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Term 1 Week 8 21st March 2019

Early next term our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in this year's NAPLAN testing. Our school will again be participating as one of only 1500 Schools Australia wide who will be utilising the online version. Last year we were one of the trial schools for this new process and it was a great success. Our staff will be participating in Professional Learning to assist them to implement this online process with their students. Our thanks to Mr Jones for leading this initiative at our school. Below are two web addresses that contain more information on NAPLAN for parents.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/media/documents/NAPLAN-Online-fact-sheet-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

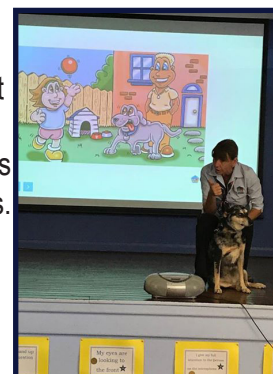
<http://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

On Tuesday we had a number of our students: Bridgette Tough, Lilly Tough, Leara Roberts, Tamika Gaddes, Esther Barker, Chloe Taylor and Zara McKenzie represent our School at the Mid North Coast Soccer trials held at Coffs Harbour. Congratulations to Lilly, Leara, Esther and Bridgette for being selected in the Mid North Coast team. They will now attend the North Coast Soccer trials. Our thanks to Mr Newman for coaching this team.



In Week 10 on Monday 1st April, Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April our school will be holding Parent Teacher interviews. This is a great opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss your child's progress and continue to build the very important home and school relationship. Notes will go home today to explain this process in more detail. Students please return the notes to your classroom teacher.

Tomorrow our Infants students will be attending the Responsible Pet Program which will be held at our Infants Hall. Our students will learn about safety around animals and how to take care of their pets. This is a great program and we are looking forward to our students putting these new skills into place if required.



On Tuesday our boys cricket team had a hard fought win over Grafton PS at JJ Lawrence Fields. Grafton batted first and were 5 for 89 after their 25 overs. South Grafton reached 5 for 92 at the end of their 23rd over. Congratulations to all the boys on a great team effort and thank you to Grafton PS for a fantastic game. The boys now move into the 3rd round of the PSSA Knockout. Our thanks to Mr Zacek for coaching this team.

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Our thanks to the parents who attended Tuesday's P&C meeting. Our P&C has two up coming activities. These include a sausage sizzle and cake stall to be held at the polling booth on the Primary campus this Saturday as part of the State Election. The BBQ will be held between 8.00am-12noon and your support is always greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Vickers at school if you can help out either on the BBQ stall or help with cooking for the cake stall.

All students will also receive raffle tickets next week to support our P&C Easter Raffle. The tickets will cost \$1 and there will be 10 prizes per campus. The prizes will be drawn on Friday 12th April which will coincide with our Infants Easter Hat Parade which is on the last day of term. The Easter Hat parade will begin at 11.00am. So Infants parents please start thinking about creating your child's Easter Hat. A note will be forwarded home shortly to explain this in more detail.

Many thanks to 'tre tesori' Natural Therapy and Skincare - Mrs Leanne Plowman for the generous donation of a Gift Voucher for our Christmas Raffle. Could the lucky winner please contact Leanne and arrange an appointment to redeem this as the expiry date is 30th May.

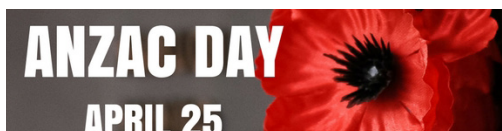


Early next term the Life Education Van (Healthy Harold) will be visiting the Infants Campus. This is an excellent program and we are looking forward to strong support from our community. A note will come home later this term explaining the details and the cost involved.



High School Expression of Interest Forms have been distributed to Year 6 students. They were due on Tuesday so please complete and forward them to the office as soon as possible.

The ANZAC Day March is held on



Thursday 25th April. This is the second week of the holidays. Please mark this date on the calendar as we always appreciate the amazing support given by our community at this march. We will provide you with more information as the holidays approach.

