



# NEWSLETTER No. 12

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## School Values: Quality, Respect, Community & Responsibility

### From the Principal's desk ...

#### **House Cross Country**

Our House Cross Country is happening this Friday, May 6. It will be held at the park, starting at midday. Children are encouraged to wear their house coloured t-shirt for the event. We are also looking for helpers – if you are available please let us know! Thank you!

#### **NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy tests (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3 and 5. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy tests.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the schools assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. Whenever possible, we will organise 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 May 13.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills in the areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. Questions are multiple choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a stimulus.

- Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy test includes number, space, algebra, function and pattern, measurement, chance and data
- Calculators are not permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like; sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

### NAPLAN 2016 test timetable

	<b>Tuesday 10 May</b>	<b>Wednesday 11 May</b>	<b>Thursday 12 May</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Language Conventions</b> – 40 minutes <b>Writing</b> – 40 minutes	<b>Reading</b> – 45 minutes	<b>Numeracy</b> – 45 minutes
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Language Conventions</b> – 40 minutes <b>Writing</b> – 40 minutes	<b>Reading</b> – 50 minutes	<b>Numeracy</b> – 50 minutes

#### **Transition to Secondary School**

Local Secondary Schools are currently offering Information Nights and Open Days for students going into year 7 in 2017. Families of students in Grades 4 and 5 are also encouraged to attend.

#### Information Nights

Rushworth P-12 Wednesday May 4 at 6pm

Wanganui SC Monday May 9 at 7pm

Shepparton HS Tuesday May 10 at 7pm

Mooroopna SC Wednesday May 11 at 7pm

McGuire College Thursday May 12 at 7pm

#### Open Days

Mooroopna SC, Shepparton HS, Wanganui SC and McGuire College will hold Open Days on Wednesday May 18 and Thursday May 19 at 9:15am and 11:15am. If these times don't suit you, please contact the relevant schools to arrange an appointment.

#### **First Aid in Schools program**

Today all children participated in the First Aid in Schools program. It was an excellent opportunity for our students to learn and practice some basic first aid skills.

#### **Mother's Day Stall**

The Mother's Day Stall is on Friday May 6. Gifts range from \$1 to \$5.00 to take home. Thank you to Michelle Donders and Kelly Bedwell for providing this opportunity to our students.

#### **School Photos**

School Photos will be taken on Wednesday May 18. Information regarding the ordering process was sent home to families last week. Please contact the school if you did not receive this information.

**Melissa Houlihan** Principal

## AROUND THE SCHOOL:

Keys to Success - Getting Along, Confidence, Organisation, Persistence & Resilience



# “YOU CAN DO IT”

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Left to Right

Back: Miriam & Christopher

Front: Kailee, Jet & Abbey

Gr F-1WW – Kailee Wheeler – for her great progress in maths. Kailee has shown great persistence and is working tough to get her work completed.

Gr F-1WW – Jet Williams – for being a friendly and helpful classmate who always tries to do his best. Well done Jet!

Gr 1-2F – Abbey Baker – Abbey has used the keys to demonstrate her editing skills in her writing. Well done Abbey!

Gr 2-3V – Christopher Brown – for always being a positive member of our class, helping others and generously making ANZAC biscuits. Great ANZAC spirit!

Gr 5-6B – Miriam Drinnan – Miriam always displays the 5 keys to success. She is always ready to complete any task she is given and sets a wonderful example for others. Well done Miriam!

### TERM 2 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
4	2	3	4 First Aid in Schools	5 AFL Sporting Schools	6 Mother's Day Stall House Cross Country	7	8 Mother's Day
5	9	10 NAPLAN School Council	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN AFL Sporting Schools	13	14	15
6	16	17	18 School Photos	19 AFL Sporting Schools	20 CURRICULUM DAY HOLIDAY	21	22
7	23	24	25 District Cross Country	26 AFL Sporting Schools	27	28	29
8	30	31 Division Cross Country	JUNE 1	2 AFL Sporting Schools	3	4	5
9	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10	13 QUEENS BIRTHDAY	14 School Council	15 Regional Cross Country	16	17	18	19
11	20 Reports go Home	21	22 Parent Teacher Interviews	23	24 Last Day Term 2 2:30 finish	25	26

