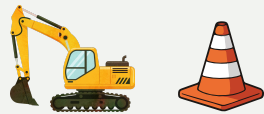


Cook's Log

Principal News

Goodbye Module One 😞



It's really happening. Demolition works began last Friday and the demolition team aren't wasting any time. Module One is almost gone. The students from Module Two have been very excited to watch the machines do the work.



Hopefully, you have received my notifications via Compass regarding the opportunity to join the James Cook Primary School, School Council. Come into the office to fill

in your nomination form. This is an excellent opportunity to be part of your child's future success at James Cook Primary School. Our first meeting is at school 6.30pm-7.30pm Tuesday 24th March 2026.



Our School Captains and Student Leaders were presented with their badges at assembly today. They are now officially on duty and will be front and centre at our assemblies every fortnight. The team is lead by our School Captains, Nouman and Leda.



I ❤️ walking around in the classrooms to see everyone hard at work and learning lots. 1-2W were working hard on their 'AB' patterns in Module 2. I was very impressed! ★★☆☆☆☆



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Don't forget to come along to our Information Evening next TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2026 and find out how we help your child to grow and learn and be the best they can be. The staff will be sharing just how we do this and how you can help. Come along to Module Four beginning 5.00pm sharp and finishing no later than 6.15pm. We have a gift for each family who attends.



"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." (– John Quincy Adams)



~ Anne

Anne Burgess
Principal

Upcoming Events



FEBRUARY

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 3 & 4: 2026

00T

Isaiah

for always displaying our classroom values. You always try your best and show great effort in your work. Well done!

Czarinah

for always showing kindness in the classroom. You use kind words, help your friends, and make our classroom a happy place to be. Well done!

Nikola

for being brave and giving new things a try. You have shown courage when trying new things and never give up. Well done!

12E

Parisa

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

Pranav

for settling in positively at JCPS, showing respectful behaviour and working well with others.

Anisa

for her enthusiastic approach to all learning tasks and for being an encouraging member of our class.

12W

Louie

For consistently pushing himself in his learning, and contributing his valuable knowledge to class discussions. Great work Louie!

Daanish

For always giving his best, and pushing himself in all tasks. Keep it up Daanish

Vesa

For always following our school and classroom expectations, a great role model for all. Well done Vesa!



34H

Emma

For always following our school and classroom expectations, a great role model for all. Well done Emma!

Amir

For always giving his best, and pushing himself in all tasks. Keep it up Amir.

34S

Bardh

For coming up with fantastic suggestions and ideas during our read of Matilda. Keep it up!

Ashvitha

For consistently exceeding expectations and being a respectful class member. Well done!

56L

Mahtab

for demonstrating persistence and resilience in her literacy tasks.

Zahra

for trying to make positive social connections and self regulating behaviours



Students of the Week

Week 1 & 2: 2026

56R

Nisar

for settling in well and for challenging himself in both literacy and numeracy tasks.

Sahil

for his excellent mindmapping task with his partner in our Science lesson

AUSLAN

Louis P 12W

for signing really well and quick learning of Auslan colours.

Kaydence 56R

for practicing the Auslan alphabet at home and mastering it at school.



P.E

Asra 12W

for displaying a positive and friendly attitude when playing team games with her classmates in Physical Education.

Dunya 12E

for demonstrating amazing balance and enthusiasm when running and dodging during tag games in Physical Education.

MANDARIN

Enaayah 34H

for demonstrating responsibility through her active participation, positive attitude, and always striving to achieve her best.

Uzmaan 56R

for consistently showing respectful behaviour and being a positive role model in class.

Haktan 56L

for demonstrating a strong willingness to learn and actively contributing to class discussions.

