Upcoming Events

**Monday October 31**

P&C Meeting  
6.30pm  
Common Room

**Monday November 7**

School Certificate Examinations Commence

**Monday December 5**

Year 7 2012 Orientation Day

The teachers versus Year 12 soccer match is a fun finale to Term 3.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Firstly I would like to introduce myself to the James Cook community. My name is Dale Palmer and I am the substantive Principal of Endeavour Sports High School.

I was extremely honoured to be asked to support James Cook in its transition from the retired Principal, Mr Outram, to the appointment of the new Principal later this term.

The word “support” is the key word here. My job is to support students, staff and parents to ensure all student learning outcomes continue to be met and the welfare of staff and students is protected. My aim is to provide this support in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. All of my actions and decisions will be collaborative and transparent, and in accordance with DEC policy. This is the way I have gone about my job for 36 years.

My initial impression of JCBHS is that it is a good school with a good heart. The students have been friendly and respectful and the staff have been supportive and professional. I would particularly like to thank Ms Manos for the support and loyalty she has afforded me. She has been invaluable and I look forward to forging a great working relationship with her for the benefit of all members of the James Cook community.

A few things to report – firstly the HSC began on Monday October 17 without incident, and on behalf of the staff of James Cook, I would like to wish students all the best and remind parents that the HSC (in my opinion) is the fairest exam the students will ever encounter. Its basic premise is that it rewards knowledge and hard work.

Term 4 operations will include staffing the school effectively for 2012, budgeting to ensure the equitable distribution of funds, and planning for the sound educational future of our staff and students. My door is always open to positively discuss the future of James Cook BHS and I welcome any constructive dialogue. As a school community we must move forward for the good of our students. This is what they deserve from us as school leaders and mentors.

I truly am looking forward to working at James Cook BHS over the next few months.

Mr D. Palmer

WELFARE REPORT

This term on the welfare front will see Brainstorm Productions perform 2 separate presentations on Monday the 24th October and 3rd November covering Cyber-Bullying.

The show titled "Cyberia", has been a consistent success across many schools not only in the region but across the state, and it continues the school’s drive towards empowering the students and raising awareness of cyber-bullying and bullying in general. Throughout last term and into this term, James Cook Boys has endeavoured to remain vigilant and proactive on the subject of bullying as is evidenced in Year group refresher workshops and presentations like the abovementioned.

On Friday November the 4th, Ms Neyland and I will be supervising the Special Needs Orientation Day which will provide those students with a great opportunity to get a ‘taste’ of high school life before the state wide Orientation Day in early December. The day will consist of a number of activities involving classroom lessons, school tour, library lesson and a sausage sizzle lunch.

It is also hoped that Year 9, towards the end of the term, will undertake Peer Support training, an extremely worthwhile and rewarding program designed to enhance leadership skills and resilience building to name a few.

Many programs continue to run such as Links to Learning with Maria Psaltis and John Dangas, MTC Work Solutions with Kate Rice, and the PCYC Time Out and Future Focus with Syed Hassan, Trudi and Jenny.

As I will be heading for Long Service Leave commencing Week 6, I would like to thank all the Year Advisors for their efforts, Corinne Feldmann for her assistance in collaboration and consultation of numerous programs and policies, and to staff members who gave their time and offered advice throughout the year.

Ms Cork will be filling in while I am away and it is with great confidence I say that she will do a wonderful and professional job in my absence.

Mr S. Tsaridis
Head Teacher Welfare
Robotics Club Excursion to Macquarie University
On the 25th October, the robotics club attended a robot programming workshop and Guinness World Record robot dance attempt at Macquarie University. Our students programmed five of our school robots (out of a total of 156 robots) to move and dance to a piece of music and had a lot of fun doing it.

Game/ App Design Club
Any year 7/8 students interested in game or smart phone app design are invited to join the Game/App Design Club at Monday lunchtimes in CR3.

Reformation of James Cook Boys Interact Club
It has been many years since James Cook Boys has had an active Interact Club. Following our renewed links to Kogarah Rotary Club, we have decided to reform our Interact Club, specifically to participate in at least two community projects, one of which will have an international focus. As our first community project we are aiming to raise funds for White Ribbon Day on November 25th when we will donate money to the White Ribbon foundation and raise awareness about anti-violence against women. We are also interested in other projects such as helping to raise funds for St George Hospital or for humanitarian projects in Nepal. Joining the club is a great way for students to develop leadership skills and participate in community service projects by helping to advance international understanding while demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others. We will be electing office bearers at the meeting on the 31st of October and our special guest will be Mr Loucopoulos who participated in the Interact Club when he was a student here at James Cook Boys.

