

## Cook's Log

### Principal News

Year 3-6 students have been out to Casey Fields today at the House Athletics Carnival. I wonder who is winning?

Our School Council members have been decided, and I am very excited to announce our School Council for 2026. We had many nominations but did not need to conduct a ballot. Mansoor Kazi, Fancy Acevedo-Munoz, Milijana Zubic, Dot Roberts, and Tracie Schwarz return for another tenure. We welcome first-time members, Lana Milosev, Mirjana Jakic, Cvijetin Djukic, Aleida Almendarez, Jovana Miscevic, Miodrag Terzic to the James Cook Primary School, School Council for the 2026-2028 tenure. I am very excited for the chance to work with this group of invested parents and staff in 2026. Our first meeting is on Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 6:30pm in Module 4.

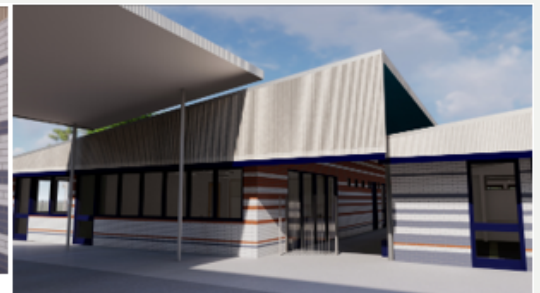
The building works are progressing well, and whilst it was sad to see Module 1, the Administration buildings and the playground demolished, I can't help but be excited for the buildings to come. These are some of the AI generated versions of what we are heading towards:



Looking from the street - Office on the right, 8 classroom on the left



Looking back to the street from inside - Office on the left, classes on the right



View from the Art room



View from the terrace at the Module 2 end



View from Cook's Kitchen



The toilets (next to the Art room)

The architects have created the design based on the Australian landscape from the ocean to the Mountains.



Classroom building looking from the office

Classroom building looking from fence end.



Classroom behind the beach door



Classroom behind the reef door



Classroom behind the forest door.



Classroom behind the mountains' door.



Don't forget our Twilight Sports Event next Wednesday 25th March, Dim Sims, drinks and zooper doopers will be available from 5:00pm – Cash only please. With events starting and 5:30pm up on the Terrace behind and around the Modules.

Another House Sports event is happening on the morning of Thursday 2nd April 2026 – The House Cross Country event



And of course, don't forget to register and collect donations for the Colour Fun Run on Thursday 2nd April 2026 at 2:00pm after the House Cross County

*“New beginnings are often disguised as painful endings.” (Lao Tzu)*

~ Anne



Anne Burgess  
Principal

# Upcoming Events



## MARCH

- Mon 22nd** Harmony Day Celebration
- Wed 24th** Meet the Principal of Gleneagles Secondary College



## APRIL

- Thurs 2nd** House Cross Country Colour Run  
Last Day of Term 1 (2:30PM finish)
- Fri 3rd** School Holidays
- Mon 20th** Term 2 begins
- Fri 23rd** School Photos



# Students of the Week

Week 7 & 8: 2026

## 00T

Bitu

For your continued engagement in our Phonics lessons. You always listen carefully and put in your best effort. Well done!

Elia

For your outstanding effort in creating patterns in Maths. You proudly shared your impressive Unifix pattern with great enthusiasm. Well done!

## 12E

Sajra

For being a focused listener and showing persistence when practising her segmenting and blending skills.

Hakmatullah

For approaching his learning tasks with focus and terrific effort. Keep it up!

## 12W

Alejo

for showing increasing resilience in his learning and being more open to trying new challenges. Keep it up Alejo!

Ali S

for making positive progress in communicating his feelings and taking greater ownership of his learning. Great work Ali!



## 34H

Maisam

For contributing in class discussions and working well during our class mentor text sessions.

Anabia

For approaching her learning tasks with focus and terrific effort. Keep it up!

## 34S

Luka

For going back to back in our class Kahoot! And being a great sport about it. Well done!

Owais

For demonstrating improvement in subtracting numbers in a vertical algorithm. Keep it up!

## 56L

Subhan

For consistently staying focused on his learning and doing his best work.

Zainab

For always listening attentively, completing all tasks, and producing work to a very high standard. Your dedication to learning is wonderful to see.

Mehdi

For working hard this week and actively engaging in classroom learning. Well done, Mehdi!



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## 56R

*Marko*

For consistently supporting his classmates and Mrs Roberts with technology, especially in the Library.

*Alina*

For contributing in class discussions and working well on our Black Cockatoo text.

## ART

*Ali 1/2W*

For putting in a fantastic effort during Art sessions. Keep up the great work Ali!

*Kaydance 5/6R*

For always having a positive attitude in Art and showing an excellent understanding of line work, colour and contrast in her Whimsical Landscape.



## AUSLAN

*Rohullah 34H*

For signing his best and giving it a go when making the video. Showing lots of improvement!

*Enaayah 34H*

For helping her classmates to practice their signs and encouraging them. Very kind!

*Ali Sina 56L*

Having enthusiasm during class and for signing really well during his introduction.

## MANDARIN

*Pranav 12E*

For working hard to improve Mandarin handwriting and stay focused and engaged during the lesson

*Zainab 12W*

for putting in wonderful effort with Mandarin writing and consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning

*Himaya 12E*

for showing great care and effort when practising Mandarin writing, and always listening attentively in class

## P.E

*Elin 12W*

For always willing to help and encourage your classmates with their learning during challenging activities and games in physical education.

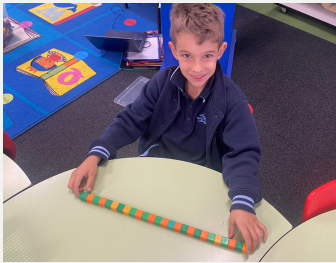
*Maddie 12W*

For demonstrating enthusiasm, stamina and great team work during the tug-of-war game in physical education.



# Module 2

## Foundation



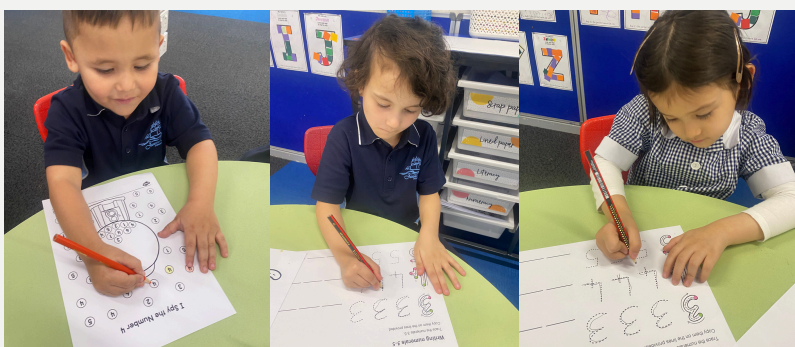
### WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- In Phonics, Prep's are continuing to work on their letter and sound knowledge for s, t, a, p, i, n and m. We are using these letters to read and write simple words like sat, mat and pin. Prep's are working on the placement of letters when writing and holding a pencil correctly. We read *Dear Zoo*, and even found some words in the book we already knew! We explored the front and back cover, the title and pictures.
- In Maths, we focused on making two part colour based patterns and made patterns using unifix. We are continuing to work on our subitising skills, and using our superhero maths eyes to know how many objects there are without counting them individually. We reinforced this by playing dice games and matching the number of dots to their numeral. We practiced writing numerals to 5 and played lots of fun games to learn about building small collections.
- We have already begun to look at what Harmony Day means to us and what makes us all unique in preparation for celebrations next week.



### FUTURE LEARNING

- Prep's will be introduced to new letters and sounds for d, g, o, c and f. We will practice writing upper and lower case letters, and reading letters and sounds more fluently. Prep's will apply their knowledge to read, spell and handwrite the words mop, dog, cat and fog. We will also work on using these words in sentences and what they mean.
- Prep's will continue to explore and create patterns that are based on colour and objects using classroom materials like unifix. We will expand our knowledge of writing numerals and work on writing to ten using number rhymes to support correct formation.
- We will participate in lots of different hands-on activities to continue exploring what Harmony Day means to us and share what makes us all unique.



### UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

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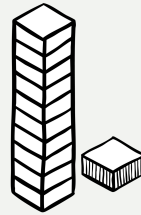
# Module 2

Year 1 & Year 2



## WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- **Literacy:** Students will be learning to read and spell words such as *strong*, *split*, *sprint*, and *scrunch*. We will explore -ing word endings (past and present progressive), continue practising reading fluently, and complete a phonics assessment to show what we have learned.
- **Numeracy:** In Numeracy, we explored number patterns and skip counting, used blocks to build numbers with tens and ones, broke numbers into parts, and practised measuring and comparing length using informal units.
- **Integrated:** In our Respectful Relationships lessons, students practised listening carefully and following instructions through games and discussions. In Science, students explored the idea that everyone is unique and shared things that make them special. In ICT, students learned how to log in and navigate Sunshine Online to listen to, read and record their reading.



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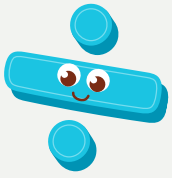
- **Literacy:** Students have been learning to read and spell CVCC words such as *hand*, *best*, *soft*, *lamp*, *went*, *milk*, *thank*, *told*, *lost*, *left*, *camp*, *lunch*, *send*, *just*, *bench*, *risk*, *hunt*, *next*, *cold*, and *think*. We explored past tense -ed endings that sound like /t/ and /d/, practised writing letters v, q, y, w, i, d, and continued building reading fluency and comprehension.
- **Numeracy:** Students have been exploring number patterns by skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We also worked with tens and ones to recognise numbers, used part-part-whole diagrams to break numbers into parts (for example  $46 = 40 + 6$ ), combined tens and ones to make numbers, and practised measuring and comparing length using informal units such as blocks and counters.



