

# The Vaucluse Newsletter



Vaucluse Public School

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*TERM TWO NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL*



**In the school holidays, Ms Allen, Ms Schwartz, & Mr McDonald joined Mr Ensor at his wedding. A big congratulations to Mr Ensor from the VPS community!**

**\*Please see the Sentral School Calendar for dates and information on all school events**

# **THE PRINCIPALS REPORT**



Vaucluse Public School

**Dear Vaucluse Families,**

**This week has been a fabulous display of the support from our community. Families donated beautiful gifts for our Mother's Day Stall. A wonderful group of parent volunteers, capably led by our P&C President Nadia Kaye, wo(manned) our tables to assist our students to find the perfect gift for their loved ones. We raised over \$2100 to put towards our school.**

**Last Friday we had our Anzac Day ceremony at school. Our students and staff were thrilled to have representation of HMAS Watson which was arranged by Mason in Year 3's mum Tina. The catafalque was an outstanding addition to our ceremony, and we really appreciated Lieutenant Searle's speech. Our school leaders enthusiastically lead their first official assembly and they certainly rose to the occasion. We look forward to continuing to develop our engagement with HMAS Watson.**

**Next week Year 4 head to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens. Ms Davidson, Mr Jackson, Miss Giles, Miss Baker and Mr McDonald will be spending their weekend packing and catching up on sleep in anticipation of the sleep deprivation that camp provides. The students meanwhile are eagerly counting down the days until they wave goodbye to their families and participate in many fun and exciting activities.**

**NAPLAN kicks off on Tuesday with Writing. For this assessment Year 3 will be completing a written test and Year 5 will be completing theirs online. Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy will be completed the following week. Ms Schwartz has coordinated this process and will be supervising the assessments.**

**Finally, we know that our school community is filled with incredible learning opportunities for our students. If you think your talents, experiences, professions may be beneficial to our school, please let us know. We love having our parents support our teaching and learning projects in a purposeful and meaningful way.**

**Have a great weekend,**

*Miss Allen*



**A huge thank you to Nadia, Tully and their band of volunteers who organised and ran the Mothers day stall today. Happy Mothers Day to all our wonderful VPS Mum's, we are thinking of those who find this a challenging time.**



# ANZAC DAY CEREMONY



**Our students made us very proud during the Anzac Day Ceremony. Thank you to our fantastic school leaders for running the assembly**





We were lucky enough to have some special visitors join us for our ANZAC day ceremony. Thank you to the catafalque party from HMAS Watson!



# ANZAC DAY ES1

LEST WE FORGET - 25 APRIL 2022

**KA**

**Aboriginal men and women fought in the wars.**

**Australia thanks you and remembers you.**

**KH**

**Red poppies are used by Australians as a sign of remembrance.**

**The red poppy is inspired by the fields of poppies that grew where many battles were fought.**

**KB**

**Women played very important roles. They worked as nurses, volunteers and looked after the children.**

# STAGE 1

## 1/2C

The first ANZAC biscuit recipe was made out of flour, oats, golden syrup, coconut, sugar, butter and bicarb soda.

The name ANZAC biscuit was first used around 1915 when the word ANZAC first began. They were made and sold to raise money for the war effort.

## 1/2D

Flags are flown at half mast as a sign of mourning. The Australian Flag is lowered to half mast at the start of the ANZAC Service.

It is raised slowly to the mast head during the playing of The Rouse. Military personnel will stand to attention during the lowering and raising of the flag.

## 1/2L

A period of silence in the ANZAC Day ceremony is a time for people to reflect and show respect.

