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NAPLAN ONLINE - GETTING READY FOR 2017

The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a two to three year period.

This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child’s teacher within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not a ‘test’ of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

As part of the trial, students in years three, five, seven and nine will undertake two online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a state wide level.

Sandy Davey, Kirsty Trahar, Sharon Day, Michele Waters

SENIOR STAFF

STAFF CHANGES

Congratulations to Rosie Bronca who has taken a teaching position at Allendale Area School for the remainder of the year. We welcome Ben Opitz, Laura Pratt and Rachael Byers to our school.

Congratulations and best wishes to Katherine Bundy and her family on the safe arrival of their baby son, Alby (Albert) William New.

FREE DENTAL CARE

Attention all parents of children ages 2 to 18. Do you know your child may be eligible for $1,000 of FREE DENTAL TREATMENT?

Please call your dental surgery with your Medicare care number to check eligibility. That’s $1,000 of free dental care for your child. But call NOW, as possible government changes may result in the Child Dental Benefit Scheme being cancelled.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

We have commenced the annual nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability (‘the Collection’).

This will involve the collection of the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students; the level of adjustment provided to students; and where known, the student’s type of disability.

Under the collection model the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health and mental conditions.

If your child is identified for inclusion in the collection, the required information about your child will be included in this year’s data collection.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact Sharon Day on 08 8724 9811. Further information about the collection can be found at: http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.
RESOURCE CENTRE

Look at Uluru! The boomerangs show how many students have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Keep recording the books you have read onto the form and bring in to the resource centre. The challenge ends 9 September 2016.

BOOK WEEK
Book Week will be celebrated in weeks five and six. The theme this year is “Australia: Story Country”. Our dress up day will be held on Wednesday, 31 August. Students are asked to dress up in an Australian theme, or as a shortlisted book character. Please see us if you have any questions. Amongst other activities, classes will decorate their class doorways in the theme of a shortlisted book. We are getting excited!

STORIES IN FAIRYLAND
Stories in Fairyland is coming soon! Please see flier attached to this newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS
The resource centre is seeking volunteers to help with covering our library and take home reading books. Please return the tear off slip below if you are able to help. We can show you how to cover books if you need assistance and you are welcome to cover books at school or at home. We are having a book covering workshop later in the term for interested volunteers.

I am able to help cover books for the resource centre.

☐ I would like to be shown how to cover books.

Name: ____________________________

Child’s Name: _________________ Room: ________

POULTRY FOR SALE

Muscovy Ducks: Kevin and Russell are seven month old girls. Good foragers, calm and quiet (Muscovy ducks don’t quack) - $30.00 for the two (would rather not separate).

Bantam Rooster: Paris was one of the cute white chicks hatched at the beginning of the school year. Now he is a little red and white rooster, too pretty to be turned into soup - FREE.

Enquire at front office or phone Sam Baker (evenings) 8723 1601

Asthma Assist
Asthma Assist is a free asthma information support service provided by your local Asthma Foundation. Registering with Asthma Assist enables you to access credible information, use the 1800 ASTHMA service and keep up to date with asthma treatments, research and medications.

You can also choose to have additional or family follow up; this means that an asthma educator will contact you to discuss your asthma or the asthma of someone you care for.

Register today and take the first steps in taking control of asthma!

Asthma App
The new Asthma Australia asthma app is now available through the Apple iTunes store (Android version coming soon). Not only is the app convenient, it also significantly reduces our environmental impact. The app provides all the resources needed to inform good asthma management and includes the protocol for asthma first aid.

Asthma Australia is currently developing and asthma app specifically for young people with goal setting functions. This is now in the testing stage and will be available early in 2017.

AUSSIES, WATCH OUT FOR MOZZIES IN RIO!
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**AUSKICK**

What a great time we had! This year we had 58 children participate in the Auskick program. We had fantastic support from parents who volunteered their time each week to take groups of children through the various activities. Our student leaders were incredible mentors and showed great generosity towards our younger students, demonstrating skills and explaining what to do at each activity. Each week we could see the skill development and most importantly, the enjoyment being had.

In the school holidays we had the opportunity for eight students from year two to go to the MCG to play at half time at the Carlton versus Crows match, which was a memorable occasion for these children.

We hope you enjoyed Auskick this year and will take up the opportunity to participate again next year!

*Melissa McCracken*

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**DISTRICT BASKETBALL**

Three teams went to the SAPSASA Basketball tryouts at the Icehouse on Monday and although they didn’t make it to the next stage, all the students performed well and showed great sportsmanship. We would like to thank Mr Buckley, Mrs Cowland, Mrs Hosking, Miss Searle, Mrs Swann, Mr and Mrs Young for doing an outstanding job coaching and looking after the teams on Monday. It would have been impossible to take three teams without their support.

*Chris Couchman*

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**KITCHEN GARDEN CATCH UP cont.**

Gracie and Ellie are pictured checking out the eggs and the new pullets just started to lay. The egg basket looks much more interesting with Sylvia’s turquoise eggs and Vesuvius’ dark brown ones. Ellie and Halle couldn’t wait to see how much the guinea pigs had grown over the holidays.

I am looking forward to working with rooms T2, 9, 10, 12 and N5 this term, with lots of things to do in the garden as spring approaches.

Remember there will be no garden market this term - it will be back in term four when vegetables and sunshine are more abundant.

*Sam Baker*

**GARDEN SPECIALIST**

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2016’s Mad Minute was a very happy and scary experience for all the contestants. At first it was a bit intimidating seeing all of those schools there. It was exciting to be doing it at Mount Gambier High School. My topic was ‘bike lanes are important’, it was a hard topic for me to give out some reasons for it and I did not finish my minute. Kai, room 7

2016’s Mad Minute was great for me to practice my public speaking and was an amazing experience. At first it was very intimidating and scary seeing how many schools there were. At Mount Gambier High School all school contestants were very good at their topics, some even going above and beyond. When the school’s name was called I began to get a little bit nervous. I was up first, but in my opinion my topic was a great one, ‘dogs should stay outside’, which I could relate to. In the end, the Mad Minute was a once in a life time opportunity I am grateful that I got to experience it and that I got to represent my school. Knowing that I was one of the three best public speakers in all of the year five students in our school was very exciting for me. Lily, room 8

Mad Minute 2016 was a once in a life time experience that I will never forget. All competitors tried their best. This experience was very scary and intimidating when I looked at how many schools were there. My topic was ‘bikes are better than motor bikes’ which for me was very scary because I had nothing to relate to. When I started talking I felt better until I was confident enough to think more and produce more ideas, which are vital to public speaking. This was one time in my life that I will never forget. Jackson, room 8