

Cook's Log

Principal News

Welcome back to Term Three to you all!

On the Tuesday before the end of last term I was able to have another look at the progress of the new buildings with Mrs. Schwarz and Ms. Moore. They were very excited to see how their new offices are going

At my last meeting with the builders, they told me that our handover date for the new buildings is now Friday 4th December 2026. We should have just enough time to move our new classroom furniture in, ready for a fresh start for everyone in 2027.



Mrs Schwarz's office



The Staff Room



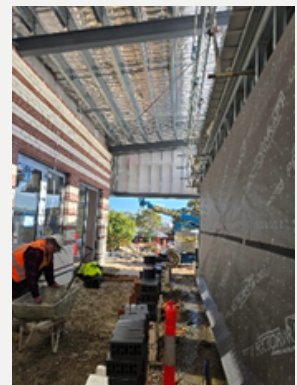
Ms Moore's office



The office reception



First Aid Room



Walkway



Prep classroom



Year 1-2 classroom



Front of the school from the office



Boys on the left – Girls on the right



Beginnings of a ramp



A big thank you to all the families who remembered to send in a gold coin donation on Friday for our NAIDOC week celebrations. Also thank you to those children who remembered to bring in their money today to support the 'Indigenous Literacy Foundation', and the work they do to source books and materials to support indigenous students in remote areas to learn to read in their first language.

That being said the communications relating to the day clearly asked that ALL students bring a donation whether they came dressed in ATSI colours or not.



'Such is the Life of Gordon Mallard', our 2026 musical production is coming along amazingly. It is important that ALL students have their costume items here at school by the end of this week please. Information regarding ticket sales for August 19th will be available very soon. Keep a look out for Compass notifications about this.



Anne Burgess
Principal

Dads will also need to keep Friday 4th September free for the Father's Day Breakfast 8.15-8.55am. Instead of a stall this year, an order form for a Father's Day Pack and photos will also come via Compass.

~ Anne



Upcoming Events



JULY

Fri 17th NAIDOC Week Dress Up Day

**Mon 27th -
Wed 29th** Year 3-6 Malmsbury Camp

Tue 28th School Council Meeting



AUGUST



Thurs 6th District Athletics

Tue 11th Year 7 Acceptance Slips Due
Musical Dress Rehearsal (School)

Wed 19th Musical Dress Rehearsal (Theatre)
Musical Performance

**Mon 24th -
Fri 28th** Book Week

Thurs 27th Whole School Rapunzel
Performance



Students of the Week

Week 1: 2026

OOT

Bitu

For always listening carefully to instructions and completing all work to a high standard. Well done!

Yaruf

For consistently making safe choices and showing respect to everyone in our classroom. Well done!

12W

Ahmed

For showing increased focus during learning, staying on task more consistently, and confidently beginning to share his ideas and knowledge during class discussions

Eleya

For his outstanding effort during Phonics and Literacy, consistently completing all learning tasks and challenging himself by confidently attempting extension words.

12E

Malak

For settling into Term 3 with a positive attitude, demonstrating excellent listening skills, and consistently completing all learning tasks to the best of her ability.

Yusuf B

For making a fantastic start to Term 3 by remaining focused, following classroom expectations, and actively participating in all learning activities.

GREAT JOB!

34S

Jaksa

For his effort and participation during our dance rehearsal. Keep it up!

Ashvitha

For her incredible effort during maths when working with multiplication and repeated addition problems. Well done!

34H

Matej

For consistently providing positive contributions to class discussions and for his enthusiasm during Dance Mob rehearsals

Susan

For making a fantastic start to Term 3 by remaining focused, following classroom expectations, and actively participating in all learning activities.



Students of the Week

Weeks 8 & 9: 2026

FANTASTIC!

ART

Ali R 12W

For his focus and fantastic effort and design work in the painting of his 'clapping' sticks during Art.

Leda 56L

For consistently giving her very best with her Art work and producing amazing results.

56R

Zuzu

For making steady progress in writing and becoming more confident in expressing ideas clearly and effectively.

For consistently providing positive contributions to class discussions and for his enthusiasm during Dance Mob rehearsals

56L

Mustafa

For his continued improvement in writing by producing more detailed work and using a wider range of vocabulary and sentence structures.

Bella

Has grown in confidence during Dance Mob and is developing stronger voice projection when performing with the class.

Nouray

Has consistently made positive contributions to class discussions and has demonstrated exceptional commitment, enthusiasm, and teamwork during Dance Mob practice.

P.E

Ermiya 00T

For always showing a caring, sharing and inclusive attitude towards his classmates during games and activities in Physical Education.

Jaden 56R

For demonstrating great striking, balancing and dodging skills during the Gaga ball game in Physical Education this week.

**You
CAN
DO IT!**

**You're
DOING
GREAT!**

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



JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL MATRIX OF EXPECTATIONS

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



LOST PROPERTY ANNOUNCEMENT

There are a number of clothing items currently in lost property.

If your child is missing any clothing, you may visit your child's module in between 3:00 - 3:15pm.



To assist with the return of misplaced items, we kindly ask that all children's uniforms and belongings are clearly labelled.

Labelling can be done using a black permanent marker or iron-on labels. This simple step greatly reduces the likelihood of items being lost or unclaimed.



FOOD PANTRY

Every Wednesday

8:30am – 9:00am

Module 4

Community News

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James Cook
Primary School

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Tuning in to Toddlers™ Officer

This fun, practical, and evidence-based 6-week program is designed for parents and carers of children aged 1 to 4 years.

Discover how to navigate your toddler's big emotions while building a calm, confident, and strong connection.

Come along and learn how to:

- Understand, accept, and respond to your toddler's emotional needs.
- Build practical skills to stay calm during tough moments.
- Deepen your daily connection and attachment.
- Create a safe environment for your toddler to grow, learn, and thrive.