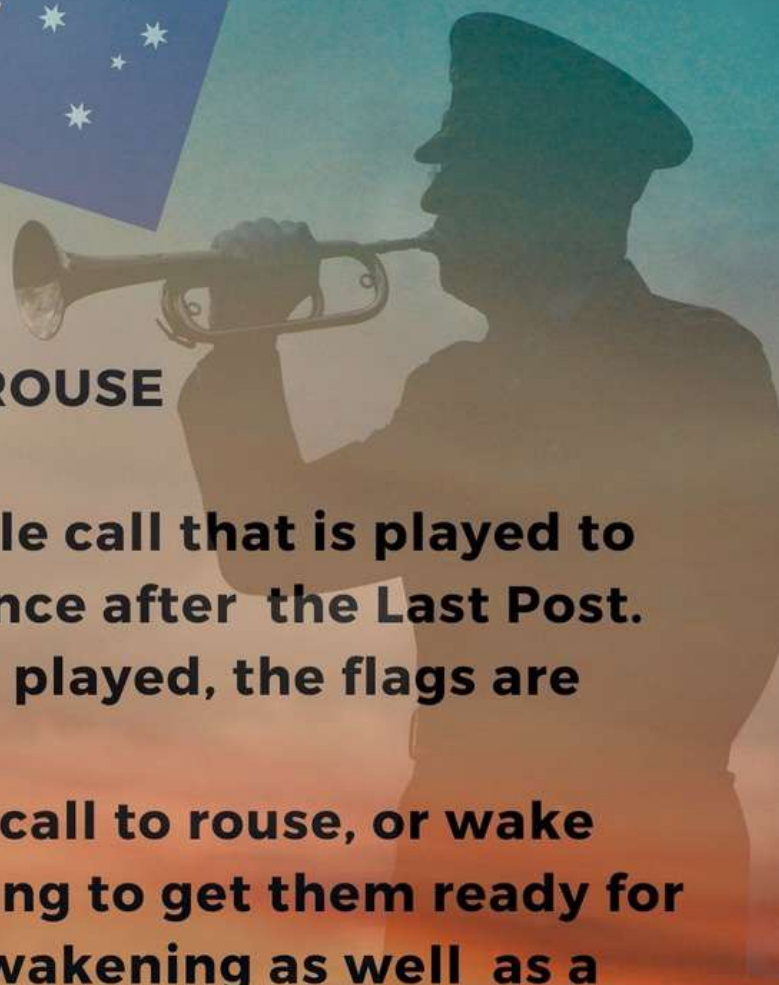
Edward George Honey, who was an Australian journalist, was the first person to suggest this.



## THE LAST POST

**The Last Post is the bugle call that signifies the end of the day's activities.**

**It is also sounded at military funerals to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final rest, and at commemorative services such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.