



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Lent

Term 1

Week 8

Tuesday, 19th March, 2019



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2019 Commencement Dates

Term 1 concludes:
Friday, 12th April

Term 2 commences:
Monday, 29th April

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday morning at Assembly I mentioned the Christchurch tragedy and how I know many of our families have come from New Zealand and have strong connections and family still there. Nothing can take away the pain of this senseless violence and we offer our prayers for victims, their families and all people. I would like to share part of a letter from our Executive Director Mr Greg Whitby:

"We are a community of believers whose lives are shaped and formed by Jesus' messages of love, tolerance and compassion. These values make us who we are. The worldwide outpouring of support from people of all faiths (and no faith) for the victims and their families reminds us that we are not alone and that at the heart of everything is an overwhelming desire to belong and care for each other."

To those who have lost people they loved and who loved them, we offer our prayers. May the God of everlasting love walk alongside them and stay with them always. To the victims, eternal rest grant them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."



Last week we were advised by Sister Louise Hume, Abbess of the Poor Clares Sydney, that Sister Janet (Julian) Heath passed away after a battle with cancer. Sister Julian was the foundation Principal here at Good Shepherd and we are grateful for the years she spent here from 1979-1983.

Sister Julian was a great educator and obviously worked very hard here with great vision and dedication to establish this school at Plumpton.

We have been blessed to have had Sister Julian and the Poor Clares as part of our community.

May She Rest in Peace.

Tricia Carr
Principal

Upcoming Events

Friday, 22nd March:	Kinder White (KW) Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 22nd March:	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Monday, 25th March:	The Annunciation of the Lord
Tuesday, 26th March:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Monday, 1st April:	Infants End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Tuesday, 2nd April:	Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church. Year 6 attending)
Friday, 5th April:	Cross Country—further details to follow
Friday, 5th April:	Year 4 Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Monday, 8th April:	Primary End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Tuesday, 9th April:	Year 1 Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Wednesday, 10th April:	Holy Week Liturgy (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Wednesday, 10th April:	Year 2 Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 11th April:	Kinder Easter Hat Parade (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 12th April:	Parent Group Easter Raffle Draw (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 12th April:	Last Day of Term 1

Parish News

Sacrament of Confirmation

Parent Information Night: 29 April, 2019

Lessons: 5th May, 12th May, 19th May, 26th May 2019

Rehearsal: 1st June, 2019

Rite of Confirmation: 2nd June 2019

* Candidates must attend ALL lessons

A copy of the Registration form is attached.

For further details, please contact the parish on 9832 4461 or email the parish on: sacraments@tpg.com.au

Saturday Mornings of Lent

'Morning Prayer' (from the Divine Office) commencing @

7:30am followed by Mass at 8am. Anointing of the Sick every 1st Sat of the Month

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be conducted Every Friday at 7:30pm followed by Reconciliation. Mass on the First Friday. Reconciliation as usual on Saturdays from 11:00am to 12:00pm. 2nd Rite Confession/Reconciliation -April 9 @ 7:30pm

Holy Week Timetable

9th April 2nd Rite Reconciliation at 7.30 pm in preparation for Easter.

17th April Chrism Mass Parramatta at 7.30 pm.

18th April Commemoration of Last Supper at 7.30 pm. At this Mass the Project Compassion Boxes/Envelopes for Caritas Australia is handed in.

19th April Good Friday—Passion Play at 10.00 am in front of Church. At 3.00 pm 'Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion' in the Church.



Holy Week

Winter Uniform for Terms 2 & 3

Dear Parents, please note the following uniform requirements for Terms 2 & 3.

