

Cook's Log

Principal News

Well, I don't think I've ever been so excited about a concrete pour! It was a strong signal that the roof works are finally coming to an end. In just one day, the concreters pour laid and smoothed new concrete from one end of the terrace to the other.



We have had an exciting and eventful final week for the 2026 school year at James Cook Primary School: Module Parties on Monday, Graduation on Wednesday, the Year Six Celebration on Thursday, and our final assembly today.

Module parties are always a highlight, with the amazing food and sharing of so many cultural tastes. I also know there was a lot of dancing and laughing in Module 3, complete with disco lights. This year's Year 6 Graduation was certainly a trip down memory lane with all of the graduating students sharing a 'letter to their prep selves'. I heard many touching that caused a laugh or two during their retelling. Congratulations to the recipients of the following awards:

Literacy Award – Mohaddisa Numeracy Award – Darsh? Sports Award – Grace
Endeavour Award – Aarona Gleneagles SC Award – Selah
Belinda Wilson MP, Respect and Integrity Award – Max
The Hon. Julian Hill MP, Community Spirit and Leadership Award – Mary



A another big thank you to Sarah Eldridge and Esther Peluso who steered our Year Sixes to the very end, culminating in a touching send off. It followed by a Year Celebration Activity on Thursday that looked like it was so much fun.



At this morning's final assembly for 2026 we announced our 2025 100% Attendance recipients, followed by the big reveal of our student leaders for 2026. They are:

School Captains: Nouman and Leda Sustainability Captains: Saba and Dylan

House Captains: Waratah – Blake Acacia - Miky Blue Gum – Uzmaan Correa – Hania

At the very same assembly we said our final farewells to our graduating Year Six class of 2025. They sang their chosen graduation song and left their final assembly to rousing applause as they exited Module One for the last time.

It was the last time for everyone in Module One who attended the assembly. As the roof works over the Hall, Library, Kitchen and LOTE rooms comes to an end, I am excited to announce that the \$9.1million building project builders, SJ Higgins, will move in on January 16th, 2026. It is highly possible that both Module One and the Administration buildings will be demolished before we begin again on Thursday January 29th, 2026. A notification was sent via Compass to all families regarding the building works for 2026. Don't forget to use the link to have a peek at the AI generated pictures of our new facilities when they are completed in November 2026.

In closing, after another wonderful school year I wish everyone a restful summer break and festive season. Goodbye to our exiting families and staff. We will miss you as much as I am excited for the 2026 school year ahead of us.

Stay safe 😊



*"There will come a time when you believe everything is finished.
That will be the beginning." (—Louis L'Amour)*

ANNE BURGESS
Principal

~ Anne

Upcoming Events



JANUARY

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| 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

**HAPPY
New
Year**

2026



Students of the Week

Week 10: 8th - 12th December 2025

FA

Lucas

for your amazing effort on Up Day. You followed directions and listened so well. Well done!

Donia

for always doing your best during our literacy sessions. Well done!

1B

Anisa

for showing excellent resilience during up day. Anisa did a fantastic job of engaging with different students and activities. Well done!

Elin

for always following instructions and displaying the school values. Elin is a wonderful role model for her peers.

1/2C

Conor

for working incredibly hard during our memory suitcase activity, showing focus and care in his writing.

Ali

for being a kind and thoughtful friend, checking in and offering support when someone was feeling sad.

2D

Vera

For consistently demonstrating our school expectations and showing an enthusiastic approach to all areas of learning. Well done!

Bella

For her growing confidence across all areas of learning and her cooperative interactions with peers.

3A

Eric

For his outstanding focus and concentration performing on the drums during our IRock concert

Nikola

For his concentration and persistence in his performance during our IRock concert. Well done!

4B

Lily

For constantly setting positive examples for her peers during learning time. Keep it up!

Jaden

For his accuracy when estimating the mass of different objects in the classroom using scales. Well done!

5A

Kodie

For his positivity, resilience, and open-minded approach in building and embracing new friendships.

Marko

For showing kindness and fostering camaraderie and friendship through his initiative in organizing academic games in our classroom.

5/6B

Akim

For showing effort and persistence in completing his graduation speech.

Amina

For her positive attitude and hard work in writing and delivering her graduation speech.

Art

Aniyah 12C

for showing creativity and originality in her Art work. Great work Aniyah.

Mehdi 4B

for putting in a fantastic effort in the Art room, always giving his best.

P.E

Jessi 12C

For demonstrating great ball throwing and teamwork skills when playing the 'pyramid' game in PE. Keep up the positive attitude.

Matej 2D

For displaying a powerful and accurate ball strike technique when playing 'Gaga ball' in PE.



Students of the Week

Week 11: 15th - 19th December 2025

FA

Armaan

for your amazing effort during our reading session. You listened and answered questions so well. Well done!

Husnaa

for always being so kind and helping your peers when they need it. Well done!

1B

Abanish

for writing creative and detailed sentences about our focus book. Keep up the great work Abinash!

Zainab

for always helping those around her. Zainab is always willing to assist her peers inside and outside the classroom. Well done!

1/2C

Aniyah

for being a kind and supportive friend when helping others finish off their work.

Georgie

for working well as a team player when it came to helping finishing off her work.

2D

Ilia

for showing eagerness to improve his learning and persisting through challenges with a positive attitude.

Vukan

for his enthusiastic approach to all learning tasks and for being a respectful and encouraging member of our class.

3A

Mason

for writing creative and detailed sentences about our focus book. Keep up the great work Abinash!

Ashvitha

for her amazing focus and persistence throughout the year always doing her best in every task.

4B

Setayesh

For presenting her transport poster with confidence and persistence. Well done!

Reem

For demonstrating fantastic teamwork when stacking dominoes and encouraging others. Well done!

5A

Liam

for his committed effort and determination in strengthening his reading abilities.

Bella

for demonstrating curiosity and active participation in our Civics and Citizenship lessons this term. Well done Bella!

Art

Quorra

her imagination and attention to detail with her paper mache mask in Art.

Vesa

her creativity and focus in always giving her very best in the Art room.

P.E

Aleksandar J 2D

For demonstrating a strong, accurate and efficient ball throwing technique when playing 'Gaga ball' in PE.

Ali 12C

For always helping his classmates with their learning when playing PE games.



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.



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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