Have a great week
Mr Peter Hickey - Principal

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 went home last week with students. Please order online at http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/bc_parents.asp and orders close Monday 25th March at 3.00pm



Stage 1 Waterwise



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Students of the Week Award

KDR	Banda Elliott	3JD	Casey Bailey
KAO	Hendrix	3KG	Lochlan Egan
	McMahon	3SB	Heston
KTB	Heidi Wren		McConnell
KET	Amelia Sheather	4JR	Lucy Warwick
1CK	Lacey Carlino	4DH	Emily Loy
1AV	Thea Mason	4ES	Liam Stanton
1KD	Nythanuel	5KR	Zahlee Kilduff
	Wyse-Kuschert	5SD	Byron Perry
1/2KW	Charlotte	5TC	Jake Wagstaff
	Hughes	5/6ER	Tayla Mackey
2LS	Jaxon	6LG	Ava Tattis
	Worthington	6TM	Jayden Barker
2MA	Isabella	6DZ	Claire
	Roughley		Patterson
2JT	Beau Torrens		

Principal Awards

Isabella Houlihan, Tex Skerry, Olivia Reckless, Hudson Bowe, Charlotte Reeve, Isabella Bailey, Heath Skinner

Pride Awards

Ema-Lee Murphy, Annabelle Brooks, Cassius Appo, Jacob Laurie, Deannah Dwyer, Skylah Williams, Holly Bartkowski, Alex Rouse, Coby McDonald, Jak Gudz, Danielle Rhodes, Jaali Walker, Valin Skerry, Miley Abraham, Josie Vickers, Brett Cabalagnan, Braxton Cooke, Braxton Fielden, Jordan Backwell, Sky Boney, Emily Kelemec, Liara Gipp, Willow Eggleton, Hamish Dentler, Jasmine R, Chloe Jones, Jake Roberts, Jacob Everson, Shepherd Frost, Sophie Parente, Brianna Knight, Chloe Gavin, Mya Boney, Lara Clydesdale, Kiara Perry, Caleb Lolic, James Reeve, Ayla Noordhof-Skinner, Sophie Wynn, Ava Thurgood-Randall, Jena-Leigh Lang, Aurora Menzies, Jalani Bannerman, Brilynn Jones, Tristan Mason-Ehsman, Jordan Wilson, Billy Cain, Hunter Williamson, Seinna Davey, Teenikah Hippi, AJ Cox, Killara Quinlan, Lily O'Hara, Kalora Hippi, Emma Cameron, Riley Lolic, Lacey Lawrie, Brayden Cameron, Felicity Vinall Rainbow, Damian L, Finn Hegedus, Gunter Scherbarth, Jacob Maher, Ella Smith, Caleb Lloyd, Zac Noble-Rogers, Noah Narayan, Beau Gregson, Lucas McCann, Izabella Campling, Camron Grimes, Abbey Kellaway-Small, Aila Giggins, Jorja Lawrence, Logan McGrath, Ruby Plowman, Caitlin Amos, Alanna Burchell, Lilyana De Fossard, Jake Radmilovich, Zoe Bailey, William Cameron, Amalia Sandoz, Keilani Walker, Dean Brown, Braiden Licen, Chloe Taylor, Farrah Slis, Jailon Donohoe, Caitlyn Hutchins, Jye Lawrie

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 26th-27th March	War on Waste
	Excursion Stage 3
Tuesday 9th April	Primary Cross Country
Wednesday 10th April	Primary Rewards Day
	Infants Rewards Day
Friday 12th April	Infants Easter Hat
	Parade
	Last day of Term
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day March
Monday 29th April	Staff return
Tuesday 30th April	Students return
Wednesday 8th May	Primary Mothers Day
	Stall
Thursday 9th May	Infants Mothers Day Stall
Thursday 12th September	Market Day

Canteen

PRIMARY

Monday	Julianne Parente, HELP NEEDED
Tuesday	Raggi, HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	Glady Lawson, HELP WANTED
Thursday	Belinda Wormald, HELP NEEDED
Friday	Norma Purnell, Sam Pol, HELP WANTED

INFANTS

Monday	Rebecca Wren, Cherron Deen
Tuesday	Simone Skennar, Christie Really
Wednesday	Sam Pol, Julianne Parente
Thursday	Kerri Martin, HELP NEEDED
Friday	Kerri Martin, Rhonda King

Important Canteen reminders

*Parents could you please write your child's canteen order on a packet or piece of paper at home. We often only have 1 volunteer on canteen and it is too time consuming to write out every order.

*If your child goes home from school sick before lunch please collect their canteen order before you leave. The order gets processed in the morning and can not be used for the next day.



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NAPLAN Online fact sheet for parents and carers

In 2018 schools across Australia started the move from paper to online testing. The move to NAPLAN Online will bring new benefits for teachers and students.

Why are schools moving to NAPLAN Online?

Significant planning, research and trialling has been ongoing since 2012 to support the move to NAPLAN Online. Online testing creates new opportunities for teachers and students that are not possible with paper tests.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

- NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.
- Most students find online assessment more engaging.
- NAPLAN Online will use tailored testing, which gives students questions better suited to their ability, resulting in more detailed individual assessment.
- By 2020, your child's results will be returned within weeks of the NAPLAN test, as opposed to months.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools and teachers.
- The precision and improved timing of the results will help teachers streamline their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Practice test

NSW schools transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2019 will participate in a school practice test between 25 March and 5 April 2019.

