 2025. She is with us Tuesday through to Friday each week. Esther Peluso has joined us to be in the 5-6 class on Mondays.

Last but by no means least we welcome Aleksandra Madic to our Education Support Staff team. Aleksandra is working with our Prep class. It's been a great start to Term 3 2025.

"It's so good to have you back where you belong."

~ Anne



ANNE BURGESS
Principal

Assistant Principal News

I'm so excited to be back at James Cook and reconnect with this wonderful community. While I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at Southern Cross and am grateful for the experiences and relationships built there, it feels great to return to familiar faces and a place that feels like home. The warm welcome, smiling students, and positive energy around the school have made my first days back a real joy. I'm looking forward to working alongside everyone once again — supporting your children, strengthening connections, and continuing the great work already happening here. Here's to a fantastic term ahead!

~ Tracie



TRACIE SCHWARZ
Assistant Principal

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Thank You!

You've successfully made a donation of \$221.50!

Help by spreading the word!



Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to our fundraiser in support of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. We are proud to share that we raised a total of \$221.50. The Foundation's programs play a vital role in providing books and literacy resources to remote communities where access is often limited.

Thanks to your donations, we are able to help support and resource these communities, contributing to the development of their literacy programs and helping to create brighter futures through the power of reading.



Thank you
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and for

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HAPPY PRINCIPAL'S DAY!



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our principals for their unwavering dedication, leadership, and tireless efforts in supporting our school community. Your commitment to creating a positive and nurturing environment does not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for the guidance, care, and passion you bring each day. Thank you for all that you do.

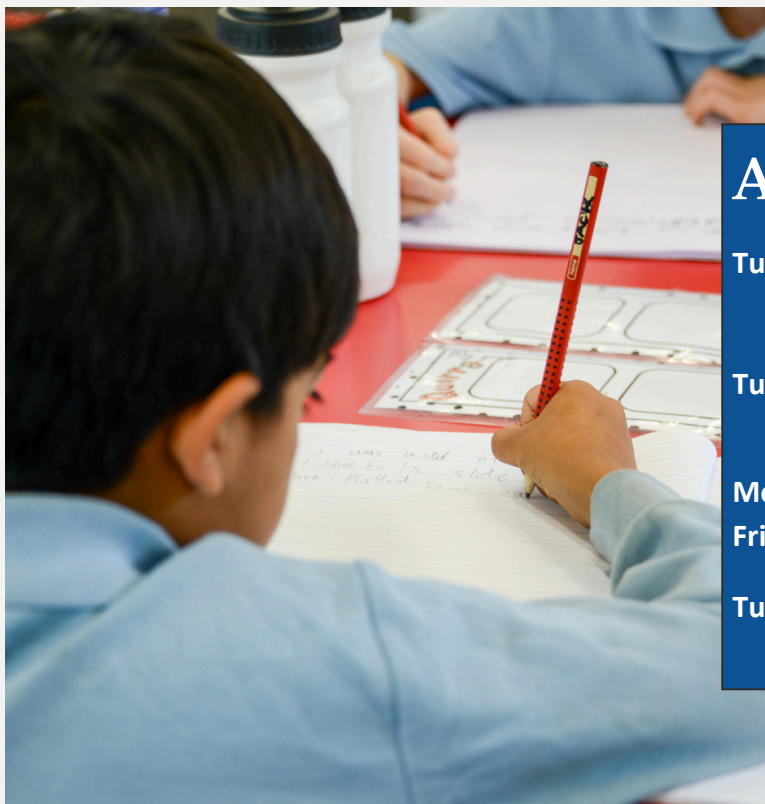


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Upcoming Events



AUGUST

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| Tues 5th | School Leaders Parliament House Excursion |
| Tues 5th | District Athletics for Selected Students |
| Mon 11th - Fri 15th | ICAS Testing- English |
| Tues 12th | School Council |

AUGUST

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| Wed 13th | Whole School Author Visit- Mark Greenwood |
| Mon 18th - Fri 22th | Book Week |
| Thurs 21st | Book Week Dress Up Day |
| Mon 25th - Fri 29th | ICAS Testing- Maths |



Students of the Week

Week 10: 23rd- 27th June 2025

FA

Nyssa

For doing a wonderful job during our Phonics Plus lessons and sounding out your words without being asked. Well done!

