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News and Views to keep you informed.

NAPLAN

This term on May 15, 16 and 17, our students in Year 3 and 5 will be undertaking the annual NAPLAN testing. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be assessed using common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

These are National tests involving all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students throughout the country. It is highly desirable for children to attend school on these days (unless they are ill or incapacitated) and we urge you not to plan holidays at this time. More information for parents can be found at:



<https://www.nap.edu.au/>

Our teachers are committed to creating supportive classrooms where children are encouraged to do their best – not feel anxious or worried about testing. Teachers are ensuring our children are prepared and familiar with the testing program but we believe the most effective way to prepare for NAPLAN is to ensure that literacy and numeracy skills are embedded in the day to day curriculum.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year.

While it's important that students perform at their best, it's also important that students are not unduly stressed. Here are some general tips for beating test nerves:

Get at least eight hours sleep

Take time out to do something relaxing and enjoyable

Exercise and eat healthy meals regularly

Develop a time management plan for studying

Ask an older sibling or friend who has been through tests to give some advice

If feeling anxious, take a few moments to breathe deeply.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Some students may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. If you have any queries or questions in regards to your child's participation in the NAPLAN test please contact the office and speak with Admin.

Year 1 and 2 Classrooms Update

Over the next 10 days school improvement building works will now shift to E and F blocks. There will be some disruption to classes but we are working with all Year 1 and 2 teachers to minimise any changes.

Library News

The Library is about to open again although works are continuing in updating our facilities. I know students have been waiting a long time to have their beloved library back.