

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 2 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

26 JULY 2017

Welcome to Australia –ay!

On behalf of our school community I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Charlotte DeBruyn, Principal of Yarrow Community School, British Columbia, Canada as she participates in a principal exchange program with me. We have already had several conversations about the differences and similarities in our educational systems. Mrs DeBruyn will be visiting our classes as well as participating in visits to some of our other local schools over the next ten days. During the September holidays, I will be travelling to Canada to visit schools in Mrs DeBruyn's area.

School Athletics Carnival

Well done all of our fantastic students that participated in the Athletics Carnival on Friday. It was a glorious day with some great spirit and support shown by students and spectators. I would like to acknowledge and thank our staff and the parents that assisted on the day to ensure that all events ran smoothly.

The organisation of these types of events takes considerable time and planning; I congratulate Mrs Black and Ms Zeidler for their co ordination of the day.

NAIDOC Day

On Thursday this week, our students will be engaged in a range of activities to celebrate and learn through NAIDOC Day. The morning will commence with a whole school assembly in our hall followed by class based activities including language lessons in the Cultural Garden, traditional fire making demonstrations and in-class activities.

New Enrolments

We have a number of new students and families commencing at our school this term. It is always exciting to welcome new people to our community and I look forward to getting to know Jeremy, Savannah, Jimmy, Junior, Sarah, Jenna and Jet.

P&C Meeting

Please consider supporting our P&C which will be meeting on Wednesday, 2 August commencing at 6.00 pm. Our P&C supports the school to provide resources and ideas for your children. High on the agenda will be the organisation of the annual school fete scheduled for Friday 8 September.

David Crowe
Principal



Education

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 26 July	No money to be received at the office
Thursday 27 July	NAIDOC Day celebrations - Children can wear Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander colours. Netball NSW School Cup at Rose Point Park 9.00 am to 2.30 pm No money to be received at the office
Friday 28 July	Office can accept limited payments
Monday 31 July	Education Week Education Week awards at the Singleton Civic Centre 6.00 pm reception, 6.30 pm awards ceremony
Tuesday 1 August	ICAS–English test
Wednesday 2 August	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in school library
Thursday 3 August	Book Fair and Parade - Theme “Escape to Everywhere” Book Fair is available 8.00 am to 4.00 pm Book Parade under the COLA at 10.30 am
Monday 7 August — Friday 11 August	Korean School Visit
Tuesday 8 August	PSSA Golf Trials
Friday 11 August	Zone Athletics Carnival - Alroy Oval
Tuesday 15 August	ICAS-Mathematics test
Friday 18 August	Year 4 Sydney final payment due
There is no assembly this week.	



NAIDOC Day

NAIDOC Day is tomorrow (Thursday, 27 July). Students can wear Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander colours.
All families are welcome to attend the festivities.

**P&C Meeting tonight at
6.00 pm in the Library.
All welcome.**

PSSA Girls Netball

Last Thursday, July 20 our school netball team played in Round 3 of the PSSA competition against Bolwarra. The game was intense from the first to last quarter, resulting in a win for Bolwarra 15 -7. Our Singleton Public girls fought hard and demonstrated a 'never give up' attitude and as a school we should be VERY PROUD of them. Well done girls!

Mrs Merrick
Organising Teacher

Well done super Debaters!

Last term our two wonderful debating teams attended two gala days in which they debated against teams from King Street, Branxton and Kurri Kurri. The debates were based on quite difficult topics and they certainly encouraged our debaters to think outside of the box!

Both of our teams - The Persuaders and The Debatables argued gallantly resulting in some wins and some losses. The Persuaders (which is the Year 6 team) came out on top of the zone and therefore will carry on further in the competition.

A MASSIVE well done to all involved! I am super proud of you!

Mrs Merrick
Organising Teacher

NAIDOC DAY

Parents and carers are invited to come and celebrate NAIDOC Day at Singleton Public School on Thursday, 27 July. The assembly will be held at 9.15 am in the school hall. This year's theme is "Our Languages Matter".

