

Cook's Log

Principal News



Our 2026 student leaders were front and centre representing the James Cook students, on the very first day of the 2026 school year, at the 'Sod Turn' event, held at 9.00am on Thursday 29th January, 2026. The event was held to symbolise the beginning of our \$9.1M Building Upgrade, with Belinda Wilson MP, Member for Narre Warren North attending to celebrate the occasion by digging up the first sod of dirt to get the works started.



The Hall and Library building reroofing is complete after twelve long months and we now have access to the entire Terrace level back, including the Library, Music and Mandarin/Auslan rooms. We will have to wait a little while longer to get into the new-look hall for assemblies.

For the time being we will hold our **assemblies** at the new time of **2.30pm EVERY SECOND FRIDAY**, outside, at the back of Module 2. Please join us to celebrate the achievements of our wonderful students.

Our Student Leadership Team badge presentations will be made at special assembly next Friday at 2.30pm.

Our 2026 student leaders are:

School Captains: Nouman & Leda

Sustainability Captains: Saba & Dylan

House Captains: **Waratah** – Blake, **Acacia** – Miky, **Correa** – Hania, **Bluegum** – Uzmaan



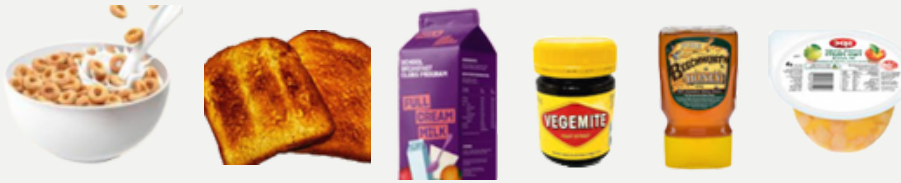
'Under the Microscope' – Attendance and being on time is one of the most critical factors contributing to every child's success at school. Parents and carers can support their children with this by ensuring a smooth morning routine that allows them to arrive at school no later than 8.50am. Teachers open their classroom doors at 8.50am so that students can put away their bags and get themselves organised and be seated and ready to learn as soon as the bell goes at 9.00am. Being in the classroom and ready, reduces any worry or anxiety about being late and missing important instruction and learning. The same principles apply to finishing early. Please try to avoid this.

100% Attendance certificates are presented for every term, with medallions being presented at the end of the year to students who have 100% for the entire year. Late arrivals and early finishes are taken into account. Students who are not able to attend due to illness will require a doctor's medical certificate to keep them in the running for a certificates and medallion.



Our James Cook Primary School uniform hats must be worn by all students when outdoors in **Term 1 and Term 4. NO HAT = NO PLAY.** Students whose parent contributions have been paid to the office will receive a free hat. Hats can also be purchased from the office or from our uniform supplier, Belgravia, 8/169 Cheltenham Road, Dandenong.

Foodbank Breakfast Club is available for all students each morning from 8.30-8.50am in Module 4. What's on the menu? à cereal, milk, toast, vegemite, honey, fruit.



Sustainability News - Nude Food lunch boxes continue to be a priority at James Cook Primary School. Maintaining and preserving the environment now, and into the future is one of the highest priorities for all global citizens. We can do our part by making sure that we don't contribute to overuse of plastics and non-biodegradable materials. There are many ways in which families can send their children to school with healthy and wrapper-free eating options. Students whose lunch boxes are wrapper-free will earn themselves an SWPBS, 'Responsible' token.



School Council Shout Out! – For those of you who might like to be a part of our school's School Council team, keep your eye on the newsletter for a notice requesting nominations. Join me and our dedicated team of councillors to ensure James Cook Primary School is the best school in Endeavour Hills.

*“Let us remember: one book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world.”
(Malala Yousafzai)*



~ Anne

ANNE BURGESS
Principal

Upcoming Events



FEBRUARY

- Tue 10th Safer Internet Day
- Mon 23rd Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)
- Tues 24th Parent Information Evening



MARCH

- Mon 9th Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tues 10th Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)
- Wed 11th-
Fri 13th NAPLAN
- Mon 16th -
Tues 17th Semper Dental
- Thurs 19th Harmony Day Performance
- Fri 20th Year 3-6 House Athletics
- Tue 24th Harmony Day Celebration



Students of the Week

Week 1 & 2: 29th January – 6th February 2026

00T

Stefan

For your amazing listening skills and putting your hand up to answer so many questions. You have settled in so well to your new classroom. Well done!

Dolcie

For a wonderful start to Prep. You have settled into school so well by following routines, joining in activities and trying your best each day. Well done!

Zamira

For showing kindness to your new Prep classmates and always offering to play with everyone in the playground. You have been such a kind friend. Well done!

12E

Yusuf B

For actively participating in class discussions and showing kindness and support towards his peers.

Himaya

For making a wonderful start at James Cook PS and settling in positively with her new class.

Maisam

For making a wonderful start at James Cook PS and settling in positively with her new class.

12W

Taha

For settling in very well to his learning at James Cook PS and building positive relationships. Well done!

Elin

For actively participating in class discussions and showing kindness and support towards his peers.

Thomas

For demonstrating all of our school values, and being a great role for all! Keep it up!

