



# Mount Warrigal Public School

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A quality school developing the individual in a caring community

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Jodi Niedermayer  
Principal

## NEWSLETTER

9 August 2017

Term 3 WEEK 4 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community

### **MRS MCKAY**

It is with excitement that we farewell Mrs. McKay this Friday, as she begins her maternity leave. We wish Mrs. McKay and her husband, Kurt, all the best as they welcome their baby in the coming weeks. I know Mrs. McKay will be missed, particularly by 1-4 Red and Mrs. C. The position for Mrs. McKay's replacement for the remainder of the year was advertised and an experienced teacher, Mrs. Cambourn, will be starting as soon as possible. Mrs. Cambourn comes to us from Waniora PS and has had many years' experience prior to that working with children with disabilities. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Cambourn.

### **EDUCATION WEEK & KINDNESS ON PURPOSE LAUNCH – Friday 11th August**

This Friday, 11 August, we will be holding our Education Week celebrations and Kindness on Purpose launch. On the day we will be joined by Katrina Cavanough, the creator of Kindness on Purpose for an assembly, followed by open classrooms. All parents, carers and family members are invited to join us.

**9.15 Assembly – presentation of class artworks, awards, choir performance**

**10.15 Open classrooms – participate in an act of kindness on purpose**

**11.00 Picnic lunch – all welcome to stay**

### **EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS**

It was my absolute pleasure to attend the Wollongong Network Education Week Awards at Figtree last week. Two staff members from Mount Warrigal PS were recognised in the category of Excellence in Teaching and Learning and presented with their award by Ms. Mandy Shaw, Director, Public Schools NSW. Mrs. McKay was recognised for exceptional teaching and leadership of our PBL team, and Mrs. Hall for her commitment to technology, life-long learning and support of others. Congratulations, Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Hall!



### **50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - SCHOOL FETE AND AFTERNOON TEA**

This year our school turns 50! To celebrate this 50th Anniversary we will be holding an afternoon tea and School Fete in Term 4. We have a Fete Committee made up of P&C members and other interested parents who are working together to support the organisation and running of this event. Organising a fete takes a great deal of work and we'd appreciate any additional support. The next fete meeting is to be held on Monday 14th August at 1.30pm, in the Community Room.

In addition, the Fete Committee is committed to organising a major raffle or chocolate wheel and is looking for donations. If you, or any family, friends or contacts, are able to offer any donations, big or small, please contact the office. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

### **BUNNINGS LETTERBOXES**

This afternoon I look forward to joining many of our families at Bunnings Shellharbour, from 4.30 – 6.30pm, to construct and paint letterboxes for each classroom, with the help of The Men's Shed at Albion Park and Bunnings. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## NAPLAN ONLINE

On Monday 4th of September, Year 3 and Year 5 students at Mount Warrigal Public School will participate in the School Readiness Test for the future plan to complete NAPLAN Online. All NSW schools will participate in this test. 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, therefore, there will be no results provided to the school or to the parents.

- Year 3- Will complete one combined Literacy/Numeracy test. (40 minutes duration)
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The tests will occur at 9:30am for Year 3 and 5. The second test for Year 5 will occur at 12 noon on the day.

Please see the attached information sheets in this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

## 'GET BLACK ON YA FEET' – LAST WEEK TO ORDER SHIRTS

Aboriginal artist, Daren Dunn has been employed to work with our students during Terms 2 and 3. As part of his program, he has designed a personal school shirt for staff, parents and students. For students, these can only be worn on Fridays. The shirt costs \$25.50, and orders need to be accompanied with payment. We have extended the cut off for order until this Friday, 11th August. Please see the office to place your orders. See design and details in this newsletter.

## P&C – MONDAY 28 August

The P & C will be holding their next meeting on Monday 28 August at 1.30pm in the Community Room. Please join us if you are available.

Kind regards

Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800  
Crime stoppers 1800 333 000

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Our recent behaviour focus was to be a safe, respectful learner.



#### Last week we learnt how to be safe in the classroom.

We.....

- keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves
- use equipment safely
- push our chairs in
- use furniture safely
- keep our belongings tidy
- walk in the classroom
- follow emergency procedures

#### This week we are learning to be safe, respectful learners at break time.

We.....

