Dear Parents of Students in Years 3 and 5,

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) testing will be carried out in week 4 of term 2, 2015 for students in years 3 and 5.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments which reflect the support normally provided in the classroom, and students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions, or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background. Please call the school on 9625 9036 to speak to the principal if you would like to discuss your child’s participation, or if you believe they should qualify for exemption from testing.

The dates for tests are as follows:

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|  | **Tuesday 12 May** | **Wednesday 13 May** | **Thursday 14 May** |
| **Year 3** | Language Conventions40 minutesWriting 40 minutes | Reading45 minutes | Numeracy45 minutes |
| **Year 5** | Language Conventions40 minutesWriting 40 minutes | Reading50 minutes | Numeracy50 minutes |

Please try to make sure students are on time to school on these dates (before 9:00am) so they can begin the tests on time. Information about testing times will be sent home to parents closer to the testing date.

If your child is absent from a test/s, there will be the opportunity to sit the test during a make-up time until Friday 15th May 2015

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test.

If you would like more information about NAPLAN testing, or if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in the tests, please phone the principal on: 9625 9036.

Regards,

Mrs Harrison, Mrs Wraight and Mrs Smith

**NAPLAN Team 2015**