Students can come out of uniform in Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander colours. A free sausage sizzle will be held at 11.10 am for all students

Visiting show: Lucas Proudfoot

After recess we went to the hall to listen to Lucas Proudfoot and I went up on the stage. My teacher went too and we did a dance. It was so crazy and it made me laugh so much. Lucas had a funny voice and he has been a musician for 20 years. He started playing the guitar at 10 years old and he played the didgeridoo (yidaki). A diamond pattern was on the didgeridoo and told the story about a turtle that has diamond on his back.

Gemma (4/5S)

Lucas Proudfoot is so hilarious. He had several instruments to show us but the first was the didgeridoo. He told us one of the Aboriginal language names for the didgeridoo. It's "yidaki" pronounced "yi-dark-ee". Lucas also played the didgi-bone, a cousin to the trombone.

The second instrument he played was a guitar which he has been playing since he was 6. He started performing when he was 11 years old and he is now 32 with lots of experience. His guitar playing is extreme. He also had a stomp box that he played with every instrument. Lucas told us that only men play the didgeridoo and women play the clap sticks.

His family is huge. His dad is Scottish and his mum is Aboriginal and belongs to the Bundjalung people. He has 12 brothers and sisters, 15 cousins and the neighbour has 16 kids. Every Friday the kids would go over to their Aunt and Uncles. There was up to 50 kids in the groups.

I rated this show 10/10. I thought it was one of the best shows I've ever seen.

Lucy 4/5S



Book Fair and Parade

Our school will celebrate Book Week on Thursday, 3 August. A Book Fair will be held in the school library commencing at 8.00 am and finishing at 4.00 pm. Carnival books will be our supplier. Purchases can be made using cash and EFTPOS. Children will make their wish lists during Week 2 library lessons. A parade will be held on the day. The time is 10.30 am under the COLA. The theme for Book Week is "Escape from Everywhere". Costume suggestions could include book characters who have escaped from a variety of situations.

Benita Van Der Wel
Librarian

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

...to make eggs in a basket.

Serves: 4 | Prep time: 10mins | Cooking time: 15mins

Ingredients
 4 wholemeal or multigrain bread rolls
 1 spring onion, sliced
 1 medium tomato, chopped
 2 mushrooms, sliced
 Handful of spinach leaves (optional)
 4 small eggs
 Pepper
 2 tablespoons reduced-fat cheese, grated



Method
 1. Preheat oven to 160°C and line a baking tray with baking paper.
 2. Slice off the top of each roll and scoop out the soft bread inside, leaving the bottom and sides of the roll intact. Arrange the rolls on the baking tray. Reserve the tops and middles.
 3. Divide the spring onion, tomato, mushroom and spinach between the rolls.
 4. Crack an egg into each roll. Season with pepper. Sprinkle the eggs with the grated cheese.
 5. Bake for 10 minutes or until eggs are to your liking. Add the tops and middles during the last 5 minutes of cooking time.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
 or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Canteen Roster - Week 3 Term 3 2017

Mon 31/7/17	Tammy Cox (9-12), Di Cooke, Monica Louw
Tues 1/8/17	Lynda Damstra, Rebecca Tutt (9-12)
Wed 2/8/17	Susan Henderson, Cara Roohan, Tracy Matthews
Thurs 3/8/17	Felicity Murray, Rachel Baxter, Kylie Page
Fri 4/8/17	Craig Cooke, Rebecca Cooke, Amy Stone

Please advise the Canteen if you have any changes to your rostered day.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop has now relocated to Lowes at Singleton Square. They are currently selling uniforms in-store and have now introduced an online ordering system at <http://www.lowes.com.au>.

Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL Post-It

Every fortnight our school focuses upon a new behaviour to reinforce our school values of RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – QUALITY. All classes engage in small discussions about the various behaviours and students are rewarded for acting in an appropriate manner. This fortnight's focus is:-

“ Responsible student, Ready to work ”

Parent Online Payment Advice - send to school office

Student Name: _____ Class: _____
 Total Paid: _____ Date: _____
 Description of Payment: _____

Online Payment Receipt number: _____

Where applicable, please ensure that you also send the permission note back to the class teacher.

