Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 2.

You will notice that there have been a number of changes to the Campus over the holidays with the Green Team working tirelessly with tradesmen. Whether it’s been building an access footpath from H Block to the back of CAPA or removing buildings, blowing leaves off roofs or working to maintain rooms and facilities, it has all been happening!

Also during the holidays we interviewed for the new position of a part-time Counsellor and I am pleased to announce that in Term 2, Mr Matthew Rose will be joining the Counselling team to work with Mrs Liz Andrew and Mrs Alicia Dobson.

During Term 2 we will also be Inspected and Registered with the Board of Studies to ensure compliance of our teaching programs and the provision of a safe and supportive learning environment. The Registration Team is a composite of practising teachers from other Christian Schools and their role is to provide support and advice on issues related to good practice.

The break is always a time to catch up on some reading and Paul’s letter to the Church at Ephesus has been my focus. In Ephesians 5:8-21 we are encouraged to live in the light and in submission one to another. Submission is not one of the most popular of words today and yet it remains pivotal to our lives as Christians.

It is interesting to note that past generations have worked hard to ensure that we have many entitlements - at work and under legislation and even at play. We are entitled to a fair go, to natural justice and we believe we should be able to decide what is right and what is wrong and what is best for us. However, when we were given freedom in the Garden of Eden to choose, we made the wrong choice and in a sense set ourselves up as competitors with God and by default with each other; and this has led to the anxiety that has become part of our lives.

But we are the image bearers of God, as Genesis 1:27 tells us, “so God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.” Hence we are His representatives in how we relate to each other and to His creation. Doesn’t this remind us yet again that we are not to be self-serving but to recognise the original intent of our Creator who came to serve and remains forever the quintessential example of the Servant Leader. However, we must be under no illusion as to the challenge of what lies ahead. We are not engaged in a safe walk in the park but in a deadly battle for the lives of the young people in our care, whether as parents or teachers.

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Ephesians 5:21
At its April meeting, being its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting, the Board:

- Welcomed a new Board Member, Mal Rowson, who previously worked at the College.
- Re-elected Graham Ellis as Chairman.
- Considered the monthly reports of the Principal and Business Manager.
- Adopted Term dates for 2014 that will bring the College in line with other CSA schools, notably those in THACCCSA (Taree, Hunter And Central Coast Christian Schools Association), thus allowing for targeted Professional Development and maintenance of relationships between those schools.
- Approved the development of an official Facebook group for the College.
- Approved policy documents submitted by the Principal.
- Scheduled meeting dates and major discussion topics for the year ahead.
- Reviewed membership of the Board’s Committees and the Governance Charter (which sets out how the Board will conduct its business).

For those who wish to plan ahead, the Term dates for 2014 are set out below:

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Go to the website [www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gpcc.nsw.edu.au) and click on the Facebook icon to go to our new official College Facebook page!

Facebook is an innovative tool for showcasing the heartbeat of the College and we look forward to sharing more of school life with you!

Of course, previously advised student privacy instructions will be followed.
Welcome and welcome back. Trusting the break was relaxing for all families, especially during the glorious weather of the second week. We have already loved having the children return and extend the warmest welcome to the following new boys and girls as well as their families: Samuel and Evan Mereau, Joel and Chloe Matthews, Clare Maish, Zachary, Daniel and Timothy Mirkin, Angelene, Noah and Annabella Poll, Paige Van Es and Hope Frost.

**Dress Uniform**

Don’t forget summer uniform until after the Mothers Day weekend. From May 14 children can wear summer or winter uniform depending on the weather. From 3 June everyone is in full winter uniform.

**Sport Uniform**

All Primary children are in PE uniform on Fridays for Sport. Years 5 and 6 wear PE uniform on Mondays while Years 3 and 4 wear PE uniform on Tuesdays. Infants teachers will communicate on which days their classes wear PE uniform.

**Coloured T-Shirt Day: Remember Your Gift For The Mothers' Day Stall**

Don’t forget to wear a coloured T-shirt this Friday 3 May as a reminder to donate a gift to the Mothers' Day Stall. All gifts or donations can be given to class teachers. See the ‘post-it-note’ style letter in this newsletter for more details.

