



Monday, May 7, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are aware, our Grade 3 & 5 students will undertake the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) between **May 15 - 25**. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals, which can be used to improve student achievement.

The testing timeline is:

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| • <b>Tuesday, May 15</b>   | <b>Writing</b>   |
| • <b>Thursday, May 17</b>  | <b>Reading</b>   |
| • <b>Monday, May 21</b>    | <b>Conventions of Language<br/>(spelling, grammar and punctuation)</b> |
| • <b>Wednesday, May 23</b> | <b>Numeracy</b>  |

This year our school has been selected to be one of the first schools to complete the NAPLAN tests online. The only test that our students will do in hard copy is the Grade 3 writing assessment. The online testing will deliver numerous benefits including:

- a 'tailored test' design that adapts to correct and incorrect student responses providing a more precise understanding of student achievement;
- innovative use of technology, including a more engaging test design and a wider range of item types;
- improved equity of access, including greater potential to support students with a disability;
- the extension of the 'test window' to two weeks, allowing schools greater opportunity to schedule the tests at times that suit them best and increasing student participation.

**Please support your child during NAPLAN testing by ensuring that they:**

- attend school every day
- arrive at school by 8:45 a.m.
- have a good sleep
- have a nutritious breakfast
- have their water bottle at school.

If you would like to know more about NAPLAN online, you can find additional information at <http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online> or you can contact me on ☎ 9741 2803.

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