

Cook's Log

Principal News

Mini-fete Madness reigned supreme last Wednesday 3rd December, when our Year Five and Six provided two hours of fun and activity. After weeks of planning and preparation, this group of students experienced the fruits of their efforts, challenging all attendees to games of skill, personal grooming, and craft. Prizes were being won everywhere. It was great to see so many of our past students coming along to support their efforts and join in the fun. We also had a special guest mini-golf challenge run by one of our 'ex' families, the Battys. Thank you to all staff and friends who supported the event, with a SUPER THANK YOU to Miss Eldridge, Mrs Agarwal and Mrs Peluso for preparing our Year Fives and Sixes to conduct their stalls and raise valuable funds for the school. After expenses, a total of \$1,775.72 was raised. A wonderful effort!



Just two days later, I enjoyed the privilege of attending the final celebration day of our adult English class last Friday. I shared in the most amazing plates of food.....sooooo much food. Much joy and friendship was also celebrated with some dancing. Thank you so much to our Multicultural Education Aide, Taherah Ghaeni, who prepared and ran the classes each Friday morning. Our English language classes will resume in 2026.





Our Prep to Year 6 Swimming Program finished up on Thursday 4th December with a 'Fun Day' of games and inflatables. Nine consecutive days of swimming is quite intensive and tiring, but it is necessary to ensure that our students are that much safer and prepared for the upcoming hot days of Summer. Please ensure you register your child's inclusion in the 2026 program by the advertised deadline to avoid any disappointment.



Your children were introduced to their 2026 learning space, teachers and support staff for the 2026 school year, this week:

Module 2

Prep T – Kylie Trevaskis and Leanne Pomponio

Year 1-2E – Larni Eamiguel

Year 1-2W – Ashleigh Wright

Support Staff – Taherah Ghaeni, Liz Deligiannis, Victor Filipelli, Mary Garry



Module 3

Year 3-4H – Jordan Hallett

Year 3-4S Cameron Samy

Year 5-6L – Yvonne Langtree

Year 5-6R – Dot Roberts

Support Staff – Harout Arzoyan, Sarrah Bahrainwala, Danielle Chaplin, Rachel Melville, Harinder Dhillon

When we return in 2026, the Terrace Level will be fully available for use – Hooray!! The fences will come down, and we will be able to access fresh, new Library, Music and LOTE spaces. The lower-level buildings and playground will be off limits as the office and Module One buildings are demolished to make way for our \$9.1M upgraded office and learning spaces.



ANNE BURGESS
Principal



Today we farewell Pallavi Agarwal, our Year 5 teacher. Pallavi has had to finish up with us a week early to return to India for family reasons. Her students have sent her off in style today with a class party and lots of love. We wish Pallavi well and safe travels.

~ Anne

"Strength lies in differences, not in similarities" — Stephen R. Covey

Upcoming Events



DECEMBER

Wed 17th Year 6 Graduation

Thurs 18th Year 6 Celebration Day

Fri 19th Last day of Term 4 - 1.30pm finish



JANUARY

- Wed 21st** Office Open 10am - 2pm
- Thurs 22nd** Office Open 10am - 2pm
- Fri 23rd** Office Open 10am - 2pm
- Tues 27th** Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
- Wed 28th** First Day of Term 1 2026 - Year 1-6
Foundation students - individual testing
- Thurs 29th** Foundation students - individual testing
- Fri 30th** Foundation students - individual testing

FEBRUARY

- Mon 2nd** First full day for Foundation students



Students of the Week

Week 8: 24th - 28th November 2025

FA

Maddie

for doing a wonderful job during swimming. You listened and followed instructions so well. Keep up the great work!

Dash

for your enthusiasm during swimming. Well done for giving every activity a go!

2D

Ilia

for being helpful to his peers and showing excellent manners throughout our swimming program this week.

Sara

for her thoughtful presentation about her chosen classroom pet and her willingness to support peers who need help.

5A

Mahtab

for settling well into the classroom environment and putting forth her best effort to build friendships and enhance her learning.