The practice test is a 'practice run' for students to participate in a trial NAPLAN Online test. The practice test is not an assessment of student ability but will allow schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN online test format and processes;
- check they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online; and
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

More information about the NSW transition approach to NAPLAN Online, including answers to frequently asked questions, can be found on the NSW Department of Education NAPLAN Online website:

education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online

Parents wanting to familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN Online platform can visit ACARA's public demonstration site, which includes online demonstration tests for each NAPLAN year:

www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

General questions around the NSW Department of Education's approach to the move to NAPLAN Online can be addressed to the NAPLAN Online transition team: NAPLANOnline@det.nsw.edu.au

Frequently asked questions

When will NSW schools transition to NAPLAN Online?

Education ministers have agreed to full participation in NAPLAN Online by 2020. In 2018, around 550 NSW schools transitioned to NAPLAN Online. More than 50% of all schools will complete NAPLAN online in 2019.

Is NAPLAN Online compulsory?

NAPLAN Online will replace the current paper NAPLAN tests. When schools have transitioned to NAPLAN Online, all eligible students in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 must participate, unless they are exempt or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing by parents or carers.

Will the Year 3 writing test be online?

No. At this stage, the Year 3 writing test will continue to be paper-based. All other Year 3 NAPLAN tests (numeracy, reading and language conventions) will be online.

Education ministers have requested more research about the benefits or disadvantages for Year 3 students composing text in an online environment before any future decision is made.

What is tailored testing?

NAPLAN Online uses tailored testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level. This allows students to better demonstrate their knowledge and provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance. More information about tailored testing can be found on the NAPLAN Online website:

education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/whats-changing/tailored-tests

How will NAPLAN Online tests be marked?

Automated marking is currently used in the paper NAPLAN test to mark numeracy, reading and conventions of language and will remain in use for NAPLAN Online.

Trained markers will mark student writing as is currently the case with paper tests. Automated essay scoring will not be used to mark NAPLAN Online writing tests.

Will students' personal information be safe?

Yes. Information about your child is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained. The NAPLAN Online platform has been built with state-of-the-art security features that comply with national data security policies and data encryption standards.

How will parents receive their child's NAPLAN Online results?

Printed individual student reports will be sent to parents and carers by the NSW Education Standards Authority, as they currently are with paper NAPLAN tests. Once all NSW schools have transitioned to NAPLAN Online, all individual student reports will be returned to parents within weeks of the completion of the NAPLAN test window.

What if my child's school is not participating in NAPLAN Online in 2019?

Paper tests will be undertaken by schools that are not moving to NAPLAN Online in 2019. These will take place at the same time as NAPLAN Online, but within the current paper-based test window period of three days, as opposed to nine days for NAPLAN Online.

NAPLAN paper-based and online tests assess the same skills in literacy and numeracy taught through Australian curriculum content. Whether they complete the paper or online test, students will answer the same number of test questions and their results will be measured and reported against the one NAPLAN assessment scale.

Will NAPLAN Online be accessible to students with disability?

Yes, for most students. The accessibility adjustments provided in NAPLAN Online for students with disability will be equivalent to what is currently provided in paper NAPLAN tests in most instances.

ACARA will provide new adjustments for NAPLAN Online, such as alternative items for students with visual, hearing or motor disabilities. Students requiring braille, or print larger than what the NAPLAN Online platform or assistive technology can provide, will sit paper tests.

Do students need headphones or earphones to complete NAPLAN Online?

Yes. Headphones or earphones are required for each student to complete NAPLAN Online, as some questions include audio. For example, the spelling test includes audio delivery of words that students are required to type in.

Schools will be responsible for ensuring that all students have the appropriate headphones or earphones to complete NAPLAN Online.

Can students use their own devices to complete NAPLAN Online?

Yes, however it will be at the discretion of the individual school. Each device will require the installation of a locked down browser application, which prevents students from accessing unauthorised websites, applications and spellcheck features.

The ACARA website has more information on technical requirements for NAPLAN Online:

www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/technical-requirements

What happens if a computer experiences issues during a test session?

No student is disadvantaged if their device stops working during the NAPLAN Online test. In the case of interruptions, tests can be paused and resumed as required with no time lost. If a device stops working, all responses will be saved and the student can complete their test in a rescheduled test session.

Who is responsible for administering the NAPLAN tests?

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) is the test administration authority responsible for the administration and delivery of NAPLAN tests in NSW, including paper test and NAPLAN Online.

Who is ACARA?

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is an independent statutory authority responsible for the development of national curriculum, and the administration of national assessments and associated reporting on schooling in Australia.

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