Singleton Pubic School Details

Phone	02 6571 2250
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Principal	David Crowe
AP ES1	Christine Launders
AP Stage 1	Katrina Hackett
AP Stage 2	Rachel Nichols
AP Stage 3	Robyn Edgar
P&C Meetings	First Wednesday of the Month

Bell Times

8.40 am	Play
9.10 am	Morning Muster - class time
11.10 am	Eating in Class
11.20 am	Lunch 1
11.40 am	Lunch 2
12.00 pm	Middle session
1.30 pm	Recess
2.00 pm	Afternoon session
3.10 pm	Home

School Photos

Personalised school photos have arrived and they will be sent home this week. Family photos will also be sent home with the eldest child. Order forms for group photos will also be sent home. Further details and pictures of the photos will be in next week's newsletter.

KS Fete Donations

September 8, is coming fast. KS will be holding the handicraft stall at this year's upcoming fete. Any donations of handmade goods would be greatly appreciated. Please send items to Mrs Scoles' classroom anytime.

1H Fete Donations

1H are in search of preloved toys that need a new home. For the School Fete 1H are running a Teddy Tombola and desperately need toys to make this stall a success. We already have a few toys but we will take as many as we can get.

Toys can be left at the office or outside 1H classroom.

What is Teddy Tombola?

Teddy Tombola is where a toy is won randomly by drawing a number. It costs only \$1.00 a go and this also gets the new soft toy owner an entry into the big soft toy draw at the end of the day with a gift pack to be won.

2017 Fete 1LS Trash and Treasure Stall

Donations of quality toys, games, books and household items wanted for our fete stall. Items can be left at the office or sent to 1LS.

Support Unit Fete Donations

The Support Unit are running a monster raffle for this year's school fete. We are seeking donations of prizes for the raffle. If you know anyone with a small business, who would like to contribute, their donations would be greatly appreciated.

Improving Playtime

As part of our commitment to improving playtime for the children at Singleton Public School, we are introducing the use of "loose parts" into our playground. Loose parts are items and materials that children can use on their play. They provide a high level of creativity and choice, and the possibilities are endless for how they can be used.

Research shows that children like to play with loose parts because they can use their imagination and have greater control in their play. Children are amazingly creative and will be able to use the most ordinary of objects in a fun and enjoyable way, and will adapt them as they please.

We are therefore beginning to build up a loose parts area in school that stocks a variety of items. These items could range from pots and pans to tyres, rope, tubs, utensils, tubes, old musical equipment, rugs, material, wood, logs, crates etc.... Basically, anything that a child can play with. It would be wonderful if you could work alongside your child to donate any unwanted items from the list below.

Any items brought into the school can be placed in the storage tubs near Breakfast Club and must be safe for the children to handle. The children will be shown how to use the objects in a safe and enjoyable way. If you are interested in knowing more about the benefits of loose parts play, you may find the following link of interest; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqi1KyJJeKg>.

Loose parts suggestions:

Buckets, binoculars, cardboard boxes, camping mats, crates, cushions, hammocks, netting, old kitchen items such as old pots and pans, spoons, baking tins, jugs, bowls, rolling pins, whisks, old bicycle wheels, old CD's, old clothing, hats and scarves, old fancy dress costumes, old helmets, old goggles, old musical equipment, old tennis/badminton rackets, old tents, old wellies/boots, piping plastic garden pots, poles, ribbon, ropes, rucksacks, rugs, sheets, sticks, string, tarpaulin, telephones, traffic cones, watering cans, wind breakers and wire reels etc, etc.

Payments to School

As stated in earlier newsletters, the Department of Education are introducing a new computer system for schools to use for finance, attendance, enrolments, health and wellbeing, etc. At Singleton Public School, this system will "Go Live" at the start of Term 3. Therefore the school will not be able to take payments between 18 and 28 July 2017 to enable the new system to be set up.

Please note Parent Online Payments are also unavailable.

Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 21 July, Singleton Public held their annual Athletics Carnival. A great day was had by all with many children happily participating in all events. Many thanks go to the staff and parents who helped this day run smoothly. The Zone Athletics carnival will be held on Friday, 11 August at Alroy Oval for those students who made it through to the next level. Notes will be out as soon as possible.



SPS Volunteer Canteen Roster 2017

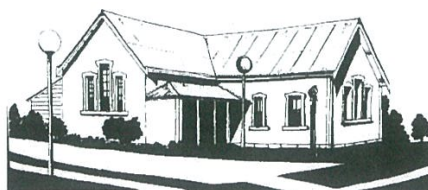
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	Anna Adamthwaite	Lynda Damstra	Cara Roohan	Kirsten Roxburgh	Sandy Tickell
	1 more helper please	1 more helper please	Morgan Lees	Cynthia Roffey	Maxine Kolinos
				Judi Wyllie	Sally Menere
	20-Feb-17	21-Feb-17	22-Feb-17	23-Feb-17	School Development Day 24-Feb-17
	20-Mar-17	21-Mar-17	22-Mar-17	23-Mar-17	24-Mar-17
	15-May-17	16-May-17	17-May-17	18-May-17	19-May-17
	Public Holiday	13-Jun-17	14-Jun-17	15-Jun-17	16-Jun-17
	07-Aug-17	08-Aug-17	09-Aug-17	10-Aug-17	11-Aug-17
	04-Sep-17	05-Sep-17	06-Sep-17	07-Sep-17	08-Sep-17
	30-Oct-17	31-Oct-17	01-Nov-17	02-Nov-17	03-Nov-17
	27-Nov-17	28-Nov-17	29-Nov-17	30-Nov-17	01-Dec-17
WEEK 2	Teagan Hartcher	Lynda Damstra	Sarah Land	Nicole Furness	Paula Stokes
	DI Cooke (when available)	1 more helper please	Melissa Muddiman	Kylie Broadbent	Jen Andrews
	1 more helper please		Julie Thomas	Cara Roohan	Kristine Lawrence
	30-Jan-17	31-Jan-17	01-Feb-17	02-Feb-17	03-Feb-17
	27-Feb-17	28-Feb-17	01-Mar-17	02-Mar-17	03-Mar-17
	27-Mar-17	28-Mar-17	29-Mar-17	30-Mar-17	31-Mar-17
	School Development Day	Public Holiday	26-Apr-17	27-Apr-17	28-Apr-17
	22-May-17	23-May-17	24-May-17	25-May-17	26-May-17
	19-Jun-17	20-Jun-17	21-Jun-17	22-Jun-17	23-Jun-17
	School Development Day	18-Jul-17	19-Jul-17	20-Jul-17	21-Jul-17
	14-Aug-17	15-Aug-17	16-Aug-17	17-Aug-17	18-Aug-17
	11-Sep-17	12-Sep-17	13-Sep-17	14-Sep-17	15-Sep-17
	09-Oct-17	10-Oct-17	11-Oct-17	12-Oct-17	13-Oct-17
	06-Nov-17	07-Nov-17	08-Nov-17	09-Nov-17	10-Nov-17
	04-Dec-17	05-Dec-17	06-Dec-17	07-Dec-17	08-Dec-17
WEEK 3	Cynthia Roffey	Lynda Damstra	Claire Elgar	Maree Davidson	Kate Howe
	Angie Trowbridge	Melissa Wilson	Morgan Lees	Karen Patton	Renee Mouser
				1 more helper please	Maxine Kolinos
	06-Feb-17	07-Feb-17	08-Feb-17	09-Feb-17	10-Feb-17
	06-Mar-17	07-Mar-17	08-Mar-17	09-Mar-17	10-Mar-17
	03-Apr-17	04-Apr-17	05-Apr-17	06-Apr-17	07-Apr-17
	01-May-17	02-May-17	03-May-17	04-May-17	05-May-17
	29-May-17	30-May-17	31-May-17	01-Jun-17	02-Jun-17
	26-Jun-17	27-Jun-17	28-Jun-17	29-Jun-17	30-Jun-17
	24-Jul-17	25-Jul-17	26-Jul-17	27-Jul-17	28-Jul-17
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	11-Dec-17	12-Dec-17	13-Dec-17	14-Dec-17	15-Dec-17
WEEK 4	Tammy Cox (9-12)	Lynda Damstra	Susan Henderson	Felicity Murray	Craig Cooke
	DI Cooke (when available)	Rebecca Tutt (9-12)	Cara Roohan	Rachel Baxter	Rebecca Cooke
	Monica Louw		Tracy Matthews	Kylie Page	Amy Stone
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	08-May-17	09-May-17	10-May-17	11-May-17	12-May-17
	05-Jun-17	06-Jun-17	07-Jun-17	08-Jun-17	09-Jun-17
	31-Jul-17	01-Aug-17	02-Aug-17	03-Aug-17	04-Aug-17
	28-Aug-17	29-Aug-17	30-Aug-17	31-Aug-17	01-Sep-17
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TERM 3

MONTH / WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
JUL 1	17 Staff Development Day	18 Students return	19 Visiting Aboriginal Show - Lucas Proudfoot (Supercover)	20	21 School Athletics Carnival	22
						23
JUL 2	24 LMBR Go Live	25	26	27 NAIDOC Day Celebrations NSW Netball Schools Cup	28 Office can accept limited payments	29
	Canadian Principal visit					30
AUG 3	31 Education Week	1 ICAS – English	2 P&C Meeting 6.00 pm	3 Library Bookfair and Parade	4	5
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AUG 4	7 Korean School Visit	8 Korean School Visit PSSA Golf Trials	9 Korean School Visit	10 Korean School Visit	11 Korean School Visit Zone Athletics Carnival Alroy Oval	12
						13
AUG 5	14	15 ICAS - Mathematics	16	17	18	19
						20
AUG 6	21	22	23	24 Kinder Library visit 11.30 am Yr 1 Library visit 1.00 pm	25	26
						27
AUG / SEPT 7	28 Year 4 Sydney	29 Year 4 Sydney Yr 2 Library visit 1pm	30 Year 4 Sydney	31 Year 3 Library visit 11.30 am Year 4 Library visit 1.00 pm	1	2
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SEPT 8	4	5 Stage 3 Library visit 1.30pm	6 P&C Meeting 6.00 pm Stage 3 Library visit 1.30pm	7 Year 4 Girl Talk	8 School Fete	9
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SEPT 9	11	12	13	14 Year 3 Outdoor Experience	15 Year 3 Outdoor Experience	16
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SEPT 10	18	19	20	21	22 Last day of Term 3	23
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19 June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Singleton Public School will transition to the new NSW public schools' finance system and a new bank account on **24 July 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept parent or carer payments.

1. **EFTPOS payments:** The school will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **18 July** and **24 July 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **18 July 2017**. From **27 July 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
2. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **18 July 2017** and **27 July 2017**, the school will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **18 July 2017**. From **27 July 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
3. **Online Payments:** As of **30 June 2017**, the "Make a Payment" button on the School Website (www.singleton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) will be temporarily removed as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. The button will be reinstated once the new system has been implemented on **26 July 2017**. From **27 July 2017**, Online payments will be accepted as before.
4. **Outstanding Accounts:** In the lead up to this transition period, it is requested that all parents/carers ensure that all payments are finalised before Friday, 23 June. This includes any voluntary contributions that you would like to pay for the year, P&C Levy payments, excursion deposits, visiting show payments and band instrument hire. This will greatly assist us in the transition. Statement of Accounts will be sent home again towards the end of the term.

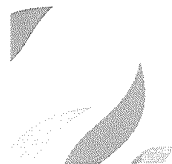
Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 02 6571 2250.

Yours faithfully

David Crowe
Principal



Education



Information for parents and carers

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they are receiving.

The national data collection counts students who have been identified by a school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability as defined under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?

The aim of the national data collection is to collect quality information about school students receiving an adjustment due to disability in Australia.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as other students.

The national data collection provides an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

All schools across Australia collect information about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

When undertaking the national data collection, every school in Australia uses the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney collects and submits data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The annual collection aims to, over time, lead to nationally consistent, high quality data that will enable schools, education authorities and

The information collected by schools will be available to all governments to inform policy and program improvement for students with disability.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the DDA.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder, as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy or diabetes, that require monitoring and the provision of adjustments by the school, may be included.

WHO COLLECTS INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

Teachers and school staff count the number of students receiving an adjustment due to disability in their school, and the level of reasonable adjustment they are provided, based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
- the school team's observations and professional judgements
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is accurate.

HOW IS MY CHILD'S PRIVACY PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential and is an explicit focus of the national data collection. Personal details, such as student names or other identifying information, are not provided to local or federal education authorities.

Further information about privacy is available from www.education.gov.au/notices.

IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?

Yes. All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and submit information annually on the number of students receiving adjustments due to disability in their care, and the level of adjustment they receive.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child's school principal and the relevant education authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your child's school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.

You can also visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

An e-learning resource about the Disability Standards for Education 2005 is freely available for the use of individuals, families and communities at <http://resource.dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/>.



Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

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What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- 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

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

** Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

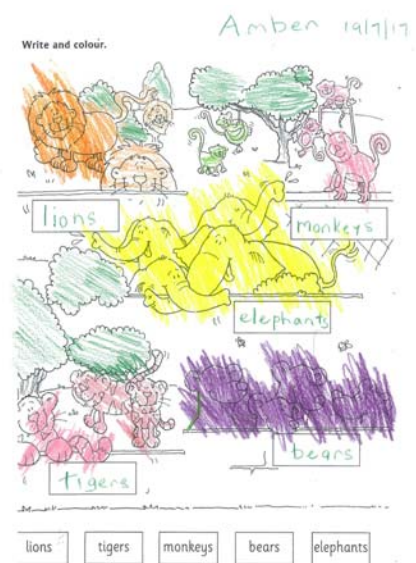
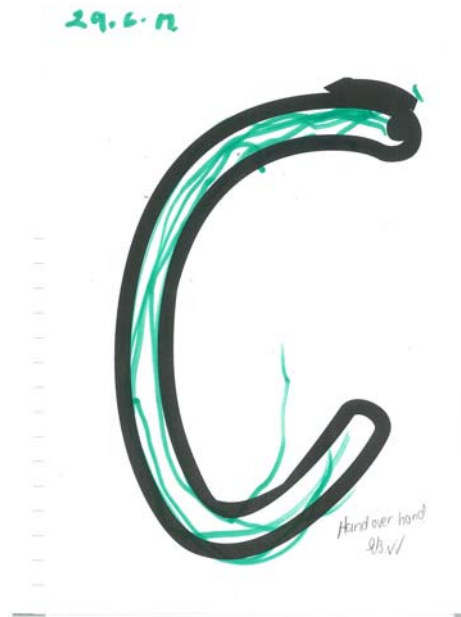
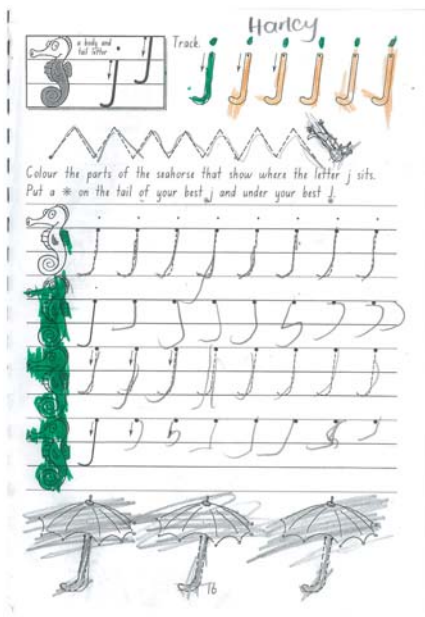
How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.

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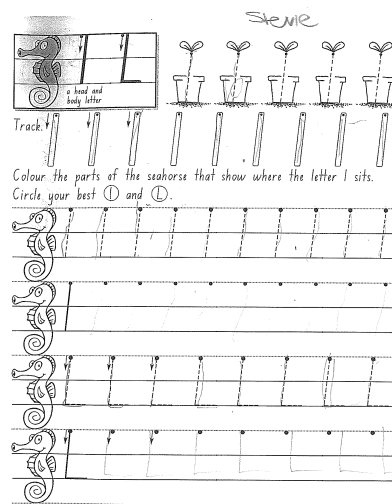
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At the Beach



We go to the beach to swim in the water.
At the beach we have sandcastles.
We have a picnic at the beach.

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Finish the pictures of the Tall family.



Name: Zedopi

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