

GLADSTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

From The Principal

Thursday 4th May 2017

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for **Year 3 and Year 5 students** will be held on Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, and Thursday 11th May.

What is NAPLAN?

The NAPLAN is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is a measure through which student achievement in literacy and numeracy against national standards can be determined. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers ensure students are familiar with the test formats and provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with his or her teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

EDUCATION WEEK

I would like to encourage all members of the school community to join us as we celebrate Education Week from **Monday 22nd to Friday 26th May**. For details of all the planned activities, please refer to the flyer included in this newsletter or contact the office on 9338 2774. We look forward to your support.

MOTHER'S DAY

I would like to wish all the mums in our school community a very happy Mother's Day for next Sunday the 14th May. I hope your families shower you with all the love and pampering you deserve.

Tony Malgioglio
Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 2 2017

WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY	MOTHER'S DAY STALL
FRIDAY 12TH MAY	MOTHER'S DAY STALL
THURSDAY 25TH MAY	ITALIAN DAY WHOLE SCHOOL INCURSION
WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY	SCIENCE DAY WHOLE SCHOOL INCURSION
FRIDAY 2ND JUNE	STEP INTO PREP 1.50PM – 3.00PM
FRIDAY 9TH JUNE	STEP INTO PREP 1.50PM – 3.00PM
FRIDAY 16TH JUNE	STEP INTO PREP 1.50PM – 3.00PM
FRIDAY 23RD JUNE	STEP INTO PREP 1.50PM – 3.00PM

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

In 2017 every PREP government school student who is in receipt of the CSEF payment, automatically qualifies to receive a uniform pack through State School's Relief.

Each PREP parent is entitled to ONE pair of shoes, ONE pair of Track pants and the choice of ONE Windcheater OR Bomber Jacket OR Long sleeved Polo/ OR a Short sleeve polo. If you have any questions please see the Administration staff in the office.

BOOK CLUB

We are strongly encouraging families to use the online **LOOP** ordering option, which is commonly used by other schools to make ordering and payments easier. The Scholastic website has the **LOOP** option for parents to place direct orders and make payments. The orders can still be delivered to our school for distribution to your child. We suggest you to go online and have a look at the website and follow the prompts. Your child's grade will still receive reward points for purchasing classroom resources. All families must register on The Scholastic website:

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/>

Please find below an example of Scholastic Book Club's website.

To process your Scholastic orders click on LOOP found in the circle below.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

The PFA will be holding their Mother's Day stall on **Wednesday 10th May and Friday 12th May**. There will be lots of new and exciting gifts for mum starting at **\$1.00 up to \$10.00**.

If you could help on either of these mornings, even if it is for an hour or so, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you once again to those families who have supported our Mother's Day Raffle, by purchasing raffle tickets.

The winner will be drawn on Friday 12th May.