**



## THE ROUSE

**The Rouse is a short bugle call that is played to break the minute of silence after the Last Post. While the bugle is being played, the flags are raised to the masthead.**

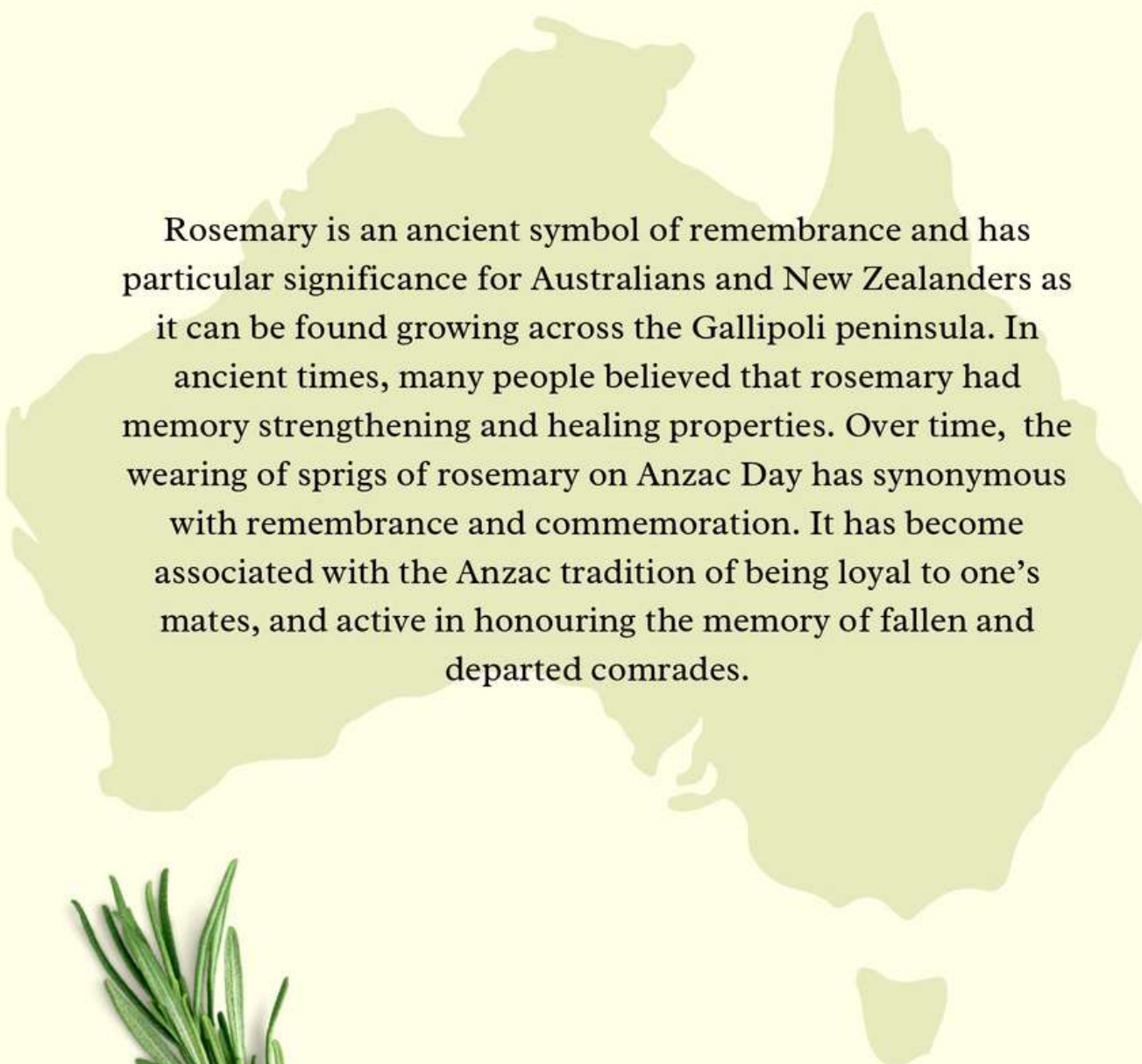
**It was a bright, cheerful call to rouse, or wake up, soldiers in the morning to get them ready for duty. It symbolises an awakening as well as a remembrance and a respect for the memory of the soldiers' comrades.**