**No Skills Or Experience Required**

We could use your help next week on Monday 6 May to sort and wrap the 460+ gifts for the Mothers’ Day Stall then again on Tuesday for the actual stall – helping our 460 JS students to find that perfect gift for mum! No skills or prior experience required just a willingness to help and be part of something big. Interested? Please contact Suzie Morris 0414 522 409 or email morris@morris-online.net or leave your details at the College Office. Toddlers welcome!

**Mothers' Day Stall**

Our stall is on Tuesday 7 May when all students should bring up to $6 in a sealed envelope marked with their name and class.

**Athletics Carnival**

We are looking forward to our Carnival next Friday 10 May at Mingara. All students from K - 6 should meet at the oval for a 9.00 am start. The Infants children will be finished by midday while the Primary Carnival will conclude at around 2.30 pm. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to come along and cheer; chairs and lunch are good things to bring along. Look out for a more detailed letter to be sent home this week.

**Pre-selections**

This Friday after school we will complete our pre-selections to determine finalists for Field Events at next week’s Carnival. Categories are Juniors (8 - 10 yrs), 11yrs and 12yrs. Children who didn’t try out last week of last term and are keen will need to see Mr Lambert and be on the oval on Friday from 3.15 until 5.00 pm.

**Hot Shots Tennis**

The program will commence next Tuesday after school for Primary-aged children. There are five spaces remaining; $5 per child per week. Please email me mdrennan@gpcc.nsw.edu.au if interested.

**Chess**

Inter-School Chess starts next week. I will send information home this week to participating students.

**Cross Country**

Medals from last term’s Carnival will be presented in Junior School Chapel next Wednesday 8 May at 2.30 pm.
NAPLAN

For student in Years 3 and 5, the NAPLAN tests will start on Tuesday 14 May and conclude on Thursday 16 May.

Coffs Rugby

Next week I will send out a letter regarding the Tournament next holidays which needs to be returned to me so we can confirm the number of sides playing.

Note of Thanks

We have received an email from Nicolla Northey who asked if we could pass on the following message to the Grade mums, and the school community as a whole for the support they have received concerning their little girl Evie who was so sick:

"My name is Nicolla Northey I just wanted to thank all the amazing mums that provided meals for our family while our little girl Evie was so unwell. Our little boy Caleb is in Kindergarten KS. We appreciated the many prayers and support at such a tough time, Evie is doing better and will hopefully make a full recovery God willing."

Term Two Dates

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Please see the letter on page 12 or click here.

Get involved in Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea at Green Point Christian College Junior School Athletics Carnival, Friday 10 May.

Make a difference and raise vital funds for cancer research and support. You can help by making a donation online! or donating baked goods to sell at the stall on the day ** or by donating your time attending the stall on the day ** Go on... it's deliciously rewarding!**

Please advise Jennie de Courcey if you are able to donate food or help at the stall M: 0414 605 496 or Email: jennie_dec1@bigpond.com

All food contributions MUST BE 100% NUT FREE
Welcome back to Term 2! I hope that you all had a restful break and are ready for the challenges in what promises to be an exciting action-packed term in Middle School. I would like to warmly welcome Hannah-Grace Frost (Year 7 HO) and her family into Middle School this week. I pray that Hannah-Grace makes an easy transition and flourishes in our school.

Prohibited Foods - No Nuts in Middle School

Please remember we have a number of children with various allergies to certain foods. We ask that no child in Middle School brings any nuts or nut products to school. We have several students who have ANAPHYLAXIS with nuts as a trigger. This is an incredibly serious, possibly life threatening condition, so it is vital that we keep our environment nut free.

Handbook

This week students in Middle School will receive a Middle School Assessment Handbook. The Handbook outlines courses studied in Middle School and how and what will be assessed in each subject. The Handbook also contains information regarding missed tasks, illness or misadventure. Please take the time to read it and make special note of the calendars at the back to plot when tasks are due.

NAPLAN Tests for Year 7

If you have a child in Year 7 please make sure to read the letter on page 12 about Naplan. Naplan will be held on 14-16 May.

