

Newsletter

Willsden Primary School



Respect Honesty Responsibility

Term 2 Week 2

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NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing begins on Tuesday 14th May (week 3) for students in Years 3, 5 and 7. There is an information brochure included in this week's newsletter which will give more information to parents and caregivers about NAPLAN.

Please encourage your children to attend school for NAPLAN as the information we gather from these assessments will help us as a school to plan for future learning for individual students. Some nervousness before any test is normal but remind your children that all we can ask of them is that they simply try their best.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please discuss with your child's teacher or leadership.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of lost property (jumpers, t-shirts, hats etc) that has been handed into the front office. If you think your child has lost something, you are welcome to come into the office and check through the lost property.



Any clothing that is not collected by the end of Week 4 will be donated to charity

Diary Dates

NAPLAN 2019

Tues 14th May—Fri
24th May

Parent Voice
Meeting

Tues 21st May

Assembly

Wed 22nd May

Whole School
Excursion

Thurs 30th May





1st May- 23rd June

Shop at Woolworths and collect a sticker for every \$10 you spend. Stickers can be placed in the Willsden box at Woolworths or brought to the Front Office at school. There is a poster on the wall to fill with stickers.

Sheets are also available if families want to use these.

Stickers earn us points we can use to get resources for the school.

Start collecting now!

FACEBOOK COMMUNICATION

A lot of communication from school to home is done via our Facebook page.

Please make sure you like our page (**Willsden Primary School**) so you can keep up-to-date with everything happening at school: events, important dates, reminders etc



WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

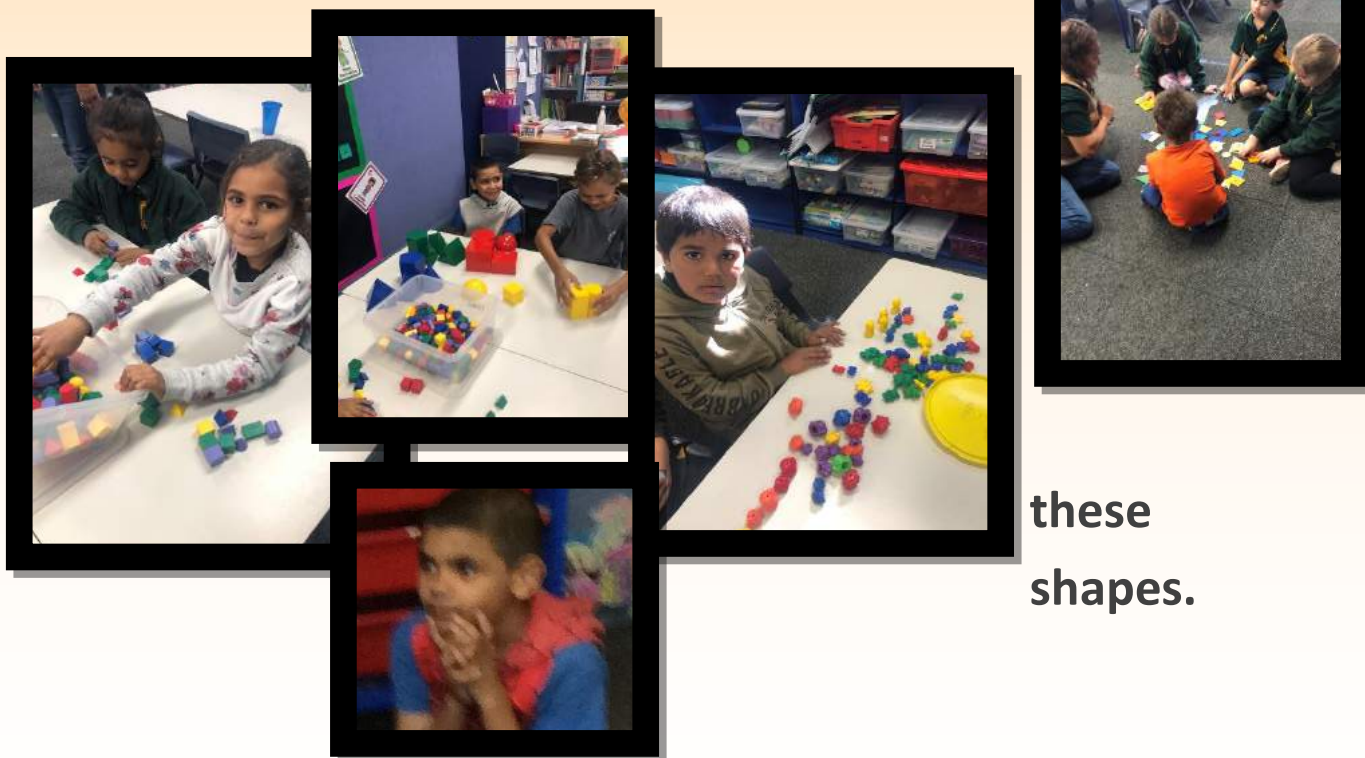
Thursday week 5 (30th May) the whole school will be having an excursion to Mambray Creek as part of our Reconciliation Week celebrations. Information notes and permission slips will be sent home soon.



In HASS we are learning about how Toys have changed over time. On Monday brought our favourite toy along to school.



In Maths we are learning about 2D and 3D Shapes. We are exploring all the features that make



these shapes.

NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



2019

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, conventions of language (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.

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills.

There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site 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. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests. However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper 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



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 NAPLAN Online disability adjustments or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

NAPLAN Online 2019 timetable

The assessment window for NAPLAN Online is extended from three days provided for the paper test to nine days. This is to give schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have fewer devices. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Tuesday 14 May and finishes on Friday 24 May 2019.

The online tests must be taken in the following order:

Test	Duration	Order	Details
Writing	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 40 min. Year 7: 40 min. Year 9: 40 min.	To be completed in the first two days	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test on day one only
Reading	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 55 min. Year 9: 55 min.	To be completed after the writing test	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts
Conventions of language	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 45 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	To be completed after the reading test	This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 55 min. Year 9: 55 min.	To be completed after the conventions of language test	This test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability

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 school's test schedule. Individual students are not permitted to sit NAPLAN online tests after Friday 24 May 2019.

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. 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.

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

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, visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy



Where: Willsden Primary School

When: Friday 10th May 2019

Time: 10am – 12pm

You are invited to attend a regular play date with your child on Fridays.

Play Date IS HAVING A TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

DONT' FORGET YOUR  for the TEDDY BEAR PICNIC
And DONT' FORGET YOUR PICNIC FOOD 

If you don't have a Teddy, it's OK!
We have spares to borrow during Play Date.

Any queries contact Trish or Kennethia on 86422722





The Early Years Parenting Centre
(A Commonwealth for Children Service)

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

THE EARLY YEARS PARENTING CENTRE
1 STRILING ROAD, PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700
Telephone: 8648 5910



Government of South Australia
SA Health



Community For Children For Adults



United Way
Department of Health, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

MAY 2019



MONDAY



"Sing, Wiggle and Rhyme— Small talk (Mother Goose)"

10.30am—12.00pm— **WEEKLY**
For mums, dads, grandparents or anyone caring for preschool & school aged children

Sting, Rhyme & Wiggle Finishes
April 8th, a morning tea will be provided.



MyTime

Supporting parents of children with disabilities

"MY TIME"
PEER SUPPORT GROUP

11:00AM to 1:00PM

(Fortnightly from 4th March 2019)
For mums, dads, grandparents or anyone caring for preschool & school aged children with a disability or chronic medical condition.

Free Crèche Provided

"Baby & Me"
1:00pm—2:30pm

For families with babies from ages 0-9months. Parents bonding time, baby's first playgroup discussion around health and wellbeing all whilst establishing baby's first friendships.

TUESDAY

"EMU TRAIL"

FREE MOBILE PLAYGROUP FAMILIES WITH UNDER 5'S
"GLADSTONE SQUARE"
PLAYGROUND

10.00am to 11:30am
Contact: Charrel/Kelly on 8648 5910

HOT WEATHER POLICE:
If the day is forecast 37degrees Celsius according to the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) The Emu Trail Playgroup will relocate back to the EYPC

Story time and Pop-Up Library with the Port Augusta Council Children's Librarian

Ages 6 months to 5 years
Songs, stories and craft
Borrow children's books
9:30am—10:30am

"Home & Safe Program"

For families with young Children

1:30PM to 3:30PM
Contact: Andrea on 8648 5910



WEDNESDAY

"Discover and Play"

"Small talk"

Aged 12 months up to 5 years
10:30AM to 12:00PM
Contact: Charrel on 8648 5910



COB'S HEALTH CHECK & IMMUNISATION CLINIC
WEEKLY - 9:00AM to 12:00PM
For Appointments Free Call: 1300 733 606



"Home & Safe Program"

For families with young Children

1:30PM to 3:30PM
Contact: Andrea on 8648 5910

THURSDAY

"EMU TRAIL"

FREE MOBILE PLAYGROUP FOR FAMILIES WITH UNDER 5'S
EAST SIDE FORESHORE PLAYGROUND

10.00am to 11:30am
Contact: Brooke & Charrel
0986485910



Little Explorers 'Small talk'

1:00pm to 2:30pm
story reading, art & craft activities,
physical development & music.

Contact: Brooke and Charrel

COB'S HEALTH CHECK & IMMUNISATION CLINIC
WEEKLY - 9:00AM to 4:00PM
For Appointments Free Call: 1300 733 606



FRIDAY

"Family Time"

PLAY & LEARN TIME FOR ABORIGINAL FAMILIES WITH UNDER 5'S

10.00am to 12.00pm
Contact: Andrea and Kelly
86485910

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Grandparents Group
2:00pm- 3:30pm
Come and play

MONDAY—FRIDAY
9:00am—5:00pm

Drop in, or meet your friends and have a cuppa together while your little ones play!

Free Tea and Coffee Provided
Contact: Kelly on 8648 5910

"PLAY & STAY" AT THE EYPC