Ms E. Neyland
Computing Teacher

MS DIWAKAR

Our school is extremely proud of the National teaching award that is to be presented to Ms Krishna Diwakar of our Science Department.

Ms Diwakar has been a dedicated and inspirational teacher who has demonstrated a total commitment to excellence in teaching over the years in her capacity as Science teacher, year adviser and SRC organizer.

She has taught, guided and inspired many students over the years and is largely responsible for our school producing high numbers of university graduates who have pursued careers as medical professionals.

Ms Diwakar will be receiving her award in Canberra later this year.
LIBRARY NEWS

TEST YOURSELF FOR THE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE!

All students in Year 10 sit for statewide tests in November. The tests assess individual achievement in the foundation knowledge and skills needed to successfully undertake subjects in Years 11 and 12, and to participate effectively in the wider community.

Test yourself with past School Certificate papers and multiple-choice quizzes.

School Certificate Scope Statements and Test Specifications for each subject is available at the Board of Studies website:


The School Certificate tests will be conducted on:

Monday 7 November
  English–literacy
  Science

Tuesday 8 November
  Mathematics
  Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship

Wednesday 9 – Friday 11 November
  Computing Skills

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CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION
Unknown Stories 2011
Theme: Best Day/Worst Day

Story formats:

Short stories - 1000 words max
Manga and comics - 4 pages (A4)
Hiphop rhymes or poetry - 30 lines

Competition rules:

Open to all high school students
Junior category (school years 7-10)
Senior category (school years 11-12)
File size must be less than 10MB

Email your entries to:
shok@kogarah.nsw.gov.au

Entries close - WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER
Winners announced - FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER

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TAS REPORT

The school has farewelled Mr Khem Raj, who is retiring after over 22 years in the TAS department. He will be missed, particularly by his Electronics students.

Last Term the Year 12 Industrial Technology Timber class submitted their furniture major works. The range of projects and quality of workmanship was varied – however, Joshua Betts and Luke Mataka showed that their 200 plus hours of effort had produced high quality projects. The Year 11 classes are changing over to their Year 12 HSC studies, and particularly in the Industrial Technology class, the starting of major projects will soon take place.

The construction project being carried out at Brighton Public School continues with the seating nearing completion. I commend Daniel Dimovski, Todd Dimovski and Stephan Petrovski for their work each Wednesday and their patience with some very inquisitive Year 1 students! Well done boys!

MUSIC REPORT

Last term a number of talented Music students from years 8 to 12 performed at both Hurstville Westfield and Rockdale Plaza as part of an Education Week Performance.

The students performed a wide range of vocal and instrumental pieces and were well received by the general public.

Students who performed were:
Yr 12: Kokako Osborne and Emanuel Sautu
Yr 11: Ben Tavina, Paul Kunase, Tawake Wakawaka, Shawn Piho, Isiah Levai, Diego Mazon, Sebastian Catalan and Arturo Rivas
Yr 10: Lorima Sautu
Yr 9: Mark Tiedeman, Jaidan Day-Simpson, Kristian Doneski and Thomas Levai
Yr 8: Nemer (Tiger) Daher and Tyrone Tiedeman

Congratulations to all the above students who performed with excellence and were impressive ambassadors of our school.

PDHPE REPORT

The students undertaking this faculty’s elective subjects have generally been showing pleasing progress. Some very good results should be gained in the upcoming School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Exams.

Unfortunately the same cannot be said for some students in the Years 7 - 10 Physical Education classes. An increasing number of students are unable to organise themselves to wear appropriate JCBTHS PE uniform and are not able to participate fully in all class activities. This is having a detrimental effect on their progress in the subject and will eventually lead to an unsatisfactory report in the upcoming Yearly Report.

Mr Jones’ replacement has been determined, Mr B Yellovitch, a teacher with broad experiences in PDHPE, Sport and Student Welfare. He will join the faculty in time to begin 2012.

During Term 4 the faculty’s Staffroom will change from the current location in the Hall to the ground floor western end of B Block. Among the reasons for this move is that the faculty will gain access to a classroom that will become the “home” room for PDHPE. A much needed asset.

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Ms M. Lee

Mr D. Clark
Education Week Performance
CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students will be participating in the school’s work experience program commencing November 14, after the School Certificate examinations have concluded.