Armaan

For doing a great job during our Maths lessons and challenging yourself with addition problems to solve. Well done!

1B

Ameya

For showing dedication and persistence in her spelling. Ameya has shown great accuracy in spelling focus and high frequency words. Well done!

Hakmatullah

For increasing his initiative to complete tasks with more independence. Well done Hakmatullah!

1/2C

Elham

For the focus and determination he showed while working with near doubles. He showed growing confidence in maths has been wonderful to see.

Setayesh

For her great work sorting and understanding common and proper nouns. She showed excellent focus and made thoughtful contributions during our lesson.

2D

Elana

For showing enthusiasm to improve her learning and persisting through challenges with determination and effort.

Rossana

For working well with a partner and sharing her thinking when working out her numeracy tasks.

3A

Luka

For his clear and articulate oral presentation on volcanos, well done.

Ashvitha

For her consistent night time reading, congratulations on 100 nights so far this year.

4B

Sabeeka

For regularly tackling her IXL skills and constantly looking to improve her learning. Keep it up!

Anyang

For his fantastic leadership skills when playing European handball and playing in a safe manner. Well done!

5A

Akuach

For her wonderful efforts in challenging herself and achieving new learning goals.

Haktan

For demonstrating positive attitude towards exploring new concepts and enthusiastically participating in all lessons and group discussions.

6B

Rabiullah

For taking on teacher feedback with respect and using this feedback to make good choices

Yasmeen

For her enthusiastic approach to her project on Indigenous Australian peoples - great work!

Art

Zainab (1B)

For always putting in her very best effort in the Art room.

Lily (4B)

For showing an understanding of skills taught in the Art room through her amazing work.

Mandarin

Dunya (1B)

For always showing great manners in the Mandarin sessions.

Dunja (3A)

For demonstrating excellent passion and effort on Mandarin tasks.



Students of the Week

Week 11: 30th June- 4th July 2025

FA

Donia

For always being focused during our Phonics Plus lessons. You have shown so much progress in your letter sound knowledge. Keep up the great work!

Yusuf

For your enthusiasm and confidence in Maths. Your ability to use your counting skills to solve problems has shown great progress. Keep counting and calculating, you're a Maths superstar!

1B

Thomas

For his excellent active listening during class. Thomas is consistently showing wonderful listening skills and is always ready to learn. Well done Thomas!

Alejo

For his persistence in encoding and accurately spelling words. Alejo has shown wonderful dedication during literacy tasks. Well done!

1/2C

Brody

For the excellent progress he's made in his reading this term. He's been working hard, and I'm so proud of how far he's come.

Georgie

For working so well in a team and showing great sportsmanship. She encourages others and always plays with kindness and fairness.

2D

Mehreen

For her thoughtful contributions to class discussions and showing persistence to improve her numeracy tasks.

Abeera

For being a supportive and caring friend to her classmates and for applying the skimming and scanning strategy to improve her reading comprehension. Keep it up!

3A

Liana

For her resilience and growth mind set during our Maths lessons, keep it up!

Eric

For his consistent focus and concentration during our weekly ICT sessions well done!

4B

Quorra

For earning her pen license this week and consistently writing neatly across all areas. Well done!

Ana

For her convincing persuasive writing piece on why people should travel to Serbia. Well done!

5A

Kodie

For elevating his presentation to a new level by confidently sharing his cultural traditions and proudly displaying his cultural artefacts. Well done Kodie!

Dylan

For consistently challenging himself to improve his mathematical skills across all areas. Well done Dylan!