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# Module 3

Year 5 & Year 6



## WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- This week we said “Good bye” to Mrs Johnson who has retired.
- We have completed our Naplan testing for another year.
- We have continued reading our class text and discussing the development of the key characters throughout the story.
- Our students are continuing their work in multiplication and division, using different strategies to calculate equations.
- On Friday we will be competing at Casey Fields in our House Athletics Carnival.



*GoodBye*



## FUTURE LEARNING

- On Monday the 23rd we will be celebrating Harmony Day, with our cultural dress parade, House activities and sharing delicious lunches together.
- Continuing our analysis of our class text
- Embedding our learning in all four maths operations

## UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- Harmony Day Celebrations
- Twilight Sports
- Cross Country Run/ Colour Run Fund Raiser



# Art

Our school year in Art commenced with a collaborative project, showcasing each student's individuality in expression, design and colour. The artwork symbolises how through our hearts, we grow and work together to achieve our goals.



Our focus for the term has been on exploring the use of line, colour and contrast to enhance our creativity.



The Preps learnt how to use different lines and repeated patterns, combined with different colours to create Line Design Paintings and Line Sculpture. The 1/2s learnt about line and shape, using repetition to create patterns in their Turtle Line Drawings with the use of contrast in their backgrounds. The 3/4s learnt how to use line work and space to create texture and variety in their Animals with Attitude artwork. The 5/6s learnt about the contemporary Mexican artist Ale Rb to create their Whimsical Landscapes, with emphasis on line to show movement and texture and the use of contrast in their colour work.

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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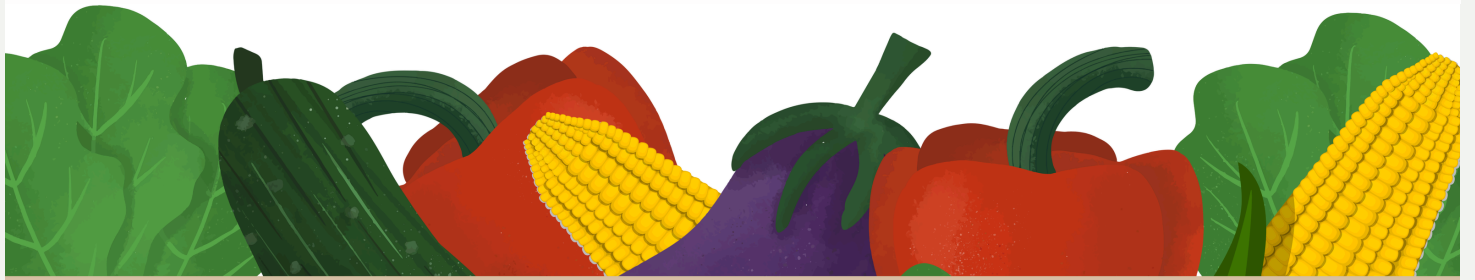
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# FOOD PANTRY

Every Monday

3.00pm - 3.30pm

Module 4



# Meet the College Principal



*Join me at James Cook Primary School on Wednesday 25th March, 9:15am for a morning tea meet and greet. I look forward to meeting families and answering any questions about Gleneagles Secondary College.*

*Jo Sayer  
College Prinicipal*

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**GLENEAGLES**  
SECONDARY COLLEGE





# SCHOOL HOLIDAY



8:00-4:30

- **Multi-sports**  
soccer, cricket, tennis, dodgeball, basketball...

age 5-11



- **Inflatables**
- **Bumper cars**
- **Arts n' Crafts**
- **Face painting**
- **Science**
- **Nerf**



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# Conversational English

**Doveton Library**  
Learn English at

## Dates

Wednesdays  
5.45pm – 7.45pm  
During school  
terms

## Details:

Gain English skills to help you communicate and participate in the Australian community, in a friendly, welcoming environment.

## Expression of Interest for Term 2

- Book online at:  
**[events.connectedlibraries.org.au/event?id=207734](https://events.connectedlibraries.org.au/event?id=207734)** or scan the **QR Code**
- Phone **(03) 9792 9497**







## 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.***





MOONLIT SANCTUARY

# AUTUMN HOLIDAY CLUB

## JNR KEEPER CLUB

Ages: 7-14

9:00am-2:00pm

Registration Fee

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# 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](http://casey.vic.gov.au)  
**Email:** [caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto: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  
**Cranbourne:** Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre, Cranbourne  
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#### Livvi's Place, Marriot Waters

Boland Drive, Lyndhurst

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/F5ZGnCZGFoGQqU2Q7>

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

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/qZjVQTsDrG8BSfE96>

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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