

# NEWSLETTER

**D**ear families,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all had a wonderful break, enjoying the stunning weather we had, particularly the last weekend.

We have had a wonderful start and it is fantastic to see students in uniform and wearing hats at play times. This term is a busy one with a number of events happening. If you have not joined our new Facebook site, please do so. I update this with information all the time.

There are a number of excursions scheduled for this term. Please keep a look out for notes and make sure they are returned in plenty of time.

## **Mother's Day Stall**

Next week, thanks to our Governing Council, we have the Mother's Day Stall. The stall will be open on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 2:30pm outside the canteen area. There are lots of fabulous items to purchase. A huge thank you to our Governing Council members who helped select, purchase and wrap the gifts.

## **NAPLAN**

Just a reminder our year 3, 5 and 7 students will be undertaking NAPLAN testing in weeks 3 and 4. An update is attached however, if you want to come and see me about the test please do not hesitate.

## **OUTSTANDING FEES**

Invoices will be posted home this week with any outstanding fees. If you have not yet applied for school card there are instructions on how to do so and if there are outstanding fees for uniform, camp or anything else please come in and see Jade to confirm payment schedules.

## **Keeping Children safe around schools.**

Parking Zones around the school are put in place to ensure pedestrian safety. Children are in particular danger near schools because:

- Their small size makes it hard for drivers to see them between traffic, parked cars, stobie poles and other obstacles.
- They are easily distracted and may not be aware of traffic
- They may suddenly run onto the road – e.g. to meet a parent

I appreciate we have limited parking areas outside the gates however to ensure the safety of our school community please park near the oval or at Argana Park.

Regards,

*Bec Jamieson*

## Term Dates

**Week 2**

3/5 – 5/5

**Mother's Day Stall**

**Week 3 & 4**

11/5 – 21/5

**NAPLAN**

**Week 5**

25/5 Yr 5-7

26/5 Yr 6-7

**Dream big excursions**

28/5

**Assembly**

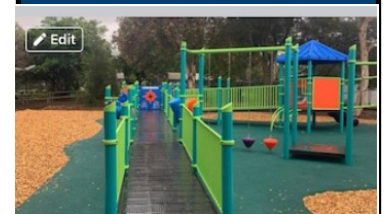
**Week 10**

28/6

**School Photos**

2/7

**Assembly**



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## NAPLAN testing 2021

### Information for parents and carers

#### NAPLAN testing

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents/carers and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests.

This year, the NAPLAN Online test window is 11 to 21 May. Most schools in South Australia will undertake testing online, however all Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper. There are contingency measures to revert to paper testing if required.

#### Supporting your child

On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so. You can reassure your child that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program and remind them on the day to simply do their best.

It is not recommended that students use services by coaching providers or excessively prepare for NAPLAN testing.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and provide appropriate support and guidance.

#### NAPLAN reporting

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale, and a NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year.

Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers, while teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.

#### Participation in NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may participate in NAPLAN testing. If a child is absent on a testing day, the school may arrange for them to complete the missed test/s another time during the school's test schedule.

If a student has a disability, they may qualify for adjustments to their tests. Students with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate, or students who have recently arrived in Australia with a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

There are provisions for parents/carers to withdraw their child from NAPLAN testing. Schools are familiar with this process and a decision should be made with your child's school. Speak to your principal in the first instance.

#### More information

For queries about NAPLAN, speak to your child's school. You can also find information about NAPLAN testing at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