- wear a hat at break time
- follow the rules of the game
- take turns and share
- encourage others to join in
- eat in the correct area
- return equipment
- leave food outside the toilet
- respect other's privacy
- keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves
- agree on rules before play



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PROGRAM**

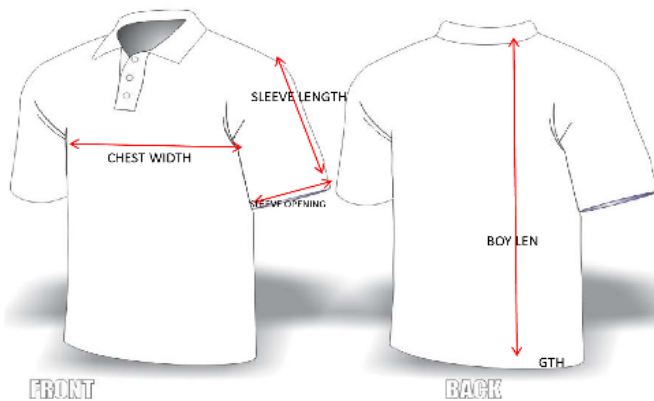


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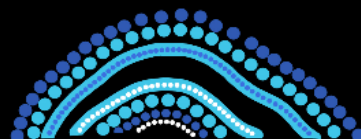
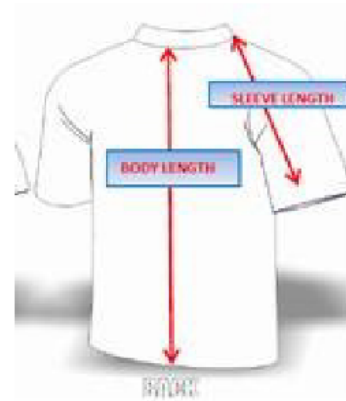


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## Dates for Your Calender

9 <sup>th</sup> August	Father's Day Letter Box Initiative at <b>Shellharbour Bunnings between 4.30 and 6pm</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Southern Stars Rehearsal at WIN Entertainment Centre Wollongong - BUS
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Education Week & Kindness on Purpose Launch
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Fete Committee Meeting at 1.30pm in the Community Room
15 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>School photos all day-BRING MONEY ON THE DAY</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> August	The Rocks Excursion Years 3 and 4
28 <sup>th</sup> August	P & C Meeting at 1.30pm in the Community Room
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Choir – Day Rehearsal leaving school at 8am-returning 2.45pm
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Choir – Evening Performance at Wollongong Uni- <b>Tickets available</b>
30 & 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Preschool Photo Day
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 & Year 5 -School Readiness Test for the future plan to complete NAPLAN Online



*Seeing Red explores ways for you to deal with feelings of anger in yourself and your kids.*

- Recognise your feelings and needs and those of others around you
- Communicate and listen to these feelings and needs.
- Be assertive.
- Express anger in more constructive ways.

Where: Mount Warrigal Public School, 2 Hogarth Avenue

When: 3 Thursday mornings 10am-12.30pm

17th, 24th and 31st of August 2017

BOOKINGS and enquiries please phone: 42 966 266

Workshop Fee: \$15 per session

For more info go to [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au)

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### **NAPLAN Online-School Readiness Test**

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Year 3- Will complete one combined Literacy/Numeracy test. (40 minutes duration)

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The tests will occur at 9:30am for Year 3 and 5. The second test for Year 5 will occur at 12 noon on the day.

Staff have completed the first round of training for the School Readiness Test and will be sharing the process and information by training colleagues during the next few weeks.

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, therefore, there will be no results provided to the school or to the parents.

#### **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.

You do not need to prepare your child for these tests. It is just an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for the school to test our online capability.

The test is administered through a lock-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Please refer to upcoming newsletter and Skoolbag alerts for further information as the test approaches.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mrs Leonie Hall  
Technical Support Officer

Mrs Tina Duffield  
Naplan Coordinator

# 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.

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- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
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## 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.



Enrolments are now open for our new Early Education and Care Centre for 0-5 years at Stockland Shellharbour. There is a large indoor and outdoor play environment and a dedicated, caring and committed team who are excited to meet all the new families and children.



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# LAKE ILLAWARRA LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

## 2017-2018 Season

### Registration Information

Lake Illawarra Little Athletics Centre is entering its  
47th Year of Competition.

Registrations open on the 1st August 2017 and all  
registrations will be done online at [www.lilac.net.au](http://www.lilac.net.au)

### REGISTRATION DAYS

Sunday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August between  
1pm and 3pm at Myimbarr Community Park.

At these days you can get help with your online  
registration, pay for your registration (cash, cheque,  
bank transfer\* or online\* payment), purchase our  
centre uniform and ask questions.

### COST

Early Bird registrations during August

\$100.00

Normal Registration \$120.00 (all registrations after  
August 2017)

2 Week Trial \$30.00

\*Please note that payments made online or via bank transfer will incur  
service fee.



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5.30pm

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### **COS Registered**

#### **Parent Educators:**

Kristin Nisbet & Courtney Hill

#### **Course Days:**

Each Thursday of the dates below at 5:30pm-7:00pm

#### **Dates include:**

17th August, 24th August, 31st August,  
7th September, 14th September & 21st September

#### **Cost:**

Free

#### **Location:**

33 Pioneer Drive Oak Flats, NSW, 2529

#### **RSVP By:**

Monday 14th August

#### **Contact:**

Kristin (0409306534)  
or Courtney (0421634537)

Light refreshments provided.



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