

Cook's Log

Assistant Principal News

It has been another busy and exciting fortnight across the school! Our Year 3–6 students have returned from their Malmsbury Camp with plenty of stories to share. While many campers came back a little tired, they were incredibly well looked after, enjoyed delicious meals, and embraced every adventure with enthusiasm. A huge thank you to our staff who made this experience possible.

There is also a great sense of excitement building as we prepare for our upcoming school musical. Students are currently being fitted for their costumes, and the anticipation is certainly growing. With only three weeks to go, we encourage families to purchase their tickets using the link shared in previous communications. We can't wait to showcase the incredible talent and hard work of our students.

In Ms Burgess's absence, I hope you all enjoy a restful weekend and look forward to another fantastic fortnight of learning together.

~ Tracie



Tracie Schwarz
Assistant Principal

Upcoming Events



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

Tue 25th School Council Meeting

Thurs 27th Whole School Rapunzel
Performance



SEPTEMBER



Fri 4th Father's Day Breakfast
Father's Day Stall

Thurs 10th R U OK Day

Tue 15th School Council Meeting

Wed 16th Division Athletics

Fri 18th Footy Colours Day
Last Day of term 2:30



Students of the Week

Weeks 2 & 3: 2026

**You did
Great!**

OOT

Elia

For his amazing writing using capital letters and full stops. Well done!

Czarina

For her excellent engagement and respectful behaviour during our school musical rehearsal.

12W

Vesa

For always approaching every task with enthusiasm, trying her best, and showing wonderful passion and dedication in her role in the school musical.

Asra

For her growing confidence, always giving new challenges a go, and asking for help when needed to support her learn

12E

Sajra

For her fantastic effort in learning and using new sounds to read and spell words.

Hesam

For showing excellent focus and enthusiasm during our school musical rehearsal.

COOL!

34S

Bardh

For contributing with fantastic responses and enthusiasm during discussions on camp. Well done!

Eric

For trying new things and stepping out of his comfort zone during camp. Keep it up!

34H

Amir

For contributing with fantastic responses and enthusiasm during discussions on camp. Well done!

Anabia

For participating enthusiastically in all camp activities, pushing themselves to try new challenges, supporting their peers, and following instructions with maturity.

56L

Zubi

For joining in with enthusiasm, and making the most of every camp experience.

Leda

For demonstrating outstanding leadership, actively participating in all camp activities, and setting a positive example for others.

**Well
Done!**

Students of the Week

Weeks 2 & 3: 2026

56R

Miray

For participating enthusiastically in all camp activities, pushing themselves to try new challenges, supporting their peers, and following instructions with maturity.

Sabeeka

For embracing every camp experience, stepping outside their comfort zone, supporting their peers, and consistently following instructions.

Sahil

For showing enthusiasm, resilience, and respect throughout camp by embracing new challenges, supporting others, and following instructions at all times.

P.E

Pinar 12W

For showing determination and enthusiasm when playing running and throwing games in Physical Education.

Congrats!

ART

Myles 12W

For listening to instructions and focusing during Art, to produce an amazing piece of art work.

Ilia 34S

For showing enthusiasm and always giving his very best during Art sessions.

Good
JOB

AUSLAN

Mahdia A 56R

For showing improvement in depicting expression and body language when storytelling in Auslan.

Dolcie K 00T

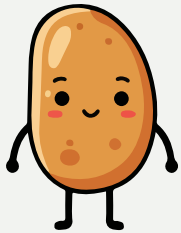
For showing respect to the teacher and others when use her hand to ask questions and participating in class activities.

so proud
of
You

Amazing!

Module 2

Year 1 & Year 2





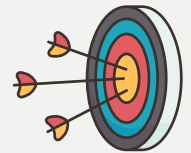
Module 3

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6



WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- Our Year 3–6 students recently enjoyed an unforgettable 3-day, 2-night camp at Doxa Adventure Camp in Malmsbury. A total of 58 students took part in an action-packed program that challenged them, built their confidence, and created lasting memories.
- Throughout the camp, students enthusiastically participated in a wide range of activities, including the ropes course, archery, bushwalking, the giant swing, wall climbing, Gaga Ball, and a campfire sing-along, to name just a few. Along the way, they demonstrated resilience, teamwork, encouragement, and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones.
- It was wonderful to see students supporting one another, celebrating each other's achievements, and embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm. Camp was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, and we are incredibly proud of the positive attitude and behaviour displayed by all of our students.



FUTURE LEARNING

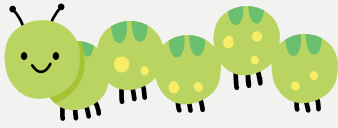
- With camp now behind us, our focus shifts to preparing for our upcoming school musical. Rehearsals are well underway, and we are looking forward to sharing all of our students' hard work and talent with our school community when they take to the stage.



UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- District Athletics
- Musical
- Book Week





Auslan



What we have been working on:

All years have been learning about different depicting sign elements - entity, handling, size and shape specifier and constructed action. We have been depicting a range of images and comics to tell a story with our facial expressions, body language and hands.

Foundation-2 is learning the fundamentals of depicted action through non-manual features and body movement.

Years 3-6 show detail in their storytelling through use of space, transposition, and role shifting. We continue to review previous subjects including emotions, fingerspelling, numbers, colours, animals, food, and HOLM+NMF.

Future learning:

Foundation-2 will be learning about school signs including objects around the classroom and areas in the school. They will build on their conversational skills and vocabulary.

3-6 will continue throughout the term focusing on advancing their storytelling abilities.

Year 3/4 will look at the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They will use depicting signs to tell this story in groups.

Year 5/6 will be creating their own short stories alongside a chosen letter of the alphabet, to create 'The Alphabet Story'.

Upcoming Events/News:

Foundation EOT video: 'Places around the school'

1-2 EOT video: 'The Alphabet Book or Places around the school'

3-4 EOT video: 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'

5-6 EOT video: 'The Alphabet Story'

National Week of Deaf People (NWDP) September 21st - 27th



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

iROCK
MUSIC SCHOOL



James Cook
Primary School

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WANNA ROCK AT JAMES COOK?

**COME LEARN AN INSTRUMENT WITH THE
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your
inner
ROCKSTAR

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SEND US A MESSAGE!



*\$25 EXCLUDES GST



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/es1LPkZdyG>



ENQUIRIES
P: 9704 8377

groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

Uniting



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.

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/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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Victoria Police

Casey PSA Neighbourhood Policing Forum



VICTORIA POLICE

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Young people
- Family violence
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must.

To attend, please register by sending your details to:

CASEY-CEC-MGR@police.vic.gov.au

or scan the QR code.

To submit a question prior to the forum:

[CASEY NHP questions](#)

Event details

Date:

20th August 2026

Time:

6:00pm – 8:00pm
(Doors open 5:45pm)

Location:

**Bunjil Place,
2 Patrick Northeast Drive,
Narre Warren 3805**



**Scan here to
register your
attendance**



Got a question for police?

Scan the QR code to submit
prior to the forum



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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.

