

Miranda North Public School Newsletter



End of term

Our end of term is shaping up to be exciting, busy and lots of fun! We hope you can join us for some of the activities!

New roof for 3 blocks

We have had the administration building roof replaced this week and students have been magnificent in managing the procedures around the build. We are excited to have our stage 2 and 3 block as well as the KMN and OOSH block also completed in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to parents and carers for their patience during the re-roofing.

Cross Country Carnival, BBQ lunch and

We look forward to our Cross Country Carnival and Easter Hat Parade on Thursday. The carnival will commence around 9.45am and parents and carers are welcome to enjoy the day with us.

Student BBQ orders can be paid for under the COLA before school (\$3.00 each). Adults can purchase their BBQ directly from the stall on the day.

After lunch and the carnival concludes, the Easter Hat Parade will be held. Bring along some dollars to purchase Easter raffle tickets and go into the draw to win some of the wonderful raffle prizes on offer.

National Day of action against Bullying and Violence

Our students engaged in a range of activities last week where they imagined a world free of bullying and where difference was accepted and embraced. Our stage three students used role play and drama creatively to spread the message of the impact of bullying and the power of random acts of kindness. Our school wellbeing project this year is building on this and developing the social and emotional capabilities that are helpful to be successful at school, experience wellbeing and have positive relationships. It includes developing organisation, resilience, getting along, persistence and confidence. Watch out for more information as our project builds over the year.



5/6 present a drama to our assembly to highlight the importance of kindness and care towards each other.

Congratulations to Tahi on a superb performance in swimming!

Last week Tahi represented the school and zone at the regional carnival in swimming. He had magnificent success, coming third in freestyle and qualifying for the state carnival on 11 April. He achieved seventh place in backstroke and set a personal best in both races. We are very proud of you Tahi and wish you all the best at the state carnival.



Parent Student Teacher interviews

Learning discussion between teachers,, students and parents have commenced this week and will continue over the next 2 weeks. If you have not yet secured a time to speak with your child's teacher, please return the note to request a time. We are keen to speak with all parents and carers about each student's learning. Remember that students will be key participants in the learning discussions this year and you are encouraged to bring your child along to the interview if it occur outside of school time. See the school app or office if you require another interview request note.

Teddy bears' Picnic with kindergarten and their buddies



If you go down to the woods today (on Wednesday 4 April) you're sure of a big surprise.... Kindergarten, their buddies and favourite teddies are having a picnic! It's sure to be huge fun! Kinder students are encouraged to bring some food to share at the picnic (no nuts or nut products please). Buddies and kinder are asked to bring along their favourite teddy.

Thank you to St Luke's!

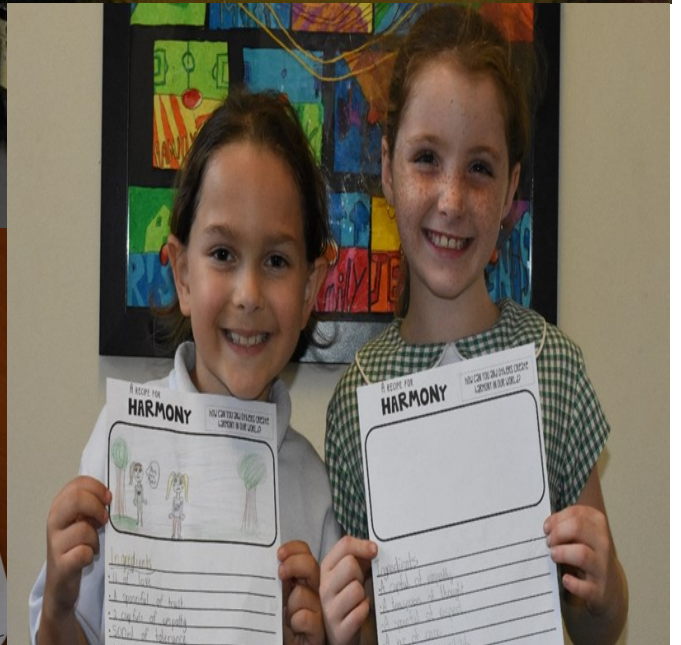
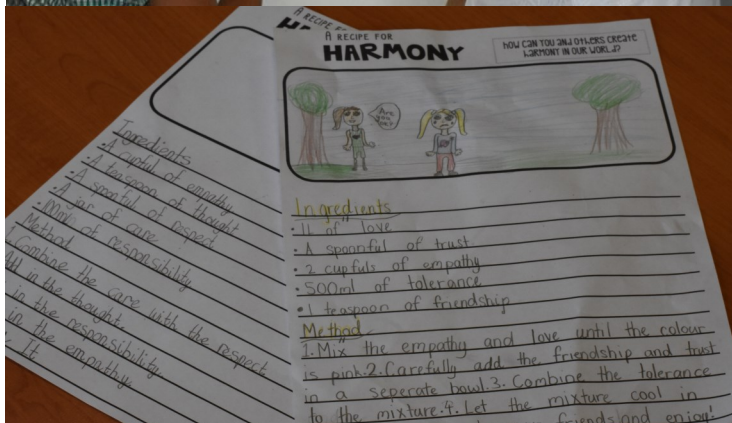
Thank you to the volunteers from St Luke's church who spread the mulch in our playground last week. We appreciate your assistance in making our playground look wonderful and refreshed for our students.