Coffs Rugby

For those interested in the Tournament during the next holidays, Mr Drennan will send out a letter which needs to be returned to him so we can confirm the number of sides playing.

Chill

You’re feeling stressed - between homework, sport, dance and those advanced origami lessons you signed up for, life is rushing ever onwards. Imagine a place where you could go for a couple of hours a week to unwind, relax and just chill. Starting from Thursday 9 May, each Thursday afternoon from 3.15 until 5.00 pm, the Green Point Baptist Church Youth Room will be a place where you can just hang out with your friends, shoot some pool, play Xbox, and potentially catch up on those origami lessons you’ve fallen behind in. No program, just DIY fun with the church’s Youth facilities and Youth Pastor, Will Richards. Parents, this is a great chance for your teens to hang out with their friends, make new ones and have some supervised fun at the church after school. Afternoon tea is provided and all (in Years 7-12) are welcome!

For more information, contact Will Richards on 0424 278 948 or at wrichards@gpcc.nsw.edu.au

Commendation Assembly

Our Term One Commendation Assembly will be held next week on Wednesday 8 May beginning at 12 noon in the MPC.
Welcome back for another excellent adventure that occurs in the classrooms, fields, playgrounds and facilities of our College. Term 2 is always a busy event-filled time with a lot of sport, camps and excursions happening. It is important that in all the activity we remain focused on achieving the academic outcomes to the best of our abilities. However of even greater importance is our need to seek after God’s way in all that we do and His empowerment to do it.

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NAPLAN Tests for Year 9

If you have a child in Year 9 please make sure to read the letter on page 12 about Naplan. Naplan will be held on 14-16 May. A make-up day for those students who miss an exam will be on 17 May. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Mr Mills, the Year 9 Year Adviser or myself.

Uniform

Just a few reminders in regards to uniform for this term:
1. Blazer weather is upon us and a blazer is our first layer of warmth in the Senior School.
2. Sport uniform is only to be worn by students to school if they have PE practical.
3. Correct black leather shoes.
4. Make up does not make you warm so again there is no eye makeup.
5. Girl’s skirts are to be at the knee.
6. All students are to have a hat at school.

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Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

Teams from Years 9 and 11 will be representing GPCC in MUNA. From Year 9: Joshua de Lore, Nathan Ellis and David McBriar. From Year 11: Michael Austin, Nicholas Millar and Nicholas Zepernick. The Year 9 team will be representing Saudi Arabia and the Year 11 team will be representing Iran. The students will compete against other schools from the Central Coast next Thursday 9 May and will be judged on their speaking ability as well as their understanding of the countries that they are representing. Special thanks to Mrs Danielle Cook who has been coaching the Year 9 Team and Mr Cohen who has been working with the Year 11 Team.

Solution to Week 10’s Challenge:
A dictionary

Challenge of the Week:
You can have me but cannot hold me;
Gain me and quickly lose me.
If treated with care I can be great,
And if betrayed I will break.
What am I?
Missions and Service

Mr Tom Anderson | Director of Spiritual Development

Acts 1:8 “…and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”

Tonga Teaching Conference

The New Testament is full of calls to live out our faith in response to the grace shown to us in Christ. Paul’s letters often follow the pattern of a clear explanation of the Gospel message followed by a call for Christians to live that out in their lives. In Ephesians 2 Paul presents the truth that we are saved by God’s gift of grace alone, by faith in Christ alone, not by works so that no one can boast (Ephesians 2:1-9) - yet he ends this famous passage with a call for Christians to do good works which Christ prepared in advance for them to do (Ephesians 2:10). The Christian life is to be one characterised by service to God and others in response to what Jesus has done for us. Christians are to put off the old life and put on the new life in the Holy Spirit expressed through changed thinking and behaviour. Ephesians 4:22-24 puts it like this: “You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness”. Our hope and prayer for students at the College is that they will come to know Christ as their Lord and Saviour and live out their faith through involvement in mission and service. Our recent staff mission to Tonga is testament to the commitment of the College staff to modelling this in their own lives.