Please note the compulsory permission notes must be returned by Friday October 28. Students have been reminded repeatedly about the importance of the permission notes and your co-operation in returning the forms would be appreciated.

Work Ventures

*Work Ventures have a number of excellent Traineeship opportunities for roles starting in late 2011 and early 2012.*

**Traineeships for 2012**

Are you a student finishing school in 2011? Are you looking for a career in business, finance, and law or information technology? Work Ventures is currently accepting applications for 2012 Traineeships.

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Full time 12 to 24 month opportunities in Sydney CBD and in your local suburbs, with a range of excellent organisations.

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Must not have attained a qualification over a Cert II.
Must be an Australian Citizen, Permanent Resident, or a New Zealand Citizen that has resided in Australia for more than 6 months.

**When can I apply?**

Work Ventures is currently accepting applications for traineeships starting in 2012. Work Ventures will also be holding traineeship open days and interviews throughout November and December.

**How do I apply?**

Send your cover letter and resume to gtc@workventures.com.au alternatively if you want any additional information please visit [www.workventures.com.au](http://www.workventures.com.au)

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Mr H. Forrester
Careers Adviser
Science Competition

Congratulations to the students who participated in this year’s competition. This test provides students with practice for major examinations: ESSA for year 8 students and the School Certificate for year 10.

Congratulations to the following students:

Terry Lin (distinction),
Mohammad Abdallah (credit),
Dion Paraskevopoulos (credit),
Fahed Ahmad (credit),
Bashar Aldirani (credit),
Nathan Dunlop (credit),
Ali Najm (credit),
Hassan Taleb (credit-near distinction),
Phillip de Gennaro (credit),
Tobias Kongbrailatpam (credit),
Jacky Lee (credit),
Hussein Dakdouk (credit),
Mohamad Fakih (credit),
Jamie Kantarovski (credit),
Mehdy Diab (credit),
Gemini Sanaphay (credit)

Meritorious performance in 2010 HSC!

Last year, 8 Year Twelve science students acquired band 6 grades. 7 students were awarded band 5. Results to be proud of!

Congratulations to Mrs Diwakar

Mrs Diwakar has been awarded the NIETA Teacher award. This is a national award for teaching excellence.
In addition, it recognises her great efforts in promoting the school and assisting students academically and otherwise.

Mr P. Loucopoulos
Head Teacher Science

English News

A student is overheard talking to an English teacher in the classroom.

Student: “BABOOM, BABOOM, BABOOM. My heart was hammering so hard that I thought it would explode. Bang! Just like that. Then, I felt the rippling chills slide down my spine. At first, hardly noticeable but soon, it was as if some unseen force was standing behind me with its searing icy finger tips scraping my flesh. (Student pauses.) Do you think I should add other physical details about how clammy my palms feel? Or is it the right moment to increase the tension of the narrative’s complication? I could mention the suffocating black shadow that’s about to bury me in its shimmering slime?”

Teacher: “Yeew. That’s disgusting but those horror images are really building the mood that we discussed the other day.”

Student: “Okay, I know what I should do. This character needs to show how terrifying it all is. It’s time to describe feelings. What about this – ‘The anxiety knotted his stomach and fear haunted his every thought...’? Yep, that’s better. I’ll add that.”

This is an example of Year 9 boys developing ideas and crafting their composing in the English classroom. They not only shape engaging horror stories but also discover that they can transport their readers to scary worlds in which no-one can hear the screams.

Ms D. Rees
Acting Head Teacher English

Next P & C Meeting
Monday October 31
6.30pm
Common Room
LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK

AMAZING RACE

On September 19, year 8 had a race around the school, completing set tasks involving mathematics. To succeed, the winning team had to finish 6 challenges in the fastest time. However, to get to the challenge you had to solve a clue. An example would be “Twice as smart as R2D2”. To solve this clue you would have to multiply D2 by 2 which gave you D4, so the place which you will have to go is D4.

Once you got to your destination you had to complete a challenge. Some of the challenges were doing things like a crossword with math, and figuring out how many jelly beans were in one measuring cylinder by using another measuring cylinder.

In the end the winners were Harry Maidiotis, Ali Najim, Pranshu Bhutta and Neil Amaral. They each won a movie ticket.

Big thanks to Ms Diakou for organising such an amazing event. The whole of year 8 enjoyed it a lot. We hope to have a similar event next year!

Harry Maidiotis and Danyal Aslam