Murran

for consistently demonstrating responsibility during class lessons and while supporting younger students in the swimming program.

P.E

Dunya 1B

for demonstrating a strong and accurate throwing arm when playing the 'pyramid game' in PE.

Vukan 2D

for displaying amazing skills, coordination and balance when using a 'hula hoop' in PE.

1B

Vesa

for her wonderful growth in reading. Vesa has worked hard to improve her fluency and comprehension. Keep up the great work.

Fathima

for doing a fantastic job in using the bar model to represent groups of in numeracy. Keep up the great work!

1/2C

Jessica

for being patient, flexible, and incredibly helpful during our swimming week, handling all the changes with a positive attitude.

Brody

for showing a confident and positive attitude throughout swimming this week, giving his best every day!

3A

Dunja

for being helpful and supportive, making good choices in class and making good use of her time.

Maisam

for his excellent progress in reading, using his monitoring skills and lots of expression.

4B

Quorra

for her persistence in completing IXL in both maths and english skills. Keep it up!

Troy

for his participation and enthusiasm during the swim safety day. Well done!

Art

Shahida 3A

for working diligently and enthusiastically on her Art work.

Luka 3A

for being a fantastic role model to others by always putting in his very best effort in the Art room.



**KEEP UP
the good
WORK**

Students of the Week

Week 9: 1st - 5th December 2025

FA

Myles

for his engagement and focus during our computer session. Great work!

Nyssa

for your engagement during our reading session. You listened so well and answered lots of questions. Well done!

2D

Aleksandar

for showing respectful manners and following instructions well throughout the swimming lessons.

Elana

for showing excellent expression when reading aloud and expanding her vocabulary by exploring and using new words from the texts she reads.

5A

Saba

for her remarkable commitment and teamwork in organising and operating the Mini Fête stall.

Uzmaan

for his exceptional dedication, organisation, and hands-on support at the stall during the Mini Fête.

P.E

David 2D

for displaying amazing skills, coordination and balance hitting the ball over the volleyball net, when playing the 'elimination' game in PE.

Sara 2D

for displaying amazing skills, coordination and balance hitting the ball over the volleyball net, when playing the 'elimination' game in PE.

1B

Alejo

for displaying wonderful responsibility around the classroom. Alejo has been trying his best to listen to all instructions. Keep up the great work!

Daanish

for showing a fantastic improvement in his handwriting. Daanish has been trying his best to ensure his writing is neat and easy to read. Well done!

1/2C

Setayesh

for being a responsible and caring classmate, supporting a friend through a difficult moment with kindness and maturity.

Brody

for being a kind and caring friend, always willing to help others and make sure everyone feels included.

3A

Kahtana

for consistently listening to instructions and trying her hardest to apply those directions in the pool, well done.

Atarangi

for consistently listening to instructions and trying her hardest to apply those directions in the pool, well done.

4B

Mahdia

for building such great confidence during her swimming lessons. Keep it up!

Michael

for being a supportive learning friend and helping others during our transport activity. Well done!

5/6B

All of 5/6B

for their amazing teamwork and planning of the school's mini-fete

Art

Rezwan 00A

for putting in a fantastic effort in the Art room. Well done Rezwan!

Atarangi 3A

for demonstrating creativity with her mask making and always helping in the Art room.



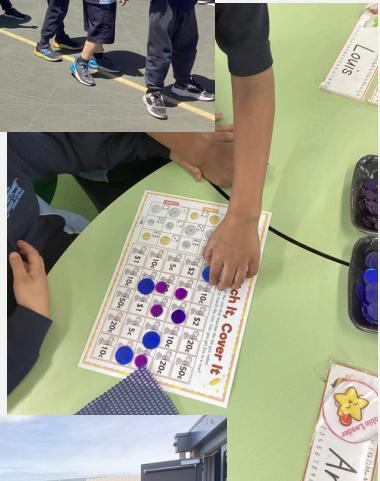
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great

Module 2

Prep, Year 1 & Year 2

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- Heading towards the end of the term, students have been consolidating many topics learnt in numeracy.
- Prep's have continued working on phonics and in reading we have read a variety of Christmas stories. In numeracy we looked at what an equal share means, and explored this concept with lots of hands-on activities.
- Year 1's and 2's have been working on sharing money and putting it into equal groups. We have also been working on estimating, measuring and comparing capacity. We used water and different sized containers to do this.
- Students also enjoyed going to their 2026 class for UP day! Students met their new teacher and spent the day in their new classroom. They all enjoyed their time and are looking forward to their 2026 class!



FUTURE LEARNING

- We are wrapping up for the term and enjoying lots of Christmas and holiday literacy and numeracy activities!



UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- Module party on Monday the 15th of December to celebrate the end of year. Students are asked to bring some food to share with their peers.
- End of term 4 is the 19th of December, finishing at 1:30pm.

Module 3

Year 3 & 4

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- Swimming has been our main focus for the last two weeks. Learning how to stay safe around water and improving our swimming skills.
- With many children off to the pool it was a perfect opportunity for some “cross cohort” activities, such as bridge construction and tessellation design.
- Grade 3 students have been working hard on their futuristic transport posters.
- In Maths we took advantage of some warmer days to have some hands-on experience with measuring capacity and volume.



FUTURE LEARNING

- Grade 3 students will be presenting their posters and futuristic designs to their classmates.
- We will spend this next few weeks consolidating our learning and getting excited about new classes, classmates and teachers.

UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- Module Party- food and fun

Module 4

Year 5 & 6



WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- Speech writing – Year 6 Graduation speeches
- Speech Performance Reflection-Year 5
- Mini Fete- Post Analysis, Reflection
- Grammar and Editing-Review, Anagrams, Double Negatives
- Statistics - Interpreting mean, median, mode and Range
- Ratios and their application
- Rates-Unit Rates and Equivalent Rates
- Time-Schedules and Real-world applications
- Civics and Citizenship- Democracy and Australia, Systems of Government, Separation of Powers, Levels of Government
- Water Safety and Swimming skills
- iRock extravaganza



FUTURE LEARNING

- Reflection of this year
- Grammar and Editing-Review
- Number Sequences
- Numeracy-Problem Solving
- Celebrations of the world

UPCOMING EVENTS /NEWS

- 15th December-Module Party and Shared Lunch
- 17th December - Year 6 Graduation
- 18th December - Year 6 Celebration Day
- 19th December-Last day of school, 2:30pm finish.



It has been a busy and exciting time in the Art room as students are completing their final art work for the year.



Last term we created clay pinch pots and clay animal sculptures. We have finally finished these, with glossy coloured paint.

To complete the Scarecrow paintings, we only used the three primary colours; red yellow and blue. Mixing these colours together, we created a whole range of different colours.



The paper mache masks are taking shape with the layering work completed, giving a hard sculptural shell. Eye holes have been cut and the fun part of adding details and paintwork is well underway

Proven to be a challenge for many, we crafted geometric popstick baskets. They can be used as a centerpiece or a basket to hold small items.



Everyone will



when we all follow our "Matrix of Expectations."

Let's just	Be Safe	Be Responsible	Be Respectful
ALL SETTINGS	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
TOILETS	<p>We give others privacy. We wash our hands with soap. We report problems to a staff member.</p>	<p>We close the door when in use. We flush the toilet. We leave when finished.</p>	<p>We use toilets for their correct purpose. We are quiet. We wait our turn.</p>
LEARNING AREAS	<p>We get permission before leaving. We walk inside. We remain properly seated during learning times.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>We are quiet during independent learning times. We allow others to stay on task. We wait our turn to speak.</p>
OFFICE	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>We wait until the first aid adult invites us in. We enter the office quietly. We wait our turn.</p>
PLAY AREAS / OUTDOORS	<p>We walk on ramps. We stay in the correct play areas. We leave sticks, rocks and stones on the ground.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>We discuss, agree to and follow the rules of the game. We accept or decline politely others' playing choices.</p>
ICT	<p>We only use sites on Bookmarks. We use our own log in details. We keep our passwords private. We walk with our Chromebook.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>



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.