# ANZAC DAY

## LEST WE FORGET

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ROSEMARY



Rosemary is an ancient symbol of remembrance and has particular significance for Australians and New Zealanders as it can be found growing across the Gallipoli peninsula. In ancient times, many people believed that rosemary had memory strengthening and healing properties. Over time, the wearing of sprigs of rosemary on Anzac Day has synonymous with remembrance and commemoration. It has become associated with the Anzac tradition of being loyal to one's mates, and active in honouring the memory of fallen and departed comrades.



#### THE ODE

“They shall grow not old, as we that are  
left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years  
condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the  
morning  
We shall remember them.”

*From the poem :*

*"For the Fallen" by English poet Laurence  
Binyon.*



# Simpson and his Donkey

Simpson joined the Navy in 1910, when he was 17 years old after being a milk-boy. In August 1914, he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force to fight with the ANZACs. John Simpson Kirkpatrick and his Donkey, Duffy risked their lives to save 300 wounded soldiers from the battlefield in Gallipoli during the First World War. Simpson and Duffy would brave "No-man's Land" to rescue soldiers and transport them to the beach hospital. We thank Simpson and his Donkey for risking their lives for our freedom.



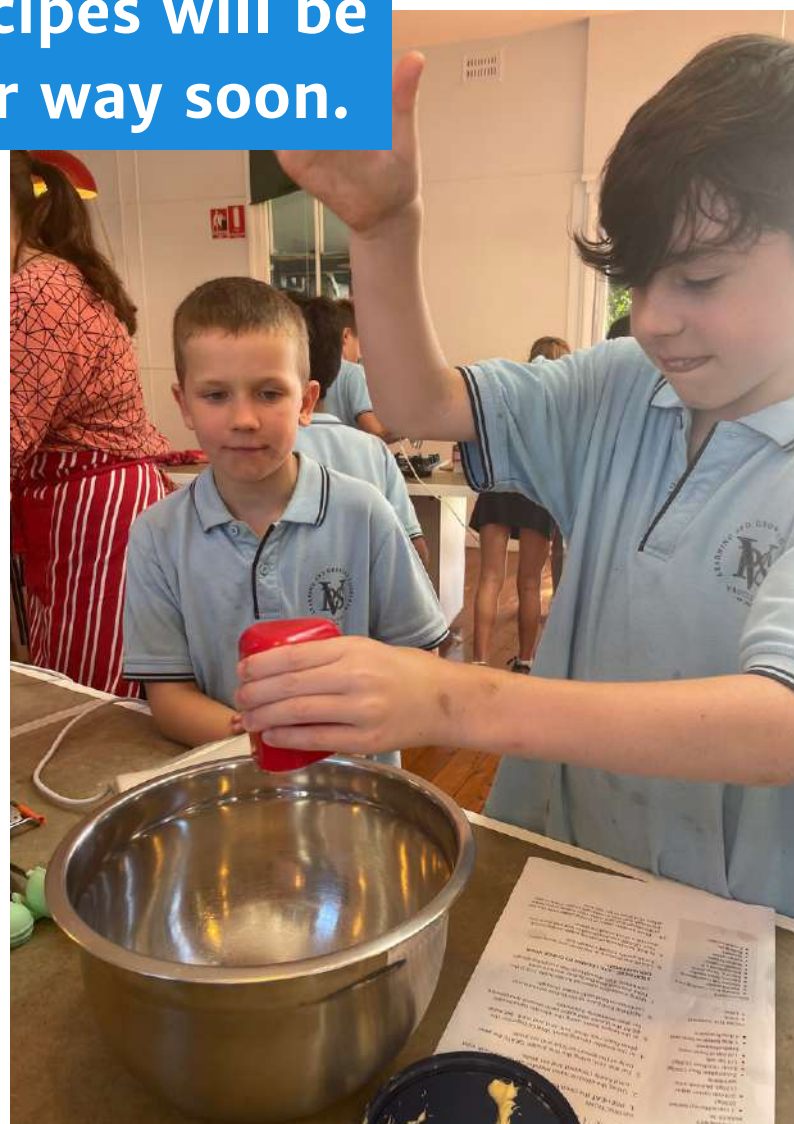


**Jemima, Cameron & Phoenix  
from the Learning Hub  
showing off their fantastic  
basketball skills**





**4G are so happy to be back in the SAKG Kitchen. Recipes will be coming your way soon.**







**Congratulations to Georgie from 1/2D for achieving a Principals Award for being a conscientious & helpful student at VPS**

# International Epilepsy Day

VPS will be acknowledging International Epilepsy Day on **THURSDAY 12 May**.

## Wear purple

Everyone is encouraged to wear purple as a symbol that those with epilepsy are not alone.

## What is PURPLE DAY?

A day dedicated to learn about **EPILEPSY** and seizures, and how to support those affected



## Did you know....

Over 250,000 Australians are living with epilepsy and that seizures affect both children and adults?



**PURPLE DAY**

26 March 2022

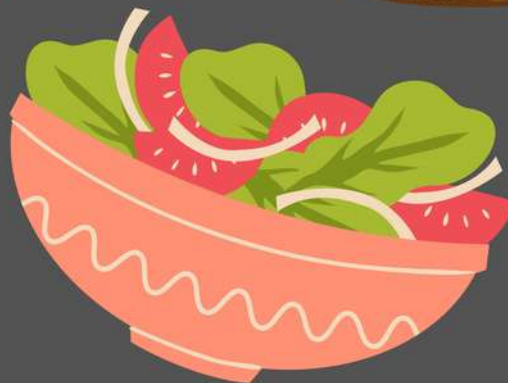
*Stronger together*

**More information:  
[epilepsy.org.au](http://epilepsy.org.au)**

# Canteen news!

to celebrate the diversity of our cultures and celebrations, the VPS canteen is starting a monthly:

## Multicultural Monday



Check details on the canteen website  
[vpslunchbox.square.site](http://vpslunchbox.square.site)



# jacqui's canteen

## Snacks ALL DAY

Pretzels	\$1.50	Cheese & Vegemite Pizza Scrolls	\$1.50
Rice Crackers	\$1.00	Hash Brown	\$1.50
Koala Popcorn - Lightly Salted	\$2.00	Mini Beef Pies	\$3.00
Red Rock Deli Potato Chips	\$2.50	Mini Spinach & Cheese Snails	\$3.00
Today's Cookies	\$0.50	Mini Sausage Rolls	\$4.00
Grape Cup	\$2.00	Cheese Pizza Scrolls	\$1.50
Watermelon Cup	\$2.00	Garlic Bread (Two Slices)	\$1.00
Roasted Root Vegetables	\$3.00		
Add gravy	\$4.00		