School Uniform

Girls:

School Uniform Checked Tunic
White Long Sleeve Blouse
Checked Scissor Tie
Green Hair Ribbons
Grey Tights or Grey Long Socks
Black School Shoes
Green Zip-Up Jacket
School Uniform Hat

Boys:

Black Long Pants
White Long Sleeve Shirt
Green Zip-Up Jacket
Black Socks
Black School Shoes
School Checked Tie
School Uniform Hat

Sports Uniform

Girls:

White Polo Shirt with School Emblem
Bottle Green Shorts
Bottle Green Tracksuit Uniform
Predominantly White Joggers/Sneakers
A White Skivvy (colder weather)
White Socks
School Uniform Hat

Boys:

White Polo Shirt with School Emblem
Bottle Green Shorts
Bottle Green Tracksuit Uniform
Predominantly White Joggers/Sneakers
A White Skivvy (colder weather)
White Socks
School Uniform Hat

In cooler weather, a bottle green uniform tracksuit is worn, and a white skivvy may be worn over the white polo shirt.



2019 Dates

Term 1 Concludes:

Concludes: Friday, 12th April

Term 2

Commences: Monday, 29th April (Week 1)

Concludes: Friday, 5th July

Term 3

Commences: Monday, 22nd July (Week 1)

Concludes: Thursday, 26th September

Term 4

Commences: Monday, 14th October (Week 1)

Concludes: Wednesday, 18th December

2019 Staff Development Days

(Pupil Free Days)

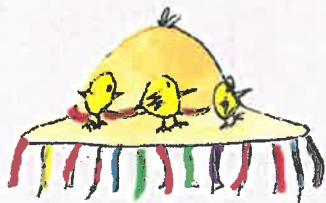
Term 2: Monday, 6th May

Term 3: Friday 27th September

Term 4: Thursday, 19th December and Friday 20th December

Kindergarten Easter Hat Parade

Dear Parents & Carers, please note on Thursday, 11th April from 2.00 pm in the School's Playground "Cola" area, Kinder students will be participating in an Easter Hat Parade. All very welcome.



Policies and Forms

For all policies and forms, please refer to our School Website—"About Us"—"Policies & Procedures". Please note our Parent Handbook is on our School Website under "Enrol Now" for your convenience.

Complaints/Grievances Forms

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

Visa Updates

If there has been any change to your Visa Status, could you please send in a copy to the school office. It is important that we have the most up-to-date information for our school records.

Social Skill of the Week

"Open the door for another person"

School Commencement time: 8.30 am

School Dismissal time: 2.50 pm



Small change for a big result!

Is your coin purse rattling!! Can you find some 5 cent pieces in there? What can you buy with 5 cents—not a lot, however you can be part of a big change for Fr Luan in East Timor. Each Friday we are gathering 5 cent coins—they will be going towards a new generator to help the students and community where Fr Luan is located. Please consider saving those rattling 5 cent pieces, your little change can make a HUGE difference. If you would like to be part of the small change revolution, **please send those 5 cent coins every Friday**. Thank you for being part of the Small Change—Big Result coin donation.

Privacy Consent

Dear Parents & Carers,

If you do not give consent for the use of your child's image and/or works to be published in our School Newsletter or on our website, **please notify the school in writing**. If you do not want your child to sell raffle tickets, please also inform the school office. Thank you.

Communication between Parents and Staff

Just a reminder that the direct line of communication if you need to discuss concerns/issues etc regarding your child is:

Email, phone call or letter addressed to your child's teacher stating your concerns and requesting an interview if required.

Following this, you can request an interview with your child's Year Group Coordinator. Year Group Coordinators are as follows:

Kinder: Mrs Bianca Cooke

Year 1: Mrs Trish Conner

Year 2: Mrs Yvonne Davies

Year 3: Mrs Debbie Dela Paz

Year 4: Mrs Beulah Frankson

Year 5: Mr Ian Byrne

Year 6: Ms Elizabeth Le Breton

If you need to take further steps, after speaking with the Year Group Co-Ordinator, an email, letter or phone call to our Assistant Principal, then to the Principal.

Information regarding Leave from School

Leave from school for holiday/overseas trips in school time is not encouraged and must be explained in writing to the School Principal.

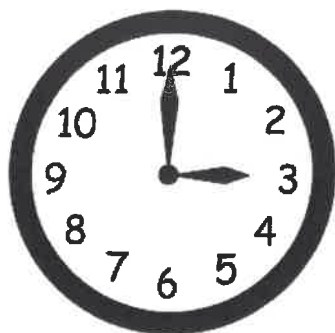
A leave form ("Application for Extended Leave") must be completed at least 4 weeks in advance for **5 or more school days**. If leave is **10 days or more**, an interview with the Principal is also required, together with an Application for Extended Leave form. Leave forms can be obtained from the School Office.

Leave of **4 days and less** needs to also be approved by the Principal. **Please write a letter to your child's class teacher outlining the details of the leave, including the first and last school day that the child will be absent.**

Leave during school terms is strongly discouraged.

**End of Daylight Saving—
Clocks go back 1 hour on**

Sunday, 7th April at 3.00 am.



Lost Property

Please re-check any items that you pick up in the Lost Property Bin as they may have another child's name on it. If you accidentally picked up another child's clothing, please return it to the Lost Property Bin. Thank you.

Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2020 are now available from the School Office. Parents, if you already have a child at Good Shepherd, you will still need to submit an Enrolment Form for any new siblings for 2020.

School Fees 2019

Dear Parents, accounts for the first instalment of school fees have been issued. If you have not received your invoice please contact the school office for a copy. Any family having difficulty completing term payments on time and who wish to make payments by instalments using cash, Centrelink or BPay etc, please contact the School Office for an appointment to set up a new arrangement. Catholic Education Office is also offering a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) for your 2019 School Fees—details will be included with your school fee statement.



No Nut Policy

A number of our students have severe allergies. Please do not send peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches or other foods containing whole or crushed nuts or sesame seeds to school. This also includes Excursions! Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.



Student Supervision Reminder

All children must be picked up by 3.15 pm

As you know it is a priority at Good Shepherd Primary School to keep every child safe. Teachers have a duty of care to supervise children both in class and on the playground. This supervision commences at 8.10 am each morning. **Similarly afternoon supervision of children concludes at 3.15 pm.**

Parents, please be mindful that all children must be picked up by this time.

It is vital that parents seek a safe, supervised environment whilst they are away at work. It is not the responsibility of school staff to provide before and after school care whilst parents are at work. School staff have their own personal and professional responsibilities to attend to in out of school hours. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Kinder, Year 4, Year 1 & Year 2 Grade Assemblies

Dear Parents, please note the following dates for Kinder, Year 4, Year 1 & Year 2 Grade Assemblies:

Kinder

Friday, 22nd March 2.00 pm

Year 4

Friday, 5th April at 2.00 pm

Year 1

Tuesday, 9th April at 2.00 pm

Year 2

Wednesday, 10th April at 2.00 pm

Dear Parents & Carers, please note if someone else will be collecting your child early or during school hours, on your behalf, you need to inform the school in writing or by email to: goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au **PRIOR TO PICKUP**. This policy is effective immediately. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Parent Group Drive

With Easter fast approaching, our School's Parent Group is asking fellow parents and family members for donations of Easter Eggs, Easter Goodies and baskets for the annual Easter Raffle. If you are able to donate something for the Easter raffle, please hand in your donations to the school office **no later than this Friday 22nd March, 2019.**



Parent Group—Uniform Shop

Opening Hours:

Fridays 8.30 am—9.00 am

Parent Helpers are urgently required please. If you can spare an hour or so on Fridays, would you please leave your details with the School Office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please note only Cash is accepted.

Peace & Joy Awards

The Good Shepherd School Community would like to congratulate the following students for their hard work and dedication throughout the past week. These awards are presented for cooperation, respectfulness, responsibility, care, compassion, fair go and integrity.

