5th May 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: Students in Years 3 and 5

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held next week. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA).

The results of the tests provide information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement. If your child has a disability which needs special consideration or has been learning English for less than one year they may be considered exempt from the testing.

The NAPLAN testing is included in the Moonee Ponds West Strategic Plan as one of the measures of student learning. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

Later on in the year you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia. The information you receive as a result of your child’s participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child’s progress in Literacy and Numeracy.

For Year 3 and 5 students the tests will be conducted on Tuesday 13th May, Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 15th May 2014.

For more information about the tests, you can also visit www.nap.edu.au

If you have any questions about the implementation of NAPLAN please make contact with me as I am coordinating this process in the school.

Yours sincerely

Helen Thomas
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