6B

Mohaddisa

For showing incredible responsibility and progress and in all areas of her learning in Term 2. What a fantastic effort!

Aarona

For working diligently and showing enormous respect to teachers and students throughout Term 2. Keep up the great work!

Art

Mehreen (2D)

For being helpful and always putting in her best effort during Art sessions

Jack (4D)

For showing great imagination and creativity in his Art work. Well done Jack.

Mandarin

Hakmatullah (1B)

For showing excellent engagement in Mandarin learning.

Delaney (3A)

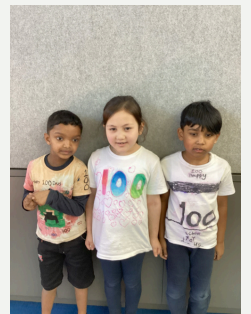
For demonstrating excellent manners and effort in Mandarin learning.

Module 2

Prep, Year 1 & Year 2

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- Prep's celebrated 100 Days of School with a variety of fun and engaging activities related to the number 100. Prep's had fun dressing up as 100 year olds and participating in a parade to celebrate!
- Prep's have settled in well to Term 3 and are continuing to make progress in literacy by applying their letter sound knowledge to write new words. Prep's are continuing to explore addition and apply their counting skills to solve problems.
- The Grade 1's and 2's jumped straight back into their learning for Term 3! We are consolidating some numeracy skills we learnt in Term 2 as well as learning new skills such as skip counting using money!
- We helped the Prep's celebrate their 100 days of school by making collections of 100 and using the writing prompt of 'If I had \$100...' the students definitely came up with some interesting answers!
- We have also all begun our dance lessons for the end of term school musical! The students have loved learning their dance and practicing the music!
- We are so proud of how the students have transitioned back into Term 3.



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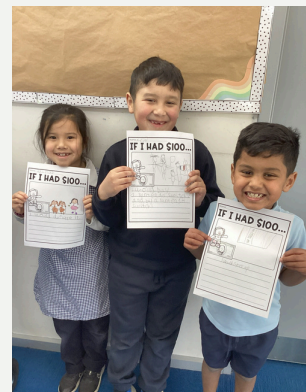
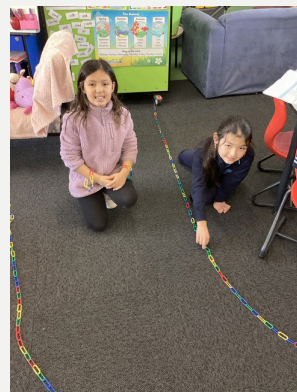
Prep, Year 1 & Year 2

FUTURE LEARNING

- Grade 1's and 2's will be looking at several modelled texts and showing their writing progress through our big write lessons.
- Grade 1's and 2's will also be investigating several maths concepts and strategies such as building to ten and beyond.
- The Prep's will continue to investigate families and what makes up a family. They will also continue working on counting collections up to 20 and exploring patterns.

UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- Book Week is in week 5 of term. We will be having a Book Week dress up day on Thursday the 21st of August.



Module 3

Year 3 & 4

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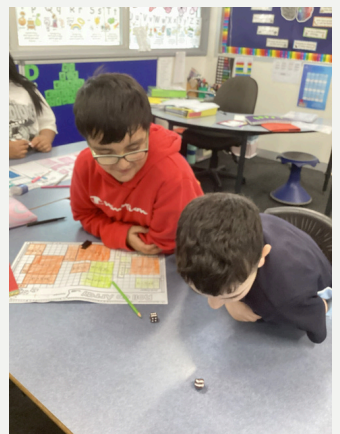
- This term began by celebrating NAIDOC Week, we have been exploring Indigenous culture, stories and people.
- Our students have begun rehearsing parts, songs and dances for our upcoming musical – it's already sounding fantastic!
- In Literacy, we're diving deeper into narratives focusing on this year's CBCA Book Week short list, while continuing to work on our spelling and vocabulary.
- In Numeracy, we are continuing to strengthen our understanding of number patterns, fractions, decimals, and Australian money.
- The grade 4's have written fantastic recounts on their recent school holidays.

FUTURE LEARNING

- Soon, our focus will shift to multiplicative thinking, including calculating groups of, repeated addition, arrays, and multiplication equations.

UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- District Athletics
- Whole school author visit
- Book Week- including dress up day



Module 4

Year 5 & 6

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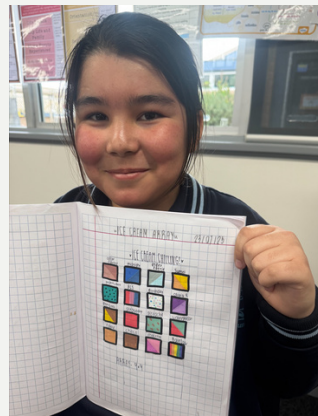
- NAIDOC week and Indigenous peoples
- History of migration in Australia
- Clauses in simple, compound and complex sentences
- Integers and their practical applications
- Arrays to represent multiplication problems
- Multiplication strategies-Rounding and split strategies
- Measurement of Angles
- Complementary and Supplementary Angles
- Character Strengths and everyday challenges
- Musical Practise

UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- Endeavour Hills District Athletics to be held at Casey Fields on Tuesday, August 5th, 2025- Proposed participants have been informed.
- School Leaders Parliament visit
- Whole school Author visit
- Book week

FUTURE LEARNING

- Types of clauses
- Multiplication strategies
- Addition and Subtraction with integers
- Measurement of Mass



Art

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

The Art Room has been buzzing with fun and excitement as students have been creating Winter images of snowmen and Winter Landscapes.

Students have combined their skills creating shapes, lines and spaces to give the illusion of form. To enhance their work, different types of media has been used, such as painting, printing and the use of scrap paper and material o further add to their self expression in the compositions.

This Term, students will be working with Playdoh, Plasticine and Clay to create some amazing pieces of Art. Keep an eye out for an update later in the Term.



Everyone will



when we all follow our "Matrix of Expectations."

Let's just 	 Safe Protecting yourself and others	 Responsible Looking after yourself and making good choices	 Respectful Looking after people and property
ALL SETTINGS	<p>We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.</p> <p>We use property and furniture for its correct purpose.</p> <p>We transition in two lines.</p> <p>We tell a staff member if something is wrong.</p> <p>We stay in designated areas.</p>	<p>We return equipment to its rightful place.</p> <p>We put rubbish in the correct bins.</p> <p>We keep all our belongings in their correct place.</p> <p>We follow instructions from staff.</p> <p>We wait quietly when lining up.</p> <p>We ask for help when needed.</p> <p>We admit our mistakes.</p>	<p>We share school property.</p> <p>We wear the correct school uniform.</p> <p>We take turns.</p> <p>We use please, thank you and excuse me.</p> <p>We ask before touching others' belongings.</p> <p>We transition quietly during learning times.</p> <p>We let other out the door before entering.</p>
TOILETS	<p>We give others privacy.</p> <p>We wash our hands with soap.</p> <p>We report problems to a staff member.</p>	<p>We close the door when in use.</p> <p>We flush the toilet.</p> <p>We leave when finished.</p>	<p>We use toilets for their correct purpose.</p> <p>We are quiet.</p> <p>We wait our turn.</p>
LEARNING AREAS	<p>We get permission before leaving.</p> <p>We walk inside.</p> <p>We remain properly seated during learning times.</p>	<p>We have our tools and equipment ready.</p> <p>We are on time.</p> <p>We complete our work on time.</p> <p>We stay on task to reach our goals.</p>	<p>We are quiet during independent learning times.</p> <p>We allow others to stay on task.</p> <p>We wait our turn to speak.</p>
OFFICE	<p>We use the correct doors.</p> <p>We listen to office staff.</p> <p>We sign in and out, when we are late or leaving early.</p> <p>We return to class straight away.</p>	<p>We bring one person only with us to first aid.</p> <p>We sign our mobile phone in and out.</p> <p>We place all payments and forms in the post box.</p>	<p>We wait until the first aid adult invites us in.</p> <p>We enter the office quietly.</p> <p>We wait our turn.</p>
PLAY AREAS / OUTDOORS	<p>We walk on ramps.</p> <p>We stay in the correct play areas.</p> <p>We leave sticks, rocks and stones on the ground.</p>	<p>We move to the Module as soon as the music starts.</p> <p>We ask the yard duty teacher for help if needed.</p> <p>We bring our equipment and belongings in after play.</p>	<p>We discuss, agree to and follow the rules of the game.</p> <p>We accept or decline politely others' playing choices.</p>
ICT	<p>We only use sites on Bookmarks.</p> <p>We use our own log in details.</p> <p>We keep our passwords private.</p> <p>We walk with our Chromebook.</p>	<p>We adhere to the ICT user agreement.</p> <p>We carry our Chromebook as instructed.</p> <p>We return our Chromebook to the charging area.</p> <p>We plug in the charger.</p>	<p>We remove our earbuds when the teacher is giving instructions.</p> <p>We half-close the lid when the teacher is speaking.</p> <p>We keep our hands off the keyboard when the teacher is giving instructions.</p>



JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL MATRIX OF EXPECTATIONS

Our goal is to build successful and responsible learners, in a safe and respectful environment.

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Community News



Come & Explore

At St John's Regional College, we provide a supportive and inclusive environment where students can thrive. With a strong focus on educating the whole person, we offer a range of academic, vocational, and creative pathways tailored to your child's unique interests and strengths.

WHY CHOOSE ST JOHN'S?

- Faith-Based, Values-Driven Education
- Academic Excellence and Innovative Learning
- Dynamic Arts and Sports Programs
- A Warm, Welcoming Community

DISCOVER THE ST JOHN'S DIFFERENCE.

Join us for an upcoming tour and see our vibrant learning community in action:
Saturday, 2 August at 10:00 am or **Thursday, 28 August** at 6:00 pm, followed by our **Sports Academy** Information Session. Weekly tours also run every Thursday at 9:15 am.



BOOK A TOUR TODAY

Come and see what life at St John's is really like. Meet our students, tour our facilities, and speak with our team about how we can support your child's next chapter.

VIBRANT PROGRAMS.
ENGAGED LEARNERS.
SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY.



CYBER SAFETY : GROWING UP ONLINE



Monday 11 August 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Br Dominic Della Bosca Lecture Theatre

Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cyber-safety and young people. She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. Susan is a sought-after presenter and advisor to schools. She writes and reviews school policy and provides crisis management/ advice to schools. A sought-after media commentator, she recently co-authored the NSW Govt. review of mobile phones in schools.

Susan is a member of the National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB), a Trusted Education Provider (Office of the eSafety Commissioner) and an ambassador of Collective Shout. A published author, her book 'Sexts, Texts & Selfies', is the definitive guide for parents, teachers and carers to help children stay safe online.

- **Reality and Risk.** The reality of the online world. It's not a matter of if but when.
- **What are kids doing online?** Learn the latest apps and platforms your kids are on, want to be on or are being told about at school.
- **Online Grooming.** What is it, and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs, and what should you do if you suspect this is happening to your child?
- **Cyberbullying.** What and where it happens, signs, prevention, response, and legal risks.
- **Sharing Nudes.** The taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences, as well as the Law.
- **Problematic Gaming.** How do you manage digital devices in your home to avoid problems, and what do you do if/when they arise?
- **Exposure to damaging content.** Including online pornography and sites that encourage suicide, self-harm and eating disorders.

The session will conclude with a Q&A. Don't miss this opportunity to gain crucial insights and practical advice.

Please book here