KB	Maria Rose Abraham	KG	Shonalli Lal
KR	Leilani Leota	KW	Sallena Fesolai
1B	Vanessa Bradley	1G	Lucas Portugal
1R	Nadriel Gonzales	1W	Maxwell Siasaga
2B	Thomas Sanak	2G	Ahaan Arora
2R	Ethan Ong	2W	Pualani Penitani
3B	Kirsten Labial	3G	Aron Deja
3R	Audrina Shiber	3W	Anjani Patel
4B	Shruthi Lal	4G	Samuela Tonga
4R	Cassandra Cruz	4W	Kristina Labeeb
5B	Jayden Gearman	5G	Natalie Nguyen
5R	Ilyana Toma	5W	Emily Pham
6B	Saurav Prasad	6G	Rosemary Shamoka
6R	Siola Haufano		



Children Absent from School

In the event of your child being absent from school due to illness, **please inform the school office by phone or email. It is necessary that a written note of explanation**

be forwarded to the class teacher on the day of your child's return to school. Prolonged absences from school due to illness should be supported by a medical certificate.



Have you changed your contact details?

As part of maintaining a safe environment for all students and staff at Good Shepherd Primary School, we conduct regular Emergency Evacuation and

Safety Drills. You may have information come home from your child regarding an Evacuation Practice, please be assured in the event of a real emergency all families will be notified at the earliest possible time. **Please inform the office in writing if you have changed your contact details.** Thank you.

Medications, Creams, Lotions etc

Dear Parents, just a reminder that any medication required for your child must be sent in to the school office in its original packaging with the medical permission form attached. This includes prescriptions, Panadol, Nurofen and all "over the counter" medication. This form must be completed with all information stated clearly eg name of medication, dosage, time of dosage to be administered, in order for the medication to be given. The Medical Permission note can be found on our school website or you can call into the school office and pick one up.

Naplan 2019

NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 will be held from the 14th - 24th May. From this year NAPLAN tests will be online, except for the Year 3 writing test which will still be completed on paper. The children will use the technology that we have at school to complete the tests.

The children will complete four tests during this testing period.

Writing
Reading
Conventions of Language
Numeracy

More information will come home soon though if you would like to read more, visit this Catholic Education Office Parramatta web page.

<https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/2019-cedp-naplan-online/information-for-parents>

Mrs Cooke



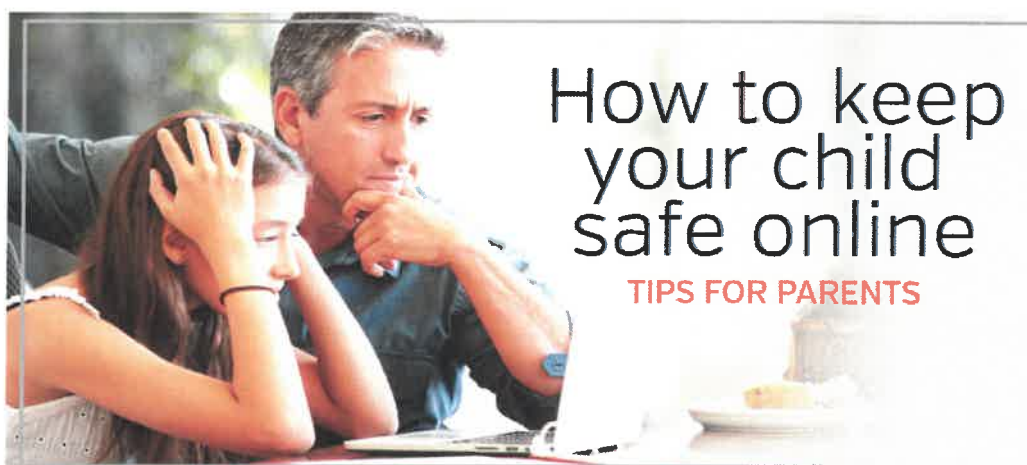
Attendance at School

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day



Here are some tips for parents to keep your child safe online

BE SAFE

- Be aware of how your child uses the internet and explore it with them
- Set rules and monitor to make sure your child knows what information they can share or post online and which websites they can visit
- Teach your child to tell a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable about something they have found on the internet or received in an email
- Discuss with your child the importance of keeping personal information private. This sort of information can be used to identify or locate where they live, go to school or activities in which they are involved