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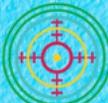
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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8:00-4:30

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- **Multi-sports**
soccer, cricket, tennis, dodgeball, basketball...
- **Inflatables**
- **Bumper cars**
- **Arts n' Crafts**



- Face painting
- Science
- Laser tag
- Bubble soccer
- Nerf



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

3:30-6:30



- **Multi-sports**
soccer, badminton, tennis, dodgeball, basketball, pickleball, golf....
- **Science**
- **Arts n' Crafts**



- Tutoring
- Mini-games
- Sports Training
- Homework Assistance



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VSL Korean Classes

= at Carwatha
College P-12 =



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안녕하세요

WHO: F - 7

WHEN: SATURDAY
9:00AM - 12:20PM

What We
Cover

- Korean Language
- Culture
- History
- Art
- Events



Community News

Summer Vibes

Water Explosion Day DEC 22
Summer's best battles are fought with laughter, soaked shirts, and splashy victories – The Battle is on!! \$97* - \$9.70*

NBA & ICE CREAMS DEC 23
Shooting Hoops & Decorating our Favourite Ice-creams with loads of toppings \$97* - \$9.70*

Phillip Island & Wonthaggi - Jan 6th \$97* - \$9.70*

5 EXCURSIONS **1** INCURSION **11** VENUE DAYS

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SUMMER

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DAILY DOG

Phillip Island & Wonthaggi - will have there Incursion Jan 20th - Jan will become Jan 5th

Virtual Reality Incursion Jan 5
Get up close with some fascinating, and occasionally terrifying, beasts! VR takes you on fully immersive journey up close with an animals \$115* - \$11.50*

Melbourne Zoo Jan 6
Melbourne Zoo is a magical place where kids can meet amazing animals from around the world. From roaring lions to cheeky meerkats, every corner is packed with fun and discovery! \$135* - \$13.50*

Kemizo Kids Jan 7
KEMIZO offers Australia's largest Laser Tag arena decorated in a nuclear/wasteland them using state of the art equipment! \$135* - \$13.50*

Gravity Zone Jan 8
Over 170 Trampolines, Ninja Zone, Foam Zone, HUGE Multi-Level Laser Tag Arena, Virtual Reality Multi-Player Hologate \$135* - \$13.50*

Village Cinemas Jan 9
We are off to the movies with two movies to choose from. Each kid will receive their own popcorn & small drink \$135* - \$13.50*

X-Box Sports Day & Creative Day Jan 12
Play hard, win proud—every game is your arena. Unleash your imagination—today, the world is your canvas! \$97* - \$9.70*

Healesville Sanctuary Jan 13
Where Australia's wild heart beats—up close and unforgettable. \$135* - \$13.50*

Summer Splash & Sports Day Jan 14
Dive into fun, race to glory—where summer meets sport in every splash and sprint! \$97* - \$9.70*

Skate, Scoot, Bike & Park Sports Day Jan 15
Roll, ride, race—freedom on wheels, fun in the park! \$97* - \$9.70*

Dodgeball, Hip Hop & Slushie Day Jan 16
Dodge, dance, and chill—energy on the court, rhythm in your soul, slushie in hand! \$97* - \$9.70*

T20 Big Bash & Ninja Warrior Day Jan 19
Smash boundaries, conquer obstacles—where cricket meets courage and every move is legendary! \$97* - \$9.70*

Football & Sport Quiz Day Jan 20
Kick, quiz, and shine—score goals and answers every time! NFL, AFL & Soccer! \$97* - \$9.70*

Potion Lab, Bake-Off & Slime Day Jan 21
Science Explosions, Battles of the Chef & Mixing Coloured Slime! Don't MISS this. \$97* - \$9.70*

Extreme Nerf Battles & Art Explosion Day Jan 22
Blast into action, burst into color—where foam flies and creativity ignites! \$97* - \$9.70*

Kids Choice Day Jan 23
You pick the play, we bring the game—fun your way, all day! \$97* - \$9.70*