## Drinks

Nippy's Milks (Chocolate Strawberry Honeycomb)	\$3.00	Still Water	\$2.50
Nippys Juices (Apple Orange Apple & Blackcurrent)	\$3.00	Hot Chocolate	\$3.00
Sparkling Water	\$2.50	Coffee (Parents only)	\$3.50

## Baked Goods RECESS ONLY

Warm Cinnamon Swirl Bread	\$2.50	Toasted Honey Crumpet	\$2.00
Banana Bread - Freshly Baked	\$3.50	Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$5.00
Muffins - Freshly Baked	\$3.00		

## Cool Cups RECESS ONLY

Frozen Yoghurt Bites (150g)	\$3.00	Chocolate Chia Pudding	\$4.00
Vanilla Rice Pudding	\$4.00	Edamame Dip With Vegies	\$3.80

ORDER ONLINE AT

<https://vpsslunchbox.square.site/>

# jacqui's canteen

## **Sandwiches & Toasties LUNCH ONLY** (Gluten Free add \$1)

Vegemite Sandwich (Toasted or Plain)	\$3.50	Baked Bean Toastie	\$4.40
Cheese Sandwich (Toasted or Plain)	\$3.50	The Roma Toastie	\$6.00
Ham Sandwich (Toasted or Plain)	\$4.00	Egg Mayo Lettuce Sandwich	\$6.00
Ham & Cheese Sandwich (Toasted or Plain)	\$4.50	Tuna, Mayo & Cheese Sandwich (Toasted or Plain)	\$6.00

## **Salads, Gozleme & Wraps LUNCH ONLY**

Garden Salad	\$6.50	Tuna, Mayo & Salad Wrap	\$6.50
With Chicken	\$10.50	Egg & Lettuce Wrap	\$6.50
With Tuna	\$9.50	Ham, Cheese, Avo & Salad Wrap	\$7.00
Cheese & Spinach Gozleme	\$6.50	Chicken Avocado Salad Wrap	\$7.00

## **Rice, Pizza, Pasta, Soup LUNCH ONLY**

Chicken Noodle Soup	\$3.50	Pasta Bolognese	\$7.00
Hearty Vegetable Soup	\$4.50	Pasta Napolitana	\$6.50
Egg Fried Rice	\$7.00	Cheese & tomato Pizza	\$4.50
Homemade Mac N Cheese	\$6.50		

## **Frozen Treats LUNCH ONLY**

Frozen Fruit Cup	\$1.20	Moosies Ice	\$2.50
Wild Berry Juice Tube	\$2.20	Frozen Twisted Yogurt	\$3.50

## **Specials**

Friday Pie Day (Only available Friday Lunch)

Beef Pie (180g)	\$6.00
Spinach & Ricotta Roll (130g)	\$4.50
Sausage Roll (130g)	\$4.50

Cupcakes For Class Parties \$2.50  
Minimum order 20 each

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- ✓ 3-day programs held in the school holidays
- ✓ Lots of fun in a casual atmosphere
- ✓ Language and cultural activities including music, role-plays, arts, crafts, games & cooking

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**UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS:**

Sydney: Waverley July 5-7

Sydney: Curl Curl North July 11-13

From 9am - 3pm daily

# NAPLAN – information for parents and carers



2022

## Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit in May each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students do.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

## Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools are transitioning from paper-based to computer-based assessments. Most schools will complete NAPLAN tests online in 2022. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

## What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

## Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students can participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), or our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experience of using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

## What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN 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.

## What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN.

You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at [nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site](http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site)

## NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN online test window is nine days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN online test window starts on Tuesday 10 May and finishes on Friday 20 May 2022. Tests must be scheduled as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Online NAPLAN test scheduling requirements are detailed in the table below.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only)</li><li>Year 5 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only)</li><li>Years 7 and 9 writing must start on day 2 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 2 and 3 only)</li></ul>	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 42 min. Year 7: 42 min. Year 9: 42 min.	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To ensure online schools are able to complete NAPLAN tests within the nine-day testing window, Year 7 and 9 students can start with reading on day 1; however, writing must start on day 2</li><li>To be completed <b>before</b> the conventions of language test</li></ul>	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To be completed <b>after</b> the reading test</li></ul>	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 45 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To be completed <b>after</b> the conventions of language test</li></ul>	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

## How is my child's performance reported?

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 provided 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/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve 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 information about the performance of schools over time at [myschool.edu.au](http://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](http://nap.edu.au/TAA)
- visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy](http://nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy)