

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 13 May 2019

Welcome to Week 2. All students and staff had a great start for the term with various learning opportunities for students and staff.

This week the students will be completing the athletics field events. These include long jump, high jump, discus and shotput. They will also be competing in the school Cross Country on Wednesday at Wayne Richards Park.

Last week I attended the Films by the Breakwall festival at the Majestic Theatre. It was wonderful to see the many excellent short films created by the students of the Hastings Valley Community of Schools. I was very impressed with the film produced by our local director, Dave Whiteoak, Megan Urquhart and the wonderful Year 5 and 6 students of Westport Public School. We had amazing shots of the inside of the space shuttle as well as an awesome news desk! Well done to everyone involved and I am looking forward to next year's efforts!

Next week our students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN Online. If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN Online please feel free to contact the school.

Have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

Term 2 Assembly Timetable – 1 pm in the School Hall

Kindergarten – Year 2	Year 3 – Year 6
Week 3 – K Wattle	No Assembly
Week 5 – K Flame	Week 6 – 3 Bottlebrush
Week 7 – K Jacaranda	Week 8 – 5 Hibiscus
Week 9 – 2 Bluegum	Week 10 – Silver Assembly

Assembly Winners

3 Bottlebrush: Levi, Lincoln
3 Silverfern: Luke, Tayla
4 Macadamia: Flynn, Greg
4 Waratah: Angel, Moya
5 Hibiscus: Tyson, Amy
5 Melaleuca: Caleb, Ellah
6 Frangipani: Cooper, Rae Venice
6 Grevillea: Charlotte, D'ac, Ashlee
MC Ironbark: Connor
Choir: Loghan

Coming Events for Term 2

Tuesday 14 May – Friday 24 May	NAPLAN Online Test
Wednesday 15 May	P&C Meeting in School Staffroom at 6:30 pm.
Wednesday 15 May	Cross Country at Wayne Richards Oval at 11:30 am
Friday 17 May	PSSA Rugby League Knockout
Monday 27 May	Lower North Coast Cross Country
Wednesday 19 June	Dance Festival

The Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is now open weekly for fittings and cash sales, every Monday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 10:00 am.

Students and families wishing to purchase uniforms online by using electronic payment methods (EFT) can do so anytime via www.flexischools.com.au

Stewart House

Stewart House donation drive envelopes have been sent out. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please place your donations in the envelope and return it to school at the front office. All donations of \$2.00 or more are eligible to enter the draw for a family holiday valued at \$4,000. You will need to write your name, address, phone number and school on the envelope. The envelopes need to be returned to the school by Friday 17 May.

This will be the main fundraiser for Stewart house this year at Westport Public School. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile charity which helps children in our public schools including Westport Public School. Children from our school attend Stewart House at various times and always have a wonderful time.

Thanking you for your support
Toni Lawes



P&C General Meeting

All parents, carers and friends are invited to attend our P&C meetings.

The meetings are informal and informative and are scheduled to be held every third Wednesday of each month, in addition to the AGM in March each year.

Where: School Staffroom

When: Wednesday 15 May at 6:30pm

Year 7 2020 Open Night

Fathers' Day stalls, the Colour Run, Bunnings BBQ's, the Life Education Van plus many more.

The P&C are always looking for more fantastic volunteers, so please get involved and support your students and school. Your time and generosity will always be greatly appreciated.

For more information concerning any aspects of the P&C including the roles of executives, please refer to the NSW P&C federation website: <http://www.pandc.org.au>

Canberra Excursion: Payment Plan

Friday 31 May	\$100 paid by this date
Thursday 4 July	\$100 paid by this date
Friday 23 August	\$100 paid by this date
Thursday 26 September	\$100 paid by this date
Friday 8 November	\$80 (approximately) paid by this date

All payments are to be paid to the office, eftpos is available. **You are very welcome to make payments at any time or pay the outstanding amount prior to 8 November, 2019.**

NAPLAN Online Test

Tuesday 14 May	<u>Writing:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Bottlebrush 3 Silverfern 5 Hibiscus 5 Meleuca
Wednesday 15 May	<u>Reading:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Bottlebrush 5 Hibiscus
Thursday 16 May	<u>Reading:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Silverfern 5 Melaleuca
Friday 17 May	<u>Conventions of Language:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Bottlebrush 5 Hibiscus 5 Melaleuca <p>Year 5 Rugby League Players will sit the test on Monday morning</p>
Monday 20 May	<u>Conventions of Language:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Silverfern <u>Numeracy:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Hibiscus 5 Melaleuca
Tuesday 21 May	<u>Numeracy:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Bottlebrush