Cambodia Fundraising Night

This year the College is supporting two projects of Samaritan’s Purse in Cambodia – seeking to provide schooling to children in Christ’s name. There will be a BIG BAND fundraising night in Week 3. Please come along for great music with all funds going to support the projects.

Backyard Blitz

On the last Friday of Term 1 a group of students from Years 11 and 12 performed a “Backyard Blitz” for a College family who have recently experienced the loss of a family member. It was great to see our students working hard to express God’s love through action. A few Year 12 students came straight from their Mid-Year Exams to lend a hand. Many thanks to Mr Stuart Drennan and the team of young men (Jamie Collins, Chris Swaine, Tom Drennan, Jordan Formston, Daniel Omayao, Jordan Reynolds and Jordan Seifert) who worked together with Mr Paul Rowe (parent) and others from EV Church to transform the front and back gardens.
This year, during the April school holiday, a team of teachers travelled to Tonga to run a three day Teachers’ Conference focussing on ‘Christian Education’ and ‘Teaching Practice’. The members of the team were Amanda and Greg Harris, Ross Hamoni, Denise and Anthony De Witte, Michelle and Monu Taunga, Rachael and Sophie Wilesmith, and Jessica Noble.

Once we arrived we discovered that the staff of Hofangahau College had never attended a teaching conference. In fact, it was the first time a teaching conference had been held in the entire Free Wesleyan Church School System in Tonga.

During the conference, it was a joy to see the staff learning about the importance of teaching from a Christian perspective and applying it to their own classroom practice. The GPCC Team were deeply touched by the love of the Tongan staff community, who cared for us like we were members of their own family. There were many opportunities for us to encourage and be encouraged by the staff and their families. Greg and Anthony visited the local hospital and were able to operate, and train staff to use, a sterilising machine. It was a blessing to spend the week and live amongst the community of Eua. We were very sad to leave Hofangahau, but excited for the future of this little College.

After the conference, the President of the Tongan Free Wesleyan Church Education System came to speak to us. He shared his vision for Church schools in Tonga and outlined that he wanted Hofangahau College to set the benchmark for all Church schools in Tonga. He stated that the link between Green Point Christian College and Hofangahau College was special and different to any other links in Tonga. We all felt privileged to be in the presence of this great man who has such a heart for his schools.

We are well aware that it is only through God’s prompting and guidance that we have been given this opportunity to sow into the lives of Christian Teachers at Hofangahau College. Without our knowledge, God has created a ripple effect into the entire Free Wesleyan Church Education System in Tonga. All praise and glory is to be given to our Almighty God!

We would like to give all the glory to God because it became very obvious that our Heavenly Father went before us and prepared the hearts and minds of every person who attended the conference. Each teacher made special comment about how their lives had been touched by God and how it would impact their daily teaching practice. Please continue to pray for the Teachers of Hofangahau College who are striving to impact the lives of their students for Christ.
Secondary School Sport

Joshua 24:14-15  

14 “So now: Fear GOD. Worship him in total commitment. Get rid of the gods your ancestors worshiped on the far side of the River (the Euphrates) and in Egypt. You, worship GOD.  

15 “If you decide that it’s a bad thing to worship GOD, then choose a god you’d rather serve—and do it today. Choose one of the gods your ancestors worshiped from the country beyond the river, or one of the gods of the Amorites, on whose land you’re now living. As for me and my family, we’ll worship GOD.”

I have always loved this scripture as it captivates the heart of an unwavering Christ follower. Even with the pressures of pleasing themselves, Joshua still stands by his convictions. He knows intimately all that God had done and what he was going to do for him. We often can face the same pressure in sport. To be a certain way or to sacrifice Sundays for sport. It’s not the playing of sport on Sundays that is the issue; it’s the motivation behind it. If you are a Christian, do you put God first or make Him a part of your sport?

