

## Cook's Log

### Principal News

As we come to the end of the term I can't help but revel in all of the amazing things our students are achieving with their learning. Our Module 2 students are working diligently with Phonics Plus and learning all the sounds and blends they must know to read at their level. Whilst our Module 3 inhabitants from Years 3-6 are loving the new 'text study' approach to developing and extending their reading fluency and comprehension skills.

Our School Captains and a couple of able support crew worked hard this week to revive the outdoor chessboard after years of neglect. They certainly are active leaders for our student body.



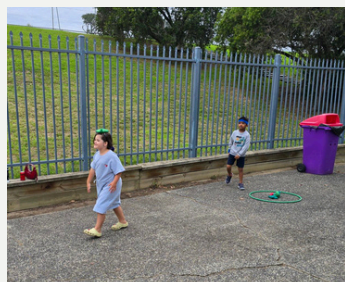
Our Harmony Day celebrations made for a colourful and engaging multicultural activities day. We have many different cultural backgrounds to share and celebrate each and every day of the year. 71% of our student population have language backgrounds other than English. It is no wonder we are such a welcoming school to be at.



We had our School Council Annual General Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Which was followed by our March meeting where we welcomed seven new council members. Your School Council representatives for 2026 are: Mansoor Kazi - President, Milijana Zubic - Vice President, Fancy Acevedo-Munoz - Treasurer, Lana Milosev - Minutes Secretary, with Tracie Schwarz, Dot Roberts, Aleida Almendarez, Cvijetin Djukic, Ivana Miscevic, Miodrag Terzic, Mirjana Jakic.



Whilst we will be on a break, the building works will forge ahead.



*“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you” - B.B. King*

*~ Anne*



**Anne Burgess  
Principal**

# Upcoming Events



## 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
- Thurs 23rd** School Photos
- Sat 25th** Anzac Day



## MAY

- Fri 8th** Mothers Day Stall  
Mothers Day Breakfast  
Year 7 2027 Placement Applications Close
- Wed 13th** District Cross Country
- Wed 27th** Division Cross Country
- Fri 29th** "General Waste" Whole School Theatre Performance



# Students of the Week

Week 9 & 10: 2026

## 00T

Rustam

for your outstanding effort in learning new letters and sounds in our phonics lessons. Your growing confidence is fantastic to see. Keep up the amazing work!

Suhrab

for always being a kind and caring friend to others. You always make everyone feel included. Keep up the great work!

## 12E

Prajesh

For showing persistence in improving his segmenting and blending skills.

Devansh

For showing enthusiasm to improve his learning and persisting through challenges with terrific effort.

## 12W

Dash

For showing great improvement in respecting learning and working hard to follow our classroom expectations and make positive choices. Great work, Dash!

Nyssa

For showing great effort in her learning, listening carefully, staying focused and always trying her best. Great work, Nyssa!



## 34H

Matej

For showing great effort in his learning, listening carefully, staying focused and always trying his best. Great work, Matej!

Jessi

For demonstrating fantastic handwriting across all learning tasks. Keep it up!

## 34S

Wahaaj

For consistently following classroom expectations and contributing during our class novel, Matilda. Keep it up!

Neha

For demonstrating fantastic handwriting across all learning tasks. Keep it up!

## 56L

Kodie

For his commitment to sharing his culture with his class

Bella

For demonstrating increased resilience and contributing to our class discussions

Wow!

You did Great!

# Students of the Week

Week 7 & 8: 2026

## 56R

*Michael*

For his great progress in his benchmark reading. Well done.

*Letty*

For her outstanding commitment to every event on our Athletics day. Great effort Letty.

*Mahla*

For showing resilience and bravery settling quickly to her new school

**GOOD  
JOB**

## ART

*Jovana 00T*

For her attentiveness, understanding and application of skills taught in Art this term. Well done Jovana!

*Luka 34S*

For his vibrant use of warm and cool colours and contour lines in his landscape work in Art. Great work Luka!

## Amazing!

## P.E

*Pranav 12E*

For continuing to demonstrate a positive attitude and lots of enthusiasm in all Physical Education activities this term.

## MANDARIN

*Luka 00T*

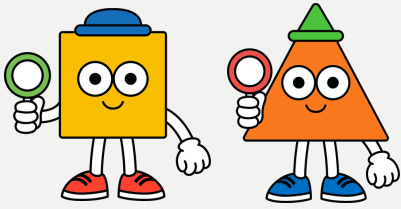
for always listening quietly and carefully in Mandarin class, and doing his best to complete activities with great focus. Well done Luka!

*Nouray 56L*

for always participating with enthusiasm in Mandarin lessons showing great courage in trying new words and tasks, even when they feel challenging. Well done Nouray!



## GREAT!



# Module 2

Foundation

days of  
the Week

## WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- Preps have been learning the sounds and letters g, d, o, m, and c, using them to read and spell new words. They are also practicing writing each letter in both uppercase and lowercase, with a focus on correct formation and placement.
- Prep's worked with partners to practice reading new sounds and words with increased fluency. Students used their tracking finger to read along with their partner.
- Preps have been practicing the Days of the Week song and are improving their ability to keep rhythm, helping them sequence the days more confidently.
- We have continued our focus on shapes, with Preps identifying features of 2D shapes and sorting them by name, size, colour, and shape.
- Preps enthusiastically celebrated Harmony Day through hands-on activities, including creating handprints and drawings that represent what makes each of them unique.



## FUTURE LEARNING

- Preps will continue to count small collections, using one-to-one counting correspondence and understanding that the last number counted represents the total.
- Preps will continue practicing writing uppercase and lowercase letters, with a focus on correct formation and placement.
- Preps are continuing to count down the days for their 100 Days of School celebration!



## UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- Term 1 Holidays begin 2nd April
- Term 2 begins 20th April
- School Photo Day 23rd April





# Module 2

Year 1 & Year 2

## WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

### Literacy:

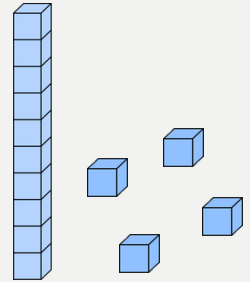
- Over the past two weeks, students have been learning to read and spell CVCC words and developing their understanding of past tense – ed endings. They have practised writing lower-case letters and high-frequency words, while continuing to build reading fluency by reading smoothly and understanding what they read. Students have also worked towards reading and spelling words independently and writing dictated sentences.

### Numeracy:

- In numeracy, students have been learning about numbers and place value. They practised breaking numbers into tens and ones, skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s, and comparing and ordering numbers to 99 using materials.

### Additional Learning:

- Students learned about the importance of Harmony Day and discussed how people are different and special. They also reflected on their personal strengths, shared what makes them feel proud at school, and talked about the important people who support them.



## FUTURE LEARNING

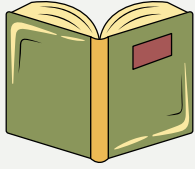
- Next term in literacy, students will begin text studies, focusing on reading and writing different types of texts. In numeracy, students will build on their strong place value knowledge as they begin learning addition and subtraction strategies.



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# Module 3

Year 3 & Year 4



## WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- Finishing off our class novel, Matilda.
- Spelling using both short vowel and long vowel sounds.
- Adding and Subtraction.
- House Athletics Day.
- Harmony day activities.
- Students have settled well into their tribes and have begun commencing various activities.



## FUTURE LEARNING

- Fractions
- The picture story book, 'Off we go around Australia'
- ANZAC day



## UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- School Photo day (23rd April)
- Cross Country/Colour run (2nd April)



# Module 3

Year 5 & Year 6



## WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- We were blessed to have fantastic weather for our Athletics Day this year.
- We cheered and competed all day with Blue Gum taking the final honours for the day.
- We also celebrated our diversity with our Harmony Day Celebrations, including a delicious lunch shared from many different countries. (Thank you to all our Mums)
- Completing our text study on The Black Cockatoo and researching further into History topics such as the Stolen Generation.
- Order of operations.



## FUTURE LEARNING

- We will be starting our new novel, The War Horse
- Anzac Day Traditions
- Embedding our learning on the order of operations
- Australian History

## UPCOMING EVENTS /NEWS

- Cross Country Run
- Colour Run raising funds for our future playground.



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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# FOOD PANTRY

Every Monday

3.00pm - 3.30pm

Module 4

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



## DRAMA

8-18 YRS ONE-DAY WORKSHOP



## DANCE

8-18 YRS ONE-DAY WORKSHOP



## CREATIVE PLAY

5-7 YRS ONE-DAY WORKSHOP



## SCREEN ACTING

4-18 YRS VARIOUS WORKSHOPS



## DISCOVER DANCE

8-18 YRS FIVE-DAY PROGRAM



## TAP INTENSIVE

8-18 YRS THREE-DAY PROGRAM

## How To Book

- 1 Scan the QR Code
- 2 View class timetable
- 3 Select 'Book Now' and login or create an account
- 4 Select 'Make A Booking' for your preferred workshop(s)



Stage  
School  
Australia

# 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

**\$104**

Become a Junior Keeper for a Day and experience life behind the scenes at Moonlit Sanctuary.

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