

Cook's Log

Principal News



I'm never sure how much you can see from the street, so I have a few more pictures for you of the building works. The steel frame has been underway for the Administration section of the new building since Wednesday. The play area has been asphalted, and the classrooms building is now three-quarters laid. The proposed finish date has moved out just a little to November 20, 2026.



Thank you all so much for your amazing children. Every day they come to school is another day they grow in so many ways. I see them learning how to read, write, count, add, subtract.... but I also see them learn how to be a good friend, to be kind to one another, be respectful to everyone and most of all learn how to care about themselves and about others around them.

Next week brings the start to one of our favourite events each year, the Musical. Lochie Erard will be starting rehearsals for our 2026 production of, 'Such is the Life of Gordon Mallard'. The script has been written by one of our ex-parents who is very excited for us to be bringing it to life. More details about all things musical will follow in upcoming Compass posts.

Enjoy your weekend

~ Anne

"Where words fail, music speaks." — Hans Christian Andersen



Anne Burgess
Principal

Upcoming Events



MAY

- Mon 18th - Fri 22nd** Education Week - Showcase Your School
- Wed 27th** Division Cross Country
National Simultaneous Storytime
- Fri 29th** "General Waste" Whole School
Theatre Performance



JUNE

- Fri 5th** Curriculum Day (Pupil-Free Day)
- Mon 8th** Kings Birthday Public Holiday
- Fri 19th** Year 5/6 Health Education
- Tue 23rd** Year 5/6 Health Education
School Council Meeting
- Thu 25th** Year 5/6 Health Education
- Fri 26th** Last Day of Term 2:30pm
Finish



Students of the Week

Weeks 4 & 5: 2026

00T

Daniel

This award goes to a wonderful student who always works hard in class and sets a amazing example for his friends.

Jovana

This award goes to a friendly student who always has a smile on her face and is a wonderful friend to everyone in her class.

12E

Serenity

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

Hesam

For settling in positively at JCPS, showing expected behaviours and working well with others.

12W

Sana

For consistently pushing herself in her learning and showing perseverance when faced with challenges.

Armita

For building her confidence and sharing her ideas more consistently with the class



34H

Daniel

For his consisent effort in Numeracy and being persistence when facing challenges with addition & subtraction.

Sosan

For her consisent effort and creativity in all her literacy tasks in our text study, well done!

34S

Nooria

For her fanstastic diagram of an aeroplane when writing an explanation report on how planes fly. Well done!

Mehreen

For her great effort when using the compensation strategy when adding 2-digit numbers. Keep it up!

56L

Mahtab

For consistently trying to do her best work in all areas of her learning

Zainab

For her focus and attention to detail in her writing and listening tasks.



Students of the Week

Weeks 4 & 5: 2026

AUSLAN

Ermiya 00T

For being engaged in learning new family signs, and signing along to songs.

Dash 12W

For trying his hardest with a family signs activity and staying seated when reviewing signs.



ART

Adriana 34H

For always putting in her very best effort, focusing on her work and assisting during Art sessions

Riga 00T

For always listening well and showing an excellent understanding of skills taught in the application of her Art work.



NICE WORK



56R

Alina

For her outstanding effort in our persuasive argument cold write, Well done!

Murrlan

For making good choices in class and focusing on his task until it is completed

Kaydence

For always going above and beyond in our class, helping people when required and taking responsibility for our learning environment

P.E

Riga 00T

For demonstrating great catching and throwing skills when passing a ball over a net with her partner in Physical Education.

Bitra 00T

For always sharing, caring and helping your classmates with their learning during activities and games in Physical Education.

Lucas 12E

For displaying amazing listening skills and having a positive attitude during team games in Physical Education this week.

MANDARIN

Maisam 34H

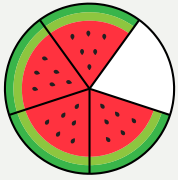
for enthusiastically answering questions in Mandarin class. Well done Maisam!

Salar 56R

for showing great care and effort in Mandarin writing, and producing beautifully presented Chinese characters during class.

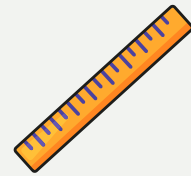
Dylan 56R

for consistently showing a positive attitude in Mandarin class through careful listening and active participation. Well done Dylan!



Module 3

Year 3 & Year 4



WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- Fractions, including identifying, representing and comparing fractions.
- Developing understanding of length and area in Mathematics through hands-on measurement activities and problem-solving tasks.
- Beginning our new mentor text, *Yirra and Her Deadly Dog, Demon*, which explores Aboriginal perspectives, connection to Country and storytelling.
- Writing explanation texts using clear structure, sequencing and topic-specific vocabulary.
- Developing reading comprehension and fluency skills during literacy sessions.
- Continuing spelling and grammar activities to strengthen sentence construction and writing skills.



FUTURE LEARNING

- Addition and subtraction strategies, including efficient mental and written methods.
- Continuing to read and respond to *Yirra and Her Deadly Dog, Demon* through discussion, comprehension and vocabulary activities.
- Further developing explanation writing skills, including using paragraphs and detailed information.
- Continued work with mathematical problem-solving and reasoning tasks.



UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- District Cross Country (13th May)

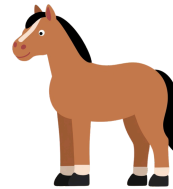


Module 3

Year 5 & Year 6



education support day

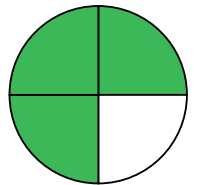


WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- We have continued our text study on War Horse, further developing our understanding of the main characters and how the events of war have changed them.
- We have begun to examine fractions and how we use them in our daily lives
- We have been working across the whole module in our tribes, spanning the year levels and different areas of interest, such as wellbeing, fitness, or creativity.
- We celebrated National Education Support Day, where we shared our heartfelt appreciation for all the work our support staff extends to us.



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FUTURE LEARNING

- We will be beginning our search for our musical leads and understudies.
- Education Week Activities.
- Dance Mob begins
- National Simultaneous Reading 27th May



UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- Whole school theatre performance 29th.
- Division Cross Country



Physical Education

Twilight Sports

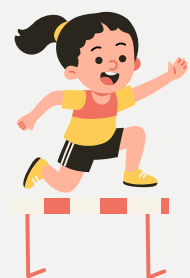


A fast paced and energy filled evening, full of team building sports games was had by all! Students had the opportunity to engage in six 'body moving and game sense' activities with their classmates and families. The students put in an outstanding effort in all the games and should be congratulated for their positive attitude and enthusiasm on the night. Well done to our Senior students and leaders who ran events and provided amazing support to the younger students.



House Athletics Carnival

Students from Years 3 to 6 enthusiastically competed in the JCPS Athletics House Carnival at Casey Fields Athletics Track. Students had the opportunity to show their developing athletics skills in both field and track; having practised these events during Physical Education classes. The students put in an outstanding effort at all the events and should be congratulated for their positive attitude and resilience. We are all looking forward to the selected students going on to represent JCPS in Athletics at District level. Well done to our Senior students and leaders who again provided amazing support to the younger students. Also, a big thankyou to our parent and staff helpers on the day. I know the children appreciate all your support and encouragement.



Physical Education

Cross Country Trials, District Cross Country and Colour Fun Run

Students from Years 3 to 6 demonstrated their determination, resilience and House spirit when competing in the challenging JCPS Cross Country trials. Students ran an impressive 2km or 3km distance based on their age. The course was demanding, but all students persisted to the very end. It was wonderful to see our JCPS students and leaders encouraging the younger students throughout the event. The day finished with the energetic and enthusiastic whole school Colour Fun Run with all students finishing full of colour! The top ten runners for their age group in the trials were selected to represent JCPS at the Endeavour Hills District event competing against other local schools at Sydney Pargeter Reserve. All students represented JCPS with distinction and we are very proud of Ali sina (1st U11 boys), Nikola S (1st U10 boys), Uzmaan (6th U12 boys) and Aleksander S (7th U10 boys) who have earned a place in the Divisional Cross Country event at Pakenham. Overall, JCPS finished in fourth place owing to our many willing participants on the day.



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.



FOOD PANTRY

Every Monday

3.00pm - 3.30pm

Module 4

Community News

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SATURDAY MORNING COMPETITION

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- DEVELOP NEW SKILLS ✓
- BUILD CONFIDENCE ✓



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MyTime Endeavour Hills

Unwind and
share experiences
with others who
understand

Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

FIND US AT:

ChalcotLodge Family and Community Centre
26 Haverstock Hill Close, Endeavour Hills
Tuesdays, Fortnightly 9.30am -12:30pm

CONTACT:

Belinda – Facilitator

Email: Belindac@mytimevic.com.au

Mobile:0466 105 825



MyTime term plan

mytime.net.au

Tuesdays, Fortnightly
9.30am - 12.30pm

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
21 April 2026	Welcome back morning tea	Art and craft
5 May 2026	Morning tea & chat	Building and construction toys
19 May 2026	Guest speaker: Effective Organisational Skills Tools and practical tips to help you stay organised and use your time effectively	Games
2 June 2026	Art and craft session with Bunnings	Gross motor activities
16 June 2026	End of term outing: location to be advised	Sensory toys



It's support
for you



It's free to
join



Professional
support



Pre-school aged
children are welcome

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 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.