Australian Government

HARMONY DAY



NAPLAN

This year our students in years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN paper tests May 15-17. A fact sheet is included in this newsletter for your information.

NAPLAN 2018 tests timetable

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes

Call out for Friday afternoon canteen volunteers

Our P and C are calling for volunteers for Friday afternoon canteen. A note from P and C went home earlier this week and can be found on the school app.



Trivia Night



Time is running out to purchase tickets to the MNPS Trivia Night! The P & C are working hard to put together a fun night. Tickets can be purchased from the office for \$20 each or \$150 for a table of 8. We are looking forward to a great night that will also raise money to support our school. Please fill in the order form at the end of this newsletter.



Upcoming events

- 29/3 Cross Country Carnival, P & C BBQ
- Easter Hat Parade
- 4/4 Kindergarten—Teddy Bears Picnic
- 6/4 P & C Trivia Night
- Junior Choir half day rehearsal
- 13/4 Last day of Term 1
- 1/5 First day of Term 2

NAPLAN on paper – information for parents and carers

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

2018

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

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, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are **just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process**; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN tests also provide 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 will be tested?

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.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, see example questions at nap.edu.au/naplanexample

How can I help my child prepare for NAPLAN?

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are 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.

ACARA does not recommend the use of services by coaching providers or excessive preparation. NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN tests.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, 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 special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

Your child will sit the NAPLAN paper tests in 2018.

However, children in some other schools across Australia may sit the NAPLAN online tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online over the next two to three years. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are presented with questions that test the same range of difficulty, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats will be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale.

To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au/online-assessment

What if my child is absent from school on test 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 testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 18 May 2018.

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Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. 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. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your school.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

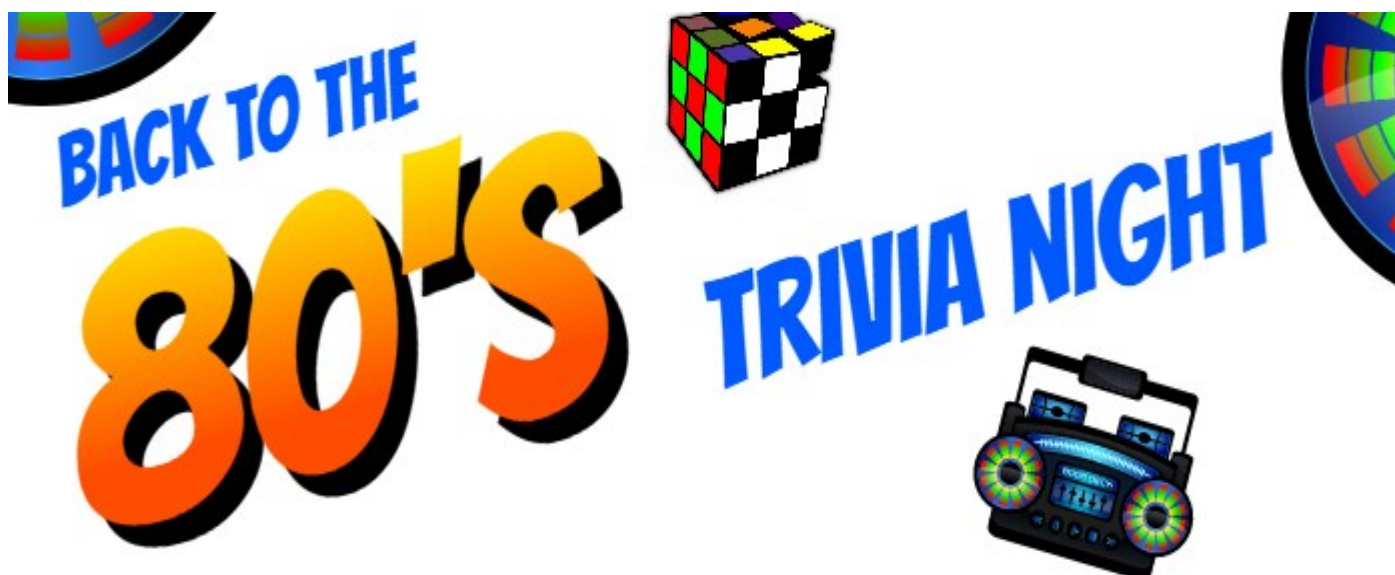
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy 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 will be handled by ACARA, please visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy



HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR MIRANDA NORTH SCHOOL

FRIDAY APRIL 6TH

GAMES / TICKETS \$20 / PRIZES

TABLE OF 8 FOR \$150

BYO FOOD & DRINKS

OVER 18s EVENT

DOORS OPEN 6.30 FOR 7PM START / MNPS HALL

Please return this form to the black P&C box in the school office by Wed, 4th April

Team Name:

Team Contact:

Phone No:

Payment either by cash or through the link on Flexischools website (online canteen)

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