



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

ANZAC day

I would like to thank our special guests for their generous support of our emotionally moving ANZAC ceremony today. Warrant Officer Gary Fuss OAM, (Order of Australia Medal) recipient, Mr Barry Tait (otherwise known as "Grumpy") and Bugler Mr Peter Williams all contributed to a ceremony in commemoration of our servicemen and women. Congratulations also go to our student representatives from the RAAF cadets; Veronica Burt-Leonard, Jayme Purcell, Thomas Gilbert and Kirsten Muldoon for an honourable job of standing as guard of honour, as well as our school leaders and SRC representatives. I would also like to thank all the organisers and coordinators, and Mr Foty Loupos for speaking on my behalf on this occasion.

Career training opportunities

Please encourage students to take a close look at each valuable opportunity offered to them at our school. Currently Ms Killen from PDHPE (Physical Development, Health and Physical Education) faculty is offering a Level 1 Touch Football referee course for a cost of \$22.00, and Sports Coaching and PDHPE students can complete a "Provide First Aid Certificate" for \$65.00. On Thursday 9th May there is an option for students who are interested in careers linked to Marine Rescue services to attend an information session. Opportunities like these are regularly advertised within our school on our school Facebook page and the careers noticeboard, and will greatly support your child to build their resume towards a successful career beyond school.

Woolworths "Earn and Learn" stickers

We are planning to improve the services and spaces in our library and would like to ask you to help in a small way. If you do happen to shop in Woolworths or know someone who does, please collect and deliver the "earn and learn stickers" to the boxes located in our library and outside Mrs Wellington's office. At the end of this promotion we will be able to send the stickers in to redeem for useful furnishings or equipment. The last time our school participated we were able to purchase the cushions for our library stairs, which have proven to be very popular with students.

Uniform

With the cooler weather arriving quickly some students are experiencing difficulty remembering the Nowra High school uniform policy. There are many warm winter uniform options available from our provider LOWES in Stocklands, Nowra. Please support your young person to easily access navy blue trousers and Nowra High school shirt and jacket / jumper options. If you have any concerns about the school uniform rules, please contact our community liaison officer, Dr Kath Hamilton on 44214977. Please note this year we no longer allow the wearing of non-NHS Jumpers of any kind, and grey is no longer part of our acceptable uniform for any students. Any parent experiencing hardship in purchasing uniforms please contact myself for a confidential arrangement.

NAPLAN tests

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is an annual event in the school calendar, and tests will be held for students from years 3,5,7 and 9 between Tuesday 24th May and Friday 17th May. NAPLAN is intended to give a snapshot of how well our students are performing as a benchmark against others of the same age across the country. If you have any questions about this process please read the flyer provided in this newsletter, explore the NAPLAN section of [the NSW Education Standards Authority \(NESA\) website](http://www.nesa.nsw.edu.au).

Mr Glen Kingsley,
Principal

Calendar - 2019

Coming Events for Term 2 - Weeks 2 & 3

Week 2 - BETA

Monday 6th May:

- Year 10 & 12 Legal Studies - Court & Police Justice excursion - Sydney - all day - Ms Novak, Ms Hamilton

Tuesday 7th May:

- 11 VS.01 & 12VS.1 - NSW Touch Football Referee Accreditation - all day - Ms Killen, Ms Nielsen
- Year 7 Enrichment class - Art Earth & Rock Day visit - Bundanon - all day - Mr Tagliabue, Ms Nielsen
- Steer Spectacular

Wednesday 8th May:

- Year 10 PASS - GWS AFL Coaching Gala day - Nowra showground - all day
- Steer Spectacular
- Year 11 Minimum standard practice test Maths - in class Period 3/4

Thursday 9th May:

- Shoalhaven Zone Cross Country - Willandra - approx. 120 students - Ms Nielsen, Mr Flanagan

Friday 10th May:

- Tackle Indigenous Smoking Workshops - Years 7 & 9 - Period 1 - Ms Webster, Mr Evans, Ms Wellington

Week 3 - ALPHA

Monday 13th May:

- Year 8 Science assessment half yearly exam - in class - 8A, 8C, 8K, 8P, 8O

Tuesday 14th May:

- Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN - Language conventions test & writing test - MPH Periods 1-4
- Year 8 Enrichment Canberra Excursion - Ms Farquhar, Mr Cork, Mr Gardiner

Wednesday 15th May:

- Year 7 & 9 - NAPLAN - Reading test - MPH Period 1-4
- Year 8 Enrichment Canberra Excursion - Ms Farquhar, Mr Cork, Mr Gardiner

Thursday 16th May:

- Year 7 & 9 - NAPLAN - Numeracy test - MPH Period 1-4

Friday 17th May:

- Year 7 & 9 - NAPLAN - catch up day - MPH Period 1-4
- Year 10 Dance task 2 - Periods 3 & 4 Tackle Indigenous
- Tackle Indigenous Smoking Workshops - Years 7 & 9 - Period 1 - Ms Webster, Mr Evans, Ms Wellington

P&C meeting dates

TERM 2 - 2019	TERM 3 - 2019	TERM 4 - 2019
Week 4 - Tuesday 21st May	Week 4 - Tuesday 13th August	Week 4 - Tuesday 5th November
Week 8 - Tuesday 18th June	Week 8 - Tuesday 10th September	Week 8 - Tuesday 3rd December

All welcome in the library starting at 6.30pm

ANZAC Assembly



Australian Shakespeare Company highlights

'Richard III' Performance by the Australian Shakespeare Company Wednesday 27/3/19

Year 12 and 11 Advanced English students enjoyed a wonderful performance of scenes from Shakespeare's 'Richard III' by actors from the Australian Shakespeare Company. The performers brought Shakespeare's historical characters to life and provided a number of interactive opportunities for members of the audience. Students were invited to act out scenes along with the performers.

The performance was organised to support the student's study of the Module Textual Conversations, which explores links between Shakespeare's text and Al Pacino's contemporary film, 'Looking for Richard'. The incursion provided an invaluable experience for students in their study of these texts. For many students it was also their first experience of live theatre.

Special thanks also to Ms Soeters for her cooperation in organising this experience. The library was a wonderful venue for this performance and allowed for a close connection between performers and audience.

Mr Mckee



NSW PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE 

Nowra High School
NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Physical activity is valued for its physical, social and emotional benefits. It also helps young people to develop communication skills, confidence and resilience. This year our school has registered to participate in the **NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge**.

The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport and physical activity to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Over a ten week period (Week 1 Term 2, 29th April 2019 until Week 10 Term 2, 5th July 2019), Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be monitoring physical activity levels during class time, at recess and lunch, as well as during sport lessons. Physical activity outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge award. The aim is to work towards an average of at least 60 minutes of activity a day for ten weeks.

Our school will be working to achieve an individual student award at the conclusion of the Challenge.

We would like to invite families to support us in encouraging students' healthy use of leisure time and to experience the joy of being active together.

Students are encouraged to download the free PSC Tracker app for smart phones to aide in recording and monitoring their physical activity levels. Alternatively, students will be issued with a logbook to record their daily physical activity in PDHPE lessons.

Students completing the Challenge will receive a personalised certificate (Diamond, Gold, Silver or Bronze), signed by the Premier of New South Wales.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Challenge, please contact a member from the PDHPE Faculty who will be pleased to talk further with you.

Yours Sincerely,


K. Nissen
Sports Organiser


S. Blakeney
PDHPE Head Teacher


G. Kingley
Principal

NAPLAN on paper – information for parents and carers

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Why do students do NAPLAN?

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 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

See example NAPLAN questions at nap.edu.au

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit NAPLAN paper tests.

However, children in other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN online tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au

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What if my child is absent from school on assessment days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 17 May 2019.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at myschool.edu.au

NAPLAN 2019 timetable

	Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May
Year 3	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 60 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 60 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN is handled by ACARA, please visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

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School bus travel

School Bus Travel

Dear Parents

As of the 29th of April 2019, students travelling on a school bus to and from school are required to have a valid school bus pass for the school bus service they are catching. If a valid school pass cannot be shown a fare will be charged. In the event the school bus pass is lost, some form of student ID is to be shown whilst obtaining a replacement pass (fees apply). You can help make your child's school bus journey more pleasant by ensuring your child has a valid school bus pass and presents it to the driver on boarding the bus morning **AND** afternoon. Parents are reminded that the School Free Travel is only valid from home to school as per the conditions on the back of the pass. Fares will be charged for all other journeys.

If you are yet to apply for a bus pass or your details have changed eg: address, please go to www.transportnsw.info/school-students alternatively you can call the transport info line on 131 500.

If you have any questions in regards to the correct school bus for your child to catch, please contact the appropriate company:

Kennedy's Bus Service: Ph: 4421 7596
 Nowra Coaches: Ph: 4423 5244
 Shoal Bus: Ph: 4423 2122
 Stuart's Coaches: Ph: 4421 0332

AFL GIANTS UNDER 13 GIRLS COME & TRY

This Sunday at West St AFL Oval there will be a come & try session for all girls in the 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 age group. Starting at 11.10 the girls are asked to get there by 10.45 and see Jess. There is **NO COST** for the session and everyone is welcome. This is the time to try!

For more info call Jess on 0408 050 408