National Literacy and Numeracy testing in 2009
Preparing your child for school tests

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for 2009 will be held from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in four tests during this period – Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

If your child is absent from school during this period, they will still be able to participate in testing sessions on Friday 15 May. Please contact the school in this instance.

There are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare at home for tests:

- talk to your child about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class
- discuss the format that test questions can take, such as multiple choice items, short response questions and writing tasks
- when you read together, ask your child questions about the story to make sure they understand what they are reading
- encourage your child to write descriptive stories about something they have seen, heard or read about – who are the main characters, what are they trying to do and why, where is the story set and how will it end
- maintain a positive attitude about the tests
- ensure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to tests
- ensure your child exercises and eats healthy meals regularly, including breakfast.

If you have any questions about the types and formats of tests your child undertakes while at school please contact your child’s teacher.

For more information about how you can help your child with literacy and numeracy visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map

The Language Conventions test will incorporate spelling, grammar and punctuation while the Numeracy testing will incorporate number, space and measurement.

The Year 7 and 9 Numeracy tests will consist of a calculator-allowed test, followed by a non-calculator test.

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A brochure with more information about NAPLAN 2009 is available for download from the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs at www.naplan.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN09_WebsiteBrochure_v3.pdf

If you have any questions about NAPLAN 2009 visit the Queensland Studies Authority website at www.qsa.qld.edu.au/assessment/7972.html or contact your child’s teacher.

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

5 May 2009

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
4169 2360

We are very excited to have judges visiting our school tomorrow for the Green & Healthy Schools Awards and also for the Premiers Healthy Queensland Awards. Thanks to Linda Routledge, Brenda Brown, Josh and Jayden Brown, Rae Brown, Kim Cooper, Ruth, Greg and Oliver Miller for their hard work at the working bee last week. Well done!
A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

I haven’t seen them yet, but they tell me they have been here. I’ve spent time looking up into the tree, but I haven’t seen them yet. I suppose I will have to keep looking until I see them.

It will be a delight to see them, I’m sure. I will have much pleasure when I spot them. You see, I am told that there have been some koalas in the trees at school. I’m just waiting to see them for myself!

To have koala’s in our school grounds we must have the right environment, the right trees, clean grounds and no feral animals. This helps koalas survive and brings us joy.

To have a good school we have to protect our environment. Right attitudes are a great help. Getting rid of the rubbish into bins keeps the grounds clean (which is useful for koalas and other native animals) and getting rid of feral behaviour is a positive step.

Coming with positive attitudes and behaviour helps make an environment that we and others (and koalas) can enjoy and delight in.

“The Ditto Show” is a 30-minute, live performance with “Ditto” being the star attraction.

The cost of this performance is being paid for by the school and as a parent/caregiver you are also welcome to attend.

A parent letter will be sent home with students prior to the show outlining details of the performance.

Healthy Lunchbox Sessions

Healthy Lunchbox Sessions will begin tomorrow in the music room. Jenn Hill from RHealth will facilitate the sessions with information and activities for each class level. If you have any questions regarding these sessions please contact the office.

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“Chappy”
School Chaplain

Healthy Lunchbox Sessions

CAR RAFFLE

Don’t forget Car Raffle ticket books are now due back into the office. Thanks to all families who supported this fundraiser.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

This week Tuckshop Menu is going home today. The hot food special this month is Chicken Burgers. Orders in Thursday if possible please.