BE RESPECTFUL

- Talk to your children about cyberbullying. Online communication should be respectful
- Children and adolescents who are being cyberbullied sometimes change their behaviour. If you are concerned they might be a victim of cyberbullying, talk to them and tell them you are concerned. Arrange to talk to a teacher or school counsellor
- Advise your child not to respond to any negative messages and to keep evidence. Tell them to report any negative messages they receive to you or another trusted
- Children and their parents can contact social media companies and ask for defamatory material to be taken down. If the material is not gone within 48 hours, a complaint can be lodged with the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner at www.esafety.gov.au

BE RESPONSIBLE

- Consider using inbuilt filters and controls on your digital devices and home network to manage your children's online access. Keep your virus protection up to date
- Talk with your child about being careful when downloading files or clicking on links. Some files or links may be harmful viruses or trying to obtain personal information
- Certain online activities (downloading illegal videos or music, plagiarism, sexting, identity theft, 'hacking' networks) are illegal and can result in criminal charges

For more information visit: www.esafety.gov.au
<http://enadigitalcitizenship.weebly.com/for-parents.html>



"YOUNG BEREAVED SPOUSES" SUPPORT GROUP

The Young Bereaved Spouse (YBS) Support group offers monthly support to men and women whose spouse or partner has died. Age guideline of under 55 years old, whether a parent or not.

This group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. **First Gathering for the year:** Tuesday 19th March **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Time:** 6.45pm for 7pm start to 9pm. **Cost:** \$5

Registration Essential: Contact Rita on 8843 2575 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Boing:

Boing, boing...



ONOMATOPOEIA:
A WORD THAT
IMITATES THE SOUND
IT MAKES



TURN OFF SCREENS + get active!

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication. Too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.

TIPS TO MANAGE SCREEN TIME

 Eat together as a family. No screens at meals for parents and kids.	 Before screen time - sleep, play outdoors, read and enjoy family time.	 No screens in bedrooms, especially at night.
 Take toys or books instead of screens when going out.	 Monitor kids' screen time. Set limits if needed.	 Sit less. Move more. Move every hour.
 Help kids sleep. Stop using screens 1 hour before bed.	 Parents - be a good role model. Reduce your screen time too.	 Dance to music, or play video games that get you on your feet.

News from the Catholic Education Office

NAIDOC Week 2019 - Voice, Treaty, Truth

NAIDOC Week 2019 will run nationally from 7-14 July 2019 and is an occasion for all Australians to come together to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people - the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

These dates occur during the school holiday break so schools usually celebrate:

- in the last week of term 2 (1 to 5 July) or
- in the first week of term 3 (22 to 26 July)

It is recommended to start planning 3 significant activities to highlight this special event in 2019.

NSW Youth Week 2019 Design Competition

Youth Week is fast approaching. This year, the NSW Youth Week theme is: Coming together to Connect, Share, Speak out, and Celebrate. The theme was decided by the NSW Youth Advisory Council 2018.

Youth Week will run from 10-18 April 2019.

To celebrate NSW Youth Week this year, the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People (ACYP) is inviting young people between 12 and 24 years of age to enter the NSW Youth Week Design Competition.

The winner will be presented with an award and will receive shoe slides with their design printed on them for themselves, their family and friends at the NSW Youth Week Forum at NSW Parliament House on Monday 8 April 2019.

Designs can include drawings, paintings, photographs and digital illustrations. It's not about being a good artist, it's about young people showing us what inspires them.

Entries close Sunday 17 March 2019.

Click on the [link](#) to find out more and submit your application.

\$1000 Literary Award for Senior Secondary Students (Ref: 21/19)

Applications are invited from senior secondary students residing in Australia or New Zealand for the 2019 Liam and Frankie Davison Award for outstanding achievement in literary writing on an issue in women's health thanks to the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (RANZCOG).