Year 7 2020 Open Night

HASTINGS
SECONDARY COLLEGE



AN INVITATION
Come and explore the 21st Century learning opportunities offered at Hastings Secondary College

Join our staff and students in meeting other families for a BBQ and refreshments

Tuesday 14 May, 6pm

School Hall, Port Macquarie Campus
Owen Street, Port Macquarie
(02) 6583 1844

Westport
Campus

Wednesday 15 May, 6pm

School Hall, Westport Campus
Findlay Avenue, Port Macquarie
(02) 6583 6400

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Principals and the teaching staff of each Campus, I would like to welcome you to the open nights at our campuses. These evenings will offer you an insight into what next year holds for your child.

We warmly invite students in Years 4-6 and their families to attend our Open Nights and meet and speak with our campus staff and students. You will experience some of the fantastic opportunities available at the College.

Families will gain an insight into campus life and will see how critical thinking, innovation and collaboration shape the learning of Hastings Secondary College students, including:

- Taster Lessons.
- Information stands - Wellbeing and parent information.
- Engaging activities and demonstrations.
- Light BBQ supper.

We look forward to welcoming you and hope that you enjoy these snapshots of life at Hastings Secondary College.

Willem Holvast

Executive Principal Hastings Secondary College

If you require further information on Year 7 2020 enrolment please contact Michelle Garven, College Head Teacher
Westport Campus: 02 6583 6400

Port Macquarie Campus: 02 6583 1844

Year Six Shirts

We have extra shirts for sale. If you would like to purchase one, please see Mrs Osborne.

Westport Public School P&C

The P&C is a very important organisation which supports the school and all the students, who benefit greatly from the funds they raise each year.

Some of the amazing activities the P&C organises and supports include the running of the Canteen, Free Breakfast Program, the Uniform Shop, Mothers' and

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: 65 min. Year 9: 65 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: 65 min. Year 9: 65 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:

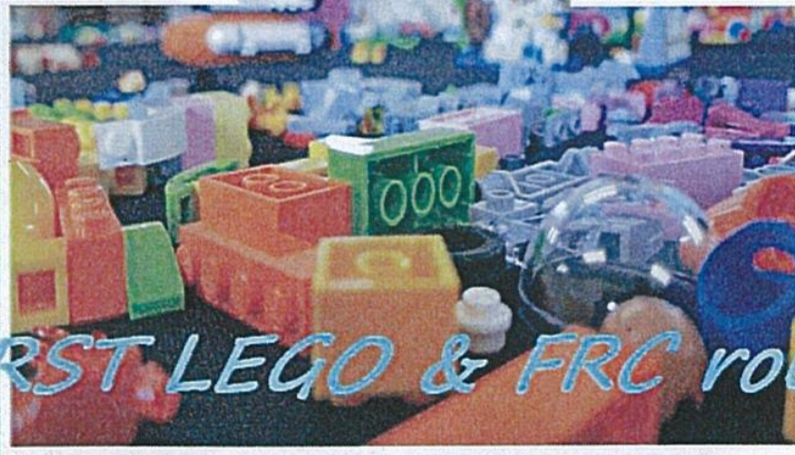
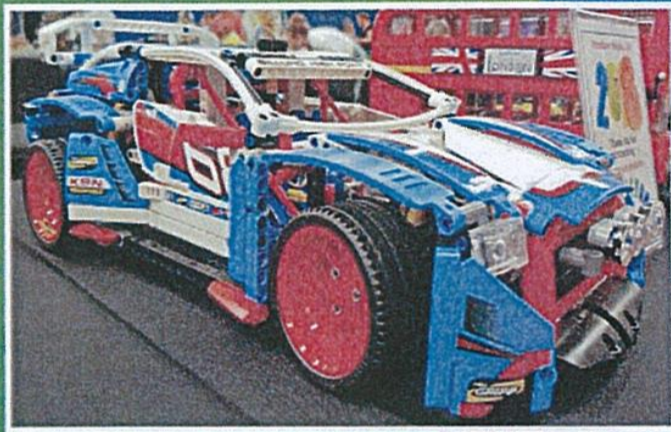
- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN is handled by ACARA, visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy

Rainbow Bricks Present

Port Macquarie Brickfest

A LEGO Fan Event



Check out FIRST LEGO & FRC robot on display

Sunday 26th May

10am - 4pm

Children's Build Area, A LEGO raffle
LEGO parts, minifigs and sets for sale

VENUE: Port Macquarie Indoor Stadium



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