AMAZING



34H

Adriana

For demonstrating all of our school values, and being a great role for all! Keep it up!

Nikola

For settling in very well to his learning at James Cook PS and building positive relationships. Well done!

34S

Ishaq

For settling in very well to his learning at James Cook PS and building positive relationships. Well done!

Crizia

For being a positive role model and following classroom expectations. Well done!

56L

Troy

For consistently demonstrating our expected behaviours as he supports our new students settle in. Excellent effort.

Nouray

For an exceptional start at our school, for her outstanding participation and completing her tasks to an excellent standard

Pahan

For an outstanding start to the year and coming to school each day ready to learn and try his best.



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Excellent!



56R

Najma

For a wonderful start to the year, demonstrating responsibility, kindness, and a positive approach to learning.

Murrilan

For being an excellent senior role model and taking care of lost preps and new students.

Kaydence

For consistently putting in a strong effort and listening carefully to class instructions. Excellent effort.

AUSLAN

Luka 34S

For being a great listener and always giving new tasks a go, even when they felt challenging.

Elin 12W

For showing confidence during activities and helping other. Good work!

P.E

Zahra 56L

for demonstrating a strong, accurate and efficient throwing technique when playing with the frisbee and 'Nerf Vortex' ball.

Myles 12W

for displaying excellent listening skills and patience in physical education this week. Well done on a great start to the year.

MANDARIN

Angel 34H

For listening carefully in class and completing activities quickly and to a high standard. Excellent focus and effort.

Hania 56R

For showing excellent focus during activities and staying on task for the entire lesson without distractions. Outstanding self-control.

ART

Letty 56R

For showing imagination and creativity in her collaborative design work. Great work Letty.

Milad 56L

for making a fantastic start to the year, putting in his very best effort. Well done Milad.



Everyone will



when we all follow our "Matrix of Expectations."

<p>Let's just</p> 	 <p>Protecting yourself and others</p>	 <p>Looking after yourself and making good choices</p>	 <p>Looking after people and property</p>
<p>ALL SETTINGS</p>	<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>
<p>TOILETS</p>	<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>
<p>LEARNING AREAS</p>	<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>
<p>OFFICE</p>	<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>
<p>PLAY AREAS / OUTDOORS</p>	<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>
<p>ICT</p>	<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.

Community News

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PLAY



MELBOURNE FOOTBALL CLUB COME & PLAY CLINIC

You're invited to attend our Come & PLAY clinic with
Melbourne AFL players!

Location: Casey Fields, VFL Oval

Date: Tuesday February 10th

Time: 4:00 - 5:00pm

SCAN
HERE TO
REGISTER



POP UP PLAYGROUP

Discover Learn Play



The City of Casey free 'Pop-up Playgroup' Term 1 2026

Come along and enjoy playgroup activities outdoors with your child, music, art, reading, blocks, imaginary, sensory and active play.

You can also pick up more information about Community Playgroups, Maternal and Child Health, Kindergarten and Youth Services.

Valepark Crescent Playground

49 Valepark Crescent, Cranbourne

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/6KTDEwsJ3czRcgkx8>

Wednesday 4 February	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Wednesday 11 February	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Wednesday 18 February	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Wednesday 25 February	9:30 am – 11:00 am.

Berwick Waters Grand Prix Playground

90I Skylark Boulevard, Clyde North

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/5cjuUi3jtEF95rc38>

Wednesday 4 March	9:30am – 11:00am.
Wednesday 11 March	9:30am – 11:00am.
Wednesday 1 April	9:30am – 11:00am.

Please note Pop-up Playgroup is an outdoor event.

Please bring water, snacks, and spare clothes.

No bookings are required.



Contact the City of Casey:

Web: casey.vic.gov.au
Email: caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 9705 5200
Post: PO Box 1000, Narre Warren VIC 3805
NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

Customer Service Centres:

Narre Warren: Bunjil Place, Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren
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Livvi's Place, Marriot Waters

Boland Drive, Lyndhurst

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Thursday 5 February	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Thursday 12 February	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Thursday 19 February	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Thursday 26 February	9:30 am – 11:00 am.

Maple Park Playground

12 Apium Street, Clyde

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Thursday 5 March	9:30am – 11:00am.
Thursday 12 March	9:30am – 11:00am.
Thursday 2 April	9:30am – 11:00am.

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- Finding autism-inclusive events
- Making environments accessible

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Autism Connect

Autism Connect is an expansion of Amaze's Autism Advisor service delivered in Victoria for 12 years, helping over 20,000 people.

Autism Connect is available to anyone seeking support related to autism. The service was created for autistic people seeking guidance around diagnosis and services, their families or friends, and anyone supporting an autistic adult or child in education, health settings or workplaces.

“I got diagnosed at age 40 and I found that really enlightening and validating. You’ve got the ability to send a five-second message and then get a human response. They were friendly, patient and empathetic. They were really just nice to deal with on the phone and it felt like the easiest thing ever.”

- Catherine, Autistic mother of 2 autistic boys.



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amaze.org.au/autismconnect**



If you need an interpreter, contact the TIS National Contact Centre on 131 450 and ask to speak to Autism Connect on 1300 308 699.