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NAPLAN Assessments Years 3 & 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, Years 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), assessing literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students will participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Please see the timetable below for further information about scheduled testing days.

Wednesday 15 March	Thursday 16 March	Friday 17 March
Writing Assessment	Reading Assessment Conventions of Language Assessment	Numeracy Assessment

As a guide, assessments will occur between the hours of 9am and 1pm, so please ensure that your child arrives at school on time each day.

Please note:

Whilst our school acknowledges the role that NAPLAN assessments play in informing our staff about your child's academic skills, we would also like you to discuss the below with your child/ren to ease some of their nerves about sitting the tests each day:

The people who score these tests don't know that some of you love to **sing**, are good at **drawing** or can teach others how to use a **computer program**. They have not seen the way that some of you can **dance** with grace or **speak confidently** to a large group. They do not know that your **friends count on you** to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that you **participate in sports**, help your Mum or Dad or that you play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are **caring, thoughtful and that you do your best every day**. These things cannot be tested, but we see them, and we know this about you!

Optional advice:

Students may wish to bring headphones that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB. Headphones will also be provided by the school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Houlton at the school on 4626 4577.

Kind Regards,

Ms Houlton

Assistant Principal

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