The Term Ahead

I have had some feedback from some parents which I really appreciate! The upcoming sporting opportunities are getting lost or I have not given enough notice for parents to organise their child to get to events. I do apologise for this and for this reason I have added into this Newsletter the sporting opportunities for this term. Thank you to the parents whom I have spoken to who have been really flexible in making sure their child and others were able to compete. The dates and details are as follows for this term:

- Thursday 2 May - Secondary Zone Soccer GD Boys (Adamstown)
- Monday 6 May - Secondary Zone Soccer GD Girls (Adamstown)
- Monday 6 May - NSW All Schools Swimming Championships (Homebush)
- Wednesday 8 May - Secondary Netball Trials for CSSA Team
- Friday 10 May - CIS Boys Opens Basketball Trials
- Friday 10 May - CIS Girls Open and 15&U Basketball Trials
- Friday 17 May - CIS Hockey Boys & Girls Trials
- Tuesday 21 May - CIS U15s Netball Trials
- Wednesday 22 May - CIS Rugby League Trials (South Granville)
- Monday 20-24 May - National CS Games (Gold Coast)
- Tuesday 29 May - CIS Boys & Girls Soccer Trials
- Friday 31 May - CSSA State Cross Country (Horsley Park)
- Tuesday 5 June - CIS Opens Netball Trials (Mt Annan)
- Thursday 14 June - CIS Cross Country (Eastern Creek)
- Friday 21 June - NRL U13s Rugby League 7s (Berkerley Vale Oval)
- Tuesday 25 June - Zone Futsal Gala Day (Girls-Maitland and Boys-Broadmeadow)

Soccer

The Girls will be playing in the Zone Soccer Gala day on Monday 6 May. We wish them all the best and we have two teams playing; U15s and Opens. The boys play on Thursday and the results will be in next week’s Newsletter.

Congratulations

Nick Millar achieved his Black Belt in GKR Karate on 20 April after eight years of training! What a wonderful achievement and discipline to commit to eight years.

Nicola McDermott competed in the Australian Open High Jump Championships placing equal 4th. This is an amazing feat for a 16 year old girl who was amongst accomplished and experienced athletes. Nicola cleared 1.78m, narrowly missing 1.82m.

Mr Chris Wellington - Secondary Sport Organiser
Expressions of Interest - Before and After School Care

We are seeking expressions of interest from parents of Green Point Christian College students, who would be interested in using services provided in a Before and After School Care facility for children aged 6 - 12 years (Kinder to Year 6) at Green Point Christian College.

If you think this service would benefit you and your family please advise the College by emailing office@gpcc.nsw.edu.au as soon as possible.

Woolworths Earn And Learn Program

Last year we collected close to 50,000 stickers and we received classroom equipment to benefit the children. The program has started again for 2013 and our College is participating once again. We are not asking you to change your shopping habits but rather, if you normally shop at Woolworths, please ask the checkout person if you could have some stickers and a sheet. The stickers are then placed onto the sheet and returned to school. Please make sure that you only put one sticker per square on the sheet. If you run out of room, send in the spare stickers to school in an envelope clearly marked “Woolworths Stickers”.

High School students can leave their envelopes at the back window of the College Office and Junior School can give the stickers to Mrs Davis or Miss Davis (there will be boxes outside both classrooms).

We thank you for your support with this program.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books for 2013/14 are sold through the College Office. The cost of an Entertainment book is $60.00 with $12 from each sale going to fundraise for the Samaritan’s Purse Cambodia Projects which GPCC is supporting this year. Please phone Justine on 4363 1266 to pre-order your copy or click here.

Green Point Baptist Church News

GP Youth

It was a long wait. If eternity is half as long as those holidays were, it’s going to feel like forever. But thankfully the holidays are over now, which means that Youth Group is back this week! Join us as we kick off another term of glorious friendships, ambitious games and scrumptious Bible discussions.

We meet each Friday in the Green Point Baptist Church Youth Room between 7.00 - 9.00 pm, all are welcome to join us!

For more info, contact Green Point Baptist Church’s Youth Pastor, Will Richards on 0424 278 948 or email will@gpbc.net.au.

Night Church is Back!

Night Church is back this Sunday night (and fortnightly thereafter) and we are starting a series in James. After the service, youth and young adults will head back to Pastor Will’s place for supper. Come! 5pm in the Worship Centre.

Reminders

Sunday messages are available online via podcast on our website. Just go to www.gpbc.net.au and follow the links.

