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NAPLAN TESTING FOR YEARS 3 AND 5

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On the mornings of 15th, 16th and 17th May, the students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN assessment tasks as per the following schedule.

NAPLAN TIMETABLE

Tuesday 15th May – Spelling & Grammar (before morning recess); Writing (after morning recess)

Wednesday 16th May – Reading (before morning recess)

Thursday 17th May – Numeracy (before morning recess)

During the testing week it is important that the children have a good night's sleep and are at school on time at 8.55am, so they can be well organized and ready to commence the testing on time.

The NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a curriculum-based assessment for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, testing students' knowledge and skills in the areas of reading, writing, spelling and punctuation, grammar and numeracy. Each student's result is reported to the school and to parents against the National Statements of Learning which are consistent with the learning progression described in the standards of the Victorian Curriculum.

The NAPLAN assists teachers to identify students' strengths and weaknesses in English and Mathematics. By analysing the results along with information from teacher judgements and school based assessment tasks, teachers can adjust teaching strategies to provide appropriate support to improve learning.

The aggregation of student results from the NAPLAN tests provides the school with an overview of current achievements for groups of students and contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of their performance. The analysis of school-wide data assists the school planning and can be used by the school to monitor the effectiveness of our English and Mathematics programs.

Although the NAPLAN tests provide national and state-wide data, it needs to be remembered that the NAPLAN tests provide a snapshot of each student's achievement at a point-in-time on three particular days of the year, and there can be many factors influencing an individual's performance at this time. The NAPLAN tests are intended to complement our teachers' and school's assessment program.

If you have any queries, please see your child's class teacher. More information is provided in the attached brochure (a copy was also sent home with your child today) and at ACARA/NAP website – www.nap.edu.au

Your child's NAPLAN report will be sent home to you later in the year.

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