Applications opened 31 January and close Tuesday 30 April 2019.

This \$1000* award provides an exciting opportunity for students, whether they are interested in medicine, science, health, sociology, politics or law. Launched in 2014, the award was renamed in 2015 in honour of RANZCOG staff member and award-winning author, Liam Davison and his wife Frankie, a secondary school teacher, in recognition of their shared passion for nurturing and encouraging young writers.

Entrants can write about any issue in women's health that interests them. Previous submissions have included fictional and non-fictional pieces addressing a broad range of issues including anorexia, child marriage, pregnancy in third world countries, assisted reproductive technology and violence against women.

For further information please contact the RANZCOG Foundation Coordinator by email at lfaward@ranzcog.edu.au.

News from the Bishop's Office

Bereavement Support Program: 21 February - 16 May

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is commencing a Bereavement Support Program for men or women whose spouse or partner have died. The program will be run at Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair (5 Todd Row, St Clair) on Thursdays fortnightly from 10am to 12 midday in the Pioneers Room of the Parish, commencing 21 February to 16 May. To secure a place on this program please ring the Parish on 02 9670 8222 or email to stclair@parracatholic.org

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>

Join St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! This is an exciting opportunity to join a group of highly talented musicians. Choral scholarships are also available to singers who demonstrate advanced vocal skills and musical leadership qualities. For further information visit

stpatrcathedral.com.au/music or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884.

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NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



2019

Why do students do NAPLAN?

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

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides 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 is assessed?

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.

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills.

There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at nap.edu.au

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is 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. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests. However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au

Participation in NAPLAN

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

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, 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 NAPLAN Online disability adjustments or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

NAPLAN Online 2019 timetable

The assessment window for NAPLAN Online is extended from three days provided for the paper test to nine days. This is to give schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have fewer devices. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Tuesday 14 May and finishes on Friday 24 May 2019.

The online tests must be taken in the following order:

Test	Duration	Order	Details
Writing	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 40 min. Year 7: 40 min. Year 9: 40 min.	To be completed in the first two days	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test on day one only
Reading	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed after the writing test	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts
Conventions of language	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 45 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	To be completed after the reading test	This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed after the conventions of language test	This test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability

What if my child is absent from school on assessment 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 school's test schedule. Individual students are not permitted to sit NAPLAN online tests after Friday 24 May 2019.

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. 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.

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

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve 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 is handled by ACARA, visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy

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Email: christopher.day@sydney.edu.auWeb: <http://www.sydney.edu.au/>**Values-Driven Innovation: A system level case study**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta have commissioned research to investigate school curriculum and policy and change in six Schools within the Parramatta Diocese. Professor Christopher Day (University of Nottingham; University of Sydney) has agreed to conduct the research with Doctor Christine Grice, a researcher from The University of Sydney. We will be grateful for your participation and input into the following key areas.

Key Areas:

- Thinking about how changes to teaching and learning in your school has impacted upon the educational achievements of students in Catholic Schools in the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta
- Reflecting upon how school populations have changed, changes to school fees, and the faith of parents and students in your school.

We hope that this research may assist policy makers in the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and beyond to make good future decisions for families.

Participation in this research study is voluntary.

We seek your involvement in completing an online questionnaire for parents.

If you agree to participate in this research, please click on the survey link:

<https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=NRCNNXERLD>

Your participation is completely voluntary and not dependent upon the participation of any other individuals in your school. Your participation in the research will be confidential and you will not be identifiable in any reports or publications from the research. Records of questionnaires will be kept in

accordance with the guidelines set out by The University of Sydney human research and ethics. If you or any participants have any concerns about the way that the study is being conducted or wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact The University of Sydney using the details outlined below:

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If you would like to know more about this study, please see attachment 'Participant Information Statement' for more information or you are welcome to contact us via email:

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Thank you.

Regards,

Christopher and Christine

This research project has ethics approval from The University of Sydney, Ethics Approval 2018/042