Please note: This program is for caregivers residing in the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire, and Greater Dandenong who have at least 50% custody. Please be aware that children cannot attend the sessions, and childcare services are not provided.

COST
Free

DATES
Wednesdays

July: 29th
August: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
September: 2nd

TIME
10am until 12:30pm

VENUE
Kurmboon Child and Family Centre
297 Pink Hill Blvd, Officer

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential
REGISTER HERE:

<https://forms.office.com/r/es1LPlKZdyG>



ENQUIRIES
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Tuning in to Kids™ Dandenong



This engaging six session parenting program is designed for parents and carers of children aged 3-12 years.

Based on an easy-to-follow five-step emotional coaching approach, Tuning in to Kids™ empowers families to build stronger relationships and support children's emotional wellbeing.

Join us and make a lasting impact on your family's wellbeing!

By participating, you'll learn how to:

- Understand and nurture your child's emotional intelligence.
- Confidently coach your child through big feelings by tuning in to their emotions.
- Equip your child with tools to manage emotions, solve problems, and navigate challenges.
- Teach your child healthy ways to handle conflict and build resilience.

Please note: This program is for caregivers residing in the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire, and Greater Dandenong who have at least 50% custody. Please be aware that children cannot attend the sessions, and childcare services are not provided.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Scan the QR code to register

<https://forms.office.com/r/12ub4HWWZv>



COST

Free

DATES

Thursdays (6 weeks)

Starts 30th July
6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August
3rd September

TIME

10:00am until 12:30pm

VENUE

Uniting, Dandenong
51 Princes Hwy
Dandenong 3175

Light refreshments will be served

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Parenting Adolescents

Narre Warren

This 6-week program offers an opportunity to reflect on parenting and adolescents, and how you can support your child in having the experiences you hope for as they grow. It is suitable for parents and carers of children aged 10 to 17 years.

The Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting Adolescents program supports you as a parent or carer to:

- explore your parenting style.
- learn more about brain development during the adolescent period and its influence on the adolescents thoughts, feelings and behaviour.
- explore new ways of communicating with your adolescents.
- discover ways to take care of yourself, practice self-compassion and how to find support when needed.

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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Scan the QR code to register

<https://forms.office.com/r/f1uNRQTPt5>



COST

Free

DATES

Mondays [6 weeks]

27th July and 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th,
31st August 2026

TIME

10:00am until 12:30pm

LOCATION

Uniting Narre Warren;
55 Webb Street, Narre Warren
VIC 3805

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AN EXTRA WEEK OF TRAINING**



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FROM 6PM - 7PM
CASEY FIELDS, VFL OVAL 1 (THURIN CENTRE)

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GROUPS
AVAILABLE**

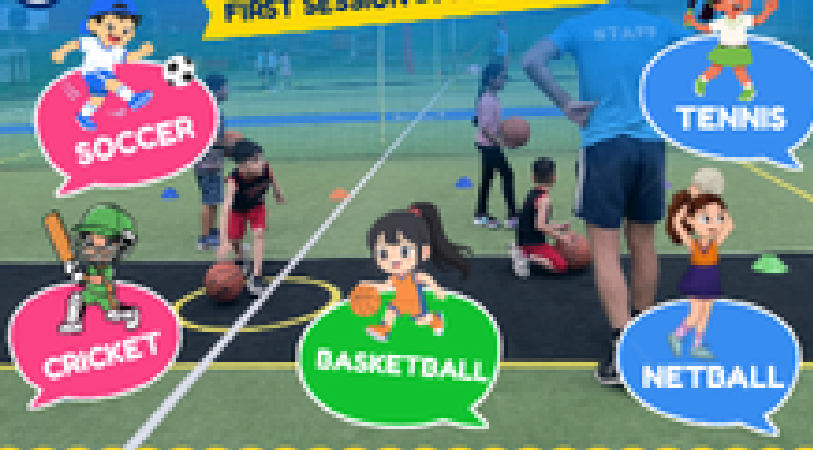


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AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS

FIRST SESSION = FREE TRIAL



DAY & TIME	AGE	PRICE
Mon & Wed 5:30-6:30pm	5-11 Years old	\$15/ session



📍 Springvale Indoor Sports **REGISTER**

PARTIES

SPACE JUMP PARTY

SPORTS PARTY

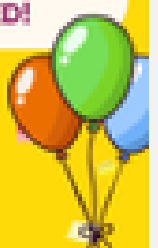
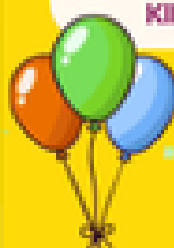
DODGEMCAR PARTY

BUBBLE SOCCER PARTY

NERF PARTY

LASER TAG PARTY

STARTING FROM \$268 (10 children)
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Food and Emergency Assistance

Do you need food or emergency support?

We provide **material aid** for people and families experiencing crisis or emergency situations.

✓ What support can we provide?

-  Food hampers / pantry items when available
-  Food vouchers
-  Help with some medical prescriptions
-  Shower passes

What to expect when you visit

Our staff and volunteers will:

-  listen to your situation (listen to you about your situation)
-  complete a short assessment
-  work with you to find the right best support available

Ongoing support

Our funding is limited, so we will not be able to provide ongoing support. We can help you to **connect with other food relief agencies** if you need continued assistance.

We can also help with

-  referrals to other community services & organisations
-  referrals to financial counselling for budgeting and money management
-  finding better utility providers (electricity and gas)
-  organising setting up payment plans

Please note: we cannot pay utility bills, but we will help you explore your options.

Language support

Telephone Interpreter Services are available.

You don't have to go through this alone - We're here to help.