ART

Bardh 34S

for working conscientiously and enthusiastically on his Art work

Zainab 12W

for always being helpful and putting in her best effort during Art



Module 2

Preps

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- Our Prep students have been off to a wonderful start, settling into school life with curiosity, courage, and plenty of smiles. From learning classroom routines to making new friends, they've shown just how much they're growing every day. We have had a wonderful time getting to know each other through play, singing and lots of hands-on activities. In the coming weeks we will begin exploring early phonics lessons, such as learning letter sounds through songs, stories, and hands-on activities. We will also begin to develop number knowledge by counting, sorting, and recognising numbers in everyday classroom experiences.
- We have been learning about the Zones of Regulation to help us understand our feelings and readiness to learn.
- Each morning we use the Zones to think about how our body and brain feel for learning.
- We have a daily Welcome Circle where we talk about our school values and share ideas together.
- We have started our Phonics Plus program to help us read and spell new sounds and words.
- In Maths, we have been practising daily reviews, learning routines, and beginning to explore place value.



FUTURE LEARNING

- We will begin a whole-class text study of fables using shared reading, echo reading, and class discussions.
- Students will practise reading in fluency pairs, and these will come home at the end of the week for practice at home.
- In Science, we will learn about the brain and how it connects to our Zones of Regulation and feelings



Module 2

Year 1 & Year 2

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- In Module 2, all students have begun the Phonics Plus program and are settling well into the routines and expectations of the program, building confidence each day.
- We are developing skills in identifying sounds, blending sounds to read words, segmenting sounds to spell, and recognising common letter–sound patterns.
- In Grade 1/2, students have been exploring numbers, focusing on making, representing, and identifying tens and ones. Students have also been creating repeating patterns with shapes and have excelled in extending their thinking to design more complex patterns.



FUTURE LEARNING

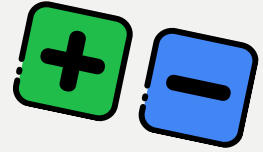
- We are strengthening letter–sound knowledge, blending to read, and segmenting to spell.
- Learning to show different ways to make numbers using part–part–whole thinking (e.g., 3 and 3 make 6; 2 and 4 make 6).
- Investigating 2D shapes, describing shapes by the sides and corners.
- We will be introducing Chromebooks, supporting students to build confidence and develop safe and responsible technology skills for learning.



UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- **Tuesday 25th of February** - Parent Information Evening 5pm





WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- Students are continuing to look at place value, addition and subtraction in mathematics.
- In literacy, students have started reading our class text Matilda. They have adjusted very well our new structured literacy program.
- We have also continued to practise strategies for our zones of regulation.
- Students competed in a house competition in week 3 which involved students having to work together to build a tower out of playdough and bundling sticks.



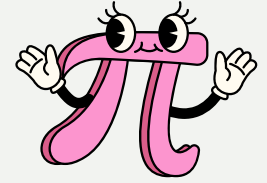
FUTURE LEARNING

- In Mathematics, students will continue to work on addition, subtraction and place value using concrete materials.
- In Literacy, we will introduce our class text, which we will be reading and studying together, focusing on building comprehension and shared discussion skills.
- Students will be commencing preparation for NAPLAN over the coming weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

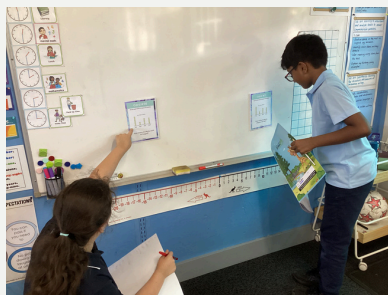
- NAPLAN
- Ramadan
- Tribes
- House Competition





WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- We have introduced our morning circle times where students have been building confidence in sharing their thoughts and listening respectfully to their peers
- We have introduced our new house tribe activities on Friday afternoons.
- We have continued to work in decimals and recognising decimals in our everyday life using hands-on activities.
- In literacy we have introduced our class text, *The Black Cockatoo* and we will continue to study this in future weeks.



FUTURE LEARNING

- Naplan preparation- including developing reading stamina and comprehension strategies as well as number facts and problem solving.