Upcoming dates

- **Thursday, 2 May**
  - CIS Primary Girls Netball Trials
  - Secondary Boys Zone Soccer Gala Day
  - Years 11 and 12 Music Excursion
- **Friday, 3 May**
  - JS Coloured T Shirt Day
  - CIS Primary Boys Soccer Championships
- **Monday, 6 May 2013**
  - CSSA Primary Girls Soccer
  - Secondary Girls Zone Soccer Gala Day
  - Wrapping Day for JS Mothers Day Stall
  - NSW All Schools Swimming Championships
- **Tuesday, 7 May**
  - JS Mothers Day Stall
- **Wednesday, 8 May**
  - CSSA Sec Girls 15 & U Netball Trials
  - Commendation Assembly for Term 1 (12 pm start)

NAPLAN

- **Tuesday, 14 May**
  - Language Conventions
  - Writing
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Please see the letter on page 14 or click here.
Canteen

Week 2 Term 2

06.05.2013
Roslyn Vecellio
07.05.2013
Kerryn Samways
08.05.2013
Hayley Stitt, Lyn Gollan
09.05.2013
Olivia Luther
03.05.2013
Deborah Hibbard, Pat Masters, Janine Pike-Gale, Sharon Herbert.

The Messenger

Green Point Trader

Canteen

For Sale: Brand new, never used Takemine Guitar, complete with strings, two beginners books with CD & DVD, a guitar tuner, strap and a beautiful hard case with black velvet trim. This is a beautiful instrument that in total cost $649, only 8 months old and I would like to get $479. Please call Melissa on 0404 016 969.

For Sale: Senior Blazer size 18L, good condition $90. Ring 0418 202 181.

Fitness Classes: Want to increase your fitness level? Want to stay active and healthy over the winter months? Want to train at a time and place that’s convenient for you? Come join our Wednesday Group Fitness Session, 4 pm - 5 pm at Green Point Christian College, catering for all fitness levels, classes include a combination of boxing, cardio circuits and strength training. If you would like to join us please contact Lisa Poll on 0412 108 129. Your first workout is FREE.

Green Point Trader: If you would like to place an advertisement in the Green Point Trader please email details to Marie Hay at newsletter@gpcc.nsw.edu.au.

Coast Shelter Restaurant

346 Mann Street, Gosford
If you would like to be on the roster, Sharon Blair would love to hear from you! Please email office@gpbc.net.au or 0432 490 975.

4 May 2013
Coast Shelter run the first Saturday of the month.

11 May 2013
OIC and Food Pickup: Penny Williams
Kitchen Manager: Tony Herbert
Helpers: Di Smith, Julie and Harrison Stowe, Ron and Liz Sutte, Vicki Wickert

18 May 2013
OIC: Stephen Hay
Food Pickup: Arthur Pickersgill
Helpers: Angela Bowen, Denise De Witte, Colleen Du Toit, Leanne Davey, Judy, John and Sean Campbell.

Term 1, 2013

- Tuesday 29 January 2013 for Years 1 - 6; 7, 11 and 12 to Friday 12 April 2013
- Wednesday 30 January 2013 for Years 8, 9 and 10 to Friday 12 April 2013
- Thursday 31 January for Kinder to Friday 12 April 2013

Term 2, 2013

- Tuesday 30 April 2013 to Friday 28 June 2013

Term 3, 2013

- Wednesday 17 July 2013 to Friday 20 September 2013

Term 4, 2013

- Tuesday 8 October 2013 to Thursday 12 December 2013

Uniform Shop

Operating Times
Monday - Friday during the School Term: 8.30 am - 11.00 am
Afternoons by appointment only.

Alternate ways to make purchases:
1. Write items on a lunch order bag, enclose cash or cheque and lodge through Canteen.
2. Lodge order and payment through Reception.
3. Phone order to Uniform Shop and pay by Credit Card.
4. Email g Ritchie@gpcc.nsw.edu.au
Always include your child’s name and Year Group for delivery. Credit Card slips and a receipt are always issued.

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National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14-16 May 2013.

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<td>Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)</td>
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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 17 May** – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. 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 Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent/ carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your child’s school.

Please make an appointment with the school Principal if you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at: