

Murrumburrah Public School

NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Week 8

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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.

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.

Frequently asked questions

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.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

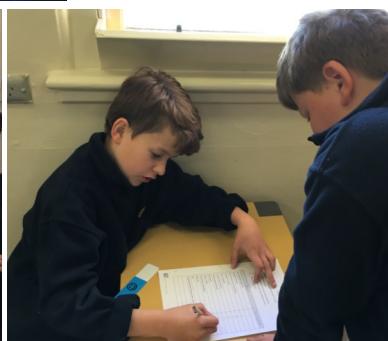
EVENT	CLASSES	ACTIVITY DATE	COST	Notes / Money due
Genius Hour (last one)	Participating students	Monday 4 Sept	Free	
CAPA Night at MHS	All welcome	Wednesday 6 Sept @ 6pm	\$5 Adults \$2 child \$10 family	
Peer Support	All classes	Thursday 7 Sept		
P&C Meeting	All welcome	Tuesday 12 Sept @ 7pm		
All Stars assembly	All welcome	Friday 15 Sept @ 12.15		
National Disability Insurance Scheme Information session	All welcome	Tues 19 Sept Binalong Public School 2pm—4pm	Free	Contact Binalong PS for more info

A day in the life of Year 6...

Year six have had a busy term with a lot of extra curricular activities. We are enjoying our Peer Support program on Thursday afternoons which is teaching our younger peers about bullying and ways to stop it from happening at our school. We have also enjoyed Hotshots tennis of a Friday where we are learning new skills.

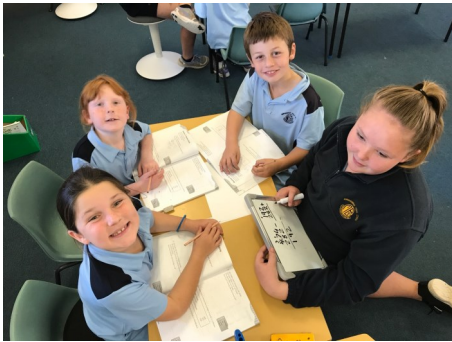
In literacy this term we have been looking at the novel Bridge to Terabithia. We have been working hard on writing narrative and persuasive texts. In numeracy we have been busy looking at decimal and percentages, averages, fractions and the area of different shapes.

In history this term we have been looking at Australian as a nation. We have enjoyed learning what a democracy is and how and when Australia became a nation.



Around the school...

Peer Tutoring Our Year 3 students love it when Year 6 pop-in and do some peer tutoring with them.



Infants get a visit from an Echidna



As a follow on from learning about wild animals in Science, the infants students were lucky enough to get up close with a wild echidna last week. We would like to thank Marg Campbell for bringing it in.

Marg was able to answer lots of questions and the students also shared their knowledge about what they had already learnt.



Father's Day Stall

We hope all the Dads had a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday! Thank you to the P&C for organising the Father's Day stall, full of lots of wonderful gifts and treats for Dad!

Harden Murrumburrah Springtime Show

Don't forget the annual Harden Murrumburrah show this coming weekend, **Saturday 9 September**.

Lots of fun for the whole family with agricultural exhibits, side show alley, rides, horse and dog events and the pavilion exhibits.



Year 2 Excursion to the National Zoo & Aquarium

Last Friday, Year 2 headed off to Canberra on the bus to visit the National Zoo & Aquarium.

The students had a wonderful day and enjoyed visiting all the animals.



Well done on raising \$78.45 for Footy Colours Day.

P&C News

Father's Day Stall

We hope all the Fathers enjoyed receiving all their specially chosen gifts from the P&C stall. A big thank you to **Carrie Giddings** who bought and sold all the gifts last Thursday.

Facebook Auction

Thank you for all the support with our Facebook Auction. Don't forget the auction will close at 8pm this Sunday 10th September. Remember the highest bidder at 8pm will win the item. Details of collection and payment will go on our page after the event has concluded.

Canteen

Thank you to this weeks canteen volunteers
Monday 4 Sept ~ Nikki & Peggy
Wednesday 6 Sept ~ Tash & Clare
Friday 8 Sept ~ Brianna & Tamara
Monday 11 Sept Special Lunch
Spaghetti Bolognaise \$4 or Hamburger \$4.50

Play Equipment

We are so excited to share with you an image of our new play equipment for the Primary playground.



Treen Brooker
President



Murrumburrah Public School Community News



Before & after school care

Please contact Bunyip Pre School
on 6386 2631 or 0418 581 357.
Holiday program now available!

BE AMBITIOUS



TAFE NSW Pathways Information Night

LEARN ABOUT YOUR STUDY
OPTIONS AT TAFE NSW YOUNG:
5.30pm THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

EVENT DETAILS

This information session is ideal for students, parents, employers, schools or anyone looking to study. Receive first-hand information about the wide range of study options available at TAFE NSW.

- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- School to TAFE - TAFE Delivered Vocational And Educational Training (TVET)
- TAFE to University

GUEST SPEAKERS FROM:

- TAFE NSW
- Apprenticeship Support
- Employers
- Training Services NSW

CHECK OUT THE NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

TAFE NSW Young has entered a new era of education, with brand new student facilities that offer the latest in teaching techniques across a wide range of study areas.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Thursday 21 September
5.30pm to 7.00pm
TAFE NSW Young
D Block
Caple Street, Young NSW

JOIN US!

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

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Women's 6 week Self Defence Course \$99

Begins Tuesday 19 September 6-7pm
Hard Rock Gym, Station Street, Harden.
Call **0487 255 083** to secure your place.



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'Learn to Live'



Congratulations infants on your home reading awards!