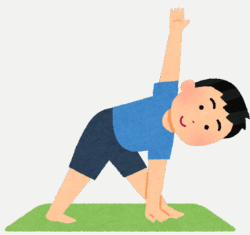
UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- 24th February Parent information night



Physical Education

In Health and Physical Education, students in Year 2, Year 1 and Foundation (Module 2) began an exciting year learning about their new classmates and playing a range of new games and exercises, including yoga. Students started with gross motor skills activities and routines to start building skills and confidence to be active and healthy learners.



Students from Years 3 to 6 (Module 3) have been competing in a range of competitive games to build their JCPS House Spirit during Friday Sports. Games included European Handball, soccer, down ball/four square and frisbee. So far, the games have been played with lots of energy and with a very high standard of skills being displayed. The competition has been supporting teamwork, fair play, game strategies and resilience.



Remember, in Week 8, students from Years 3 to 6 will be competing in the JCPS House Athletics Carnival at Casey Fields in Cranbourne. Students will have the opportunity to earn a place to represent JCPS in the Endeavour Hills District Athletics Carnival. Keep an eye out on Compass for details.

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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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.





FREE WORKSHOP

Building Your Child's Village

Please join us for an interactive workshop with
Mari Mohamed, Chapter One Services

Learn practical strategies to effectively coordinate therapists, schools,
and support workers, helping to strengthen communication
and support consistent progress for your child.

All parents and carers welcome!

Play Leader present - preschool aged children welcome

Morning Tea and Refreshments Provided

WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2026

9.30AM - 12.30PM

PRESENTATION WILL COMMENCE AT 10.30AM

THE HUNT CLUB CHILDREN'S CENTRE
40 BROAD OAK DRIVE, CRANBOURNE

For further information and to register contact

Belinda on 0466 105 825

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SPORTS ACADEMY EVENING

Thursday, 5 March 6:00 PM

FREE EVENT – All Welcome!

The 2026 Sports Academy Forum brings together leaders in elite youth development to explore global practices in coaching, performance pathways, and the future of athlete growth.



SIMON HELMOT

Elite Cricket Coach
International
High-Performance
Leader

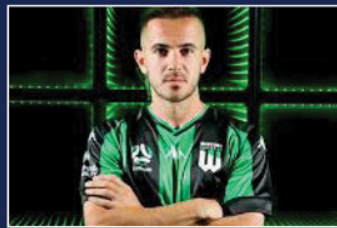
Simon Helmot is one of Australia's most respected cricket coaches, with experience across national programs and global T20 leagues. He has coached Australia A, led the Melbourne Renegades as their inaugural Head Coach, and worked across the BPL, CPL and ILT20. Simon is currently an Assistant Coach with Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL and recently guided the Melbourne Renegades WBBL to their first title in 2024–25.



BEN ROBERTSON

National Wellbeing
Manager — Tennis
Australia

Ben Robertson has over 20 years of experience across cricket, soccer and tennis, working in Player Development and Wellbeing roles with Cricket Australia, Cricket Victoria and Professional Footballers Australia. He now leads Tennis Australia's national Wellbeing Program, supporting athletes' character, mental skills and overall resilience both on and off the court.



STEVEN LUSTICA

Professional Footballer
Director & Head Coach
— Lustica Football
Academy

Steven Lustica has over 15 years of professional football experience in Europe and Australia, including time with Croatian top-flight club Hajduk Split and an A-League Championship with Brisbane Roar. As Director and Head Coach of Lustica Football Academy, he focuses on developing young players through strong technical foundations and a modern understanding of the game.



JAYSN HARVEY

Head Coach —
Dandenong Rangers
NBL1 South Women

Jaysn Harvey brings over 35 years of coaching experience and is a well-established leader in Victorian basketball. He has coached nine Victorian Metro State Teams and currently leads the Under-18 Women's program. Jaysn has coached across the WNBL, SEABL and NBL1 and is Head Coach of the Dandenong Rangers NBL1 South Women's team for 2026, specialising in high-performance athlete development and culture.

If you are passionate about Basketball, Soccer or Sport in general, this evening is designed for you. Parents, students and our wider community are warmly invited to attend. You will walk away informed, inspired and ready to take the next step.



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.



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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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