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Respect  
Community  
Honesty & Integrity  
Creativity  
Persistence  
Inclusiveness  
Freedom  
Rights & Responsibility



Our vision at MPW is to foster a community of life-long learners. We strive to develop socially responsible and resilient individuals who are working towards achieving their full potential.

4<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May 2017. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals, which can be used to improve student achievement.

During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 12 May 2017.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the classroom teacher/student welfare co-ordinator. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form as soon as possible (completed prior to the day of testing where practical, as the forms are generated on request). These withdrawal forms will be available at the school office.

Later 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 (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAP website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Lyon', is written over a light gray, textured background. The signature is written in a cursive style with some overlapping lines.

Jeff Lyon  
Principal