



MOLONG CENTRAL SCHOOL

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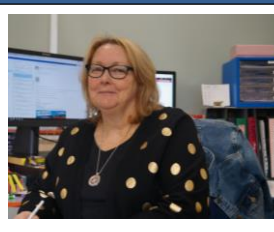
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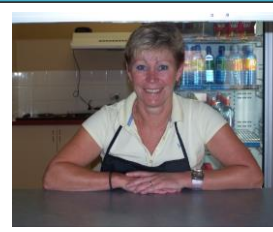
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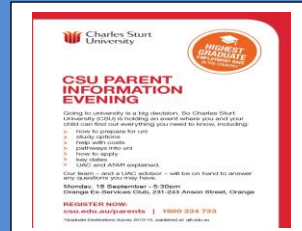
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS (LMBR) FINANCE SYSTEM TRANSITION

We have found the need to adjust the dates previously advised for acceptance of payments leading up to our school's transition to the new finance system.

You were previously advised that payments were unable to be made between the dates of 30th August and 5th of September. The revised dates payments will be unable to be made are now between Monday 21st August and Friday 8th September.

With regard to online payments via our school website, you were previously advised that this facility would become available from the 4th of September.

This facility will not be available for use until October, with a date still to be advised.

We thank you for your consideration and patience during this transition.

EDUCATION WEEK

There were many highlights from Education Week including the grandparent's morning tea and classroom visits. We have captured many fabulous images, which are featured in this weeks' newsletter.

This year's theme "I Learn We Learn" was an appropriate opportunity to highlight the work our students have done in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and the K-12 assembly allowed students in all year groups a chance to demonstrate their learning.

Primary students presented their Rube Golberg inventions and the students listened to guest speakers who highlighted the importance of developing the skills required for STEM.

The STEM challenge proved to be a lot of fun and a wonderful learning opportunity. Parents, teachers and students joined to create the tallest structure possible with the materials provided. Please see photos on the following pages.

NAPLAN

Students will be receiving their NAPLAN results next week and there will be opportunities to discuss these results.

For Year 9 students NAPLAN has extra significance this year, as it is their first opportunity to attain the minimum numeracy and literacy standard to be awarded a Higher School Certificate.

There will be an opportunity to collect Year 9 NAPLAN results from school and be provided with information to discuss the implications of your child's results.

I have included a letter from NESA which explains the minimum standard in more detail. At the next P&C meeting I will outline our school results and discuss future opportunities for student growth in numeracy and literacy. Our goal of increasing the % of students in the top two bands has been achieved and we will work with all students to improve outcomes in numeracy and literacy.

NAPLAN Online

We are preparing our school and our students to complete a NAPLAN readiness test in September.

This test has been developed with the primary purpose of identifying any issues should NESA decide to present NAPLAN testing to students in an online format.

NESA have provided an information letter for parents, which is also included with this newsletter.

STOP PRESS!

Congratulations to **Leigh Brown** who was part of the winning Western Region Lawn Bowls team. Which competed in Dubbo today. A full report will be in our next Newsletter.

Mrs Michelle Barrett,
Principal

EDUCATION WEEK



MORE PHOTOS FROM EDUCATION WEEK





SUCCESSFUL ROCKET LAUNCH!!



The plans were all in place for a launch of the Mighty MCS STEM Rocket back last Thursday as part of the Education Week STEM focus. Unfortunately, the first good rain in months started to fall minutes before our planned launch and so it was postponed until Monday. Our Primary launcher, **Chelsea Oliver** of Year 2, was lined up ready to go on Monday, with **Cooper Kelly** of Year 5 ready to chase and retrieve the rocket. Unfortunately, a technical fault meant that it did not fire, despite numerous attempts. No problems, this was a chance to practice our problem solving skills. Tuesday we tried again, but again success eluded us...the crowd was getting restless, but Chelsea was determined. A bit of testing with a multimeter confirmed a break in the circuit within the switching box, which led to the design and construction of an improvised switching system. Fourth time lucky? Thursday was a beautiful day, a large crowd gathered with a clear sky and light northerly breeze – perfect conditions for a launch. No sooner had the button been pressed than our mighty rocket fired with a huge “Whoosh!!”, disappearing into the deep blue sky as the smell of rotten-egg gas drifted across the audience (we estimate it went up over 100 metres). As it fell, the automatic parachute deployed and it spiralled towards the ground with Cooper in hot pursuit. Success at last! A second successful launch took place immediately after with **Lauren Crowley** of

Year 11 executing a technically perfect launch and **Elias Wilson** of Year 8 reaching the rocket just as it hit the ground on the far end of the oval.

This was an excellent lesson for all involved in the importance of determination and persistence. It confirmed that things do not always go perfectly the first time, but with perseverance we were able to solve problems, develop a better understanding of how the system worked and achieved a great launch in the end. Well done to all involved and particularly to Chelsea who maintained a beaming smile and positive attitude even when things didn't go right. Cooper & Chelsea are pictured above after the successful launch.

Mr Kevin Costa, Head Teacher Maths Faculty and Rocket Launch coordinator



DUBBO HOCKEY GALA DAY

On Friday 11th August, the Open Girls Hockey team participated in the Dubbo Hockey Gala Day. With only 10 players, the girls went through the day undefeated. The team also won the "Play the Whistle" award for their excellent sportsmanship on the day. **Meg Murray** and **Jesyca Pearson** received awards for their individual performances, as did **Jessica Clayton** for umpiring. Many thanks to **Mrs Yelland** and **Mrs Barrett** who supported the girls on the day and assisted with transport. Well done **Meg Murray**, **Anabelle Townsend**, **Keely Laffin**, **Jada Trapman**, **Holly Klein**, **Heidi Townsend**, **Hannah Betts**, **Jesyca Pearson** and **Jessica Clayton** for being such excellent representatives of Molong Central School. Our next challenge will be the Tom Kemp Shield in Bathurst on Friday August 25th. **Mrs Griffith**.



Back L-R: Jada Trapman, Meg Murray, Kara Yelland, Keely Laffin, Holly Klein, Mrs Nicole Griffith
Second Row L-R: Hannah Betts, Jesyca Pearson, Jessica Clayton, Heidi Townsend and Front: Annabel Townsend.



AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Year 9 – 12 Agriculture classes have been busy assisting in the construction of the new primary chook area over the last few weeks. This project has involved deconstructing the original fence and greenhouse, digging holes, cementing posts and erecting the new fence wire and mesh. Students are learning the importance of measuring correct distances, levelling structures and work safety.

The show team is competing in the Dubbo Merino Wether Challenge on the 22nd and 23rd of August. They have been assisted in the preparation of their show animals by the Year 9 Agriculture class. The Year 9 students have been monitoring the wether's weights each week by weighing the animals and completing some lead training as well. The students are learning about feed rations and growth, the importance of monitoring animals and correct sheep handling practices.

Babies are arriving at the school farm this month with lots of cute lambs filling the paddocks. These lambs will be a teaching resource for the Year 11 class who will complete a growth and development study as well as learn how to lamb mark. At the end of the year these lambs will be sold and the profits put back into the farm budget for resources next year.

Miss Sally Pokoney, AgricultureTeacher





BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS

On **Tuesday 22nd August**, Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing programs 'The H Team' (K-6) and 'Cyberia' (7-12).

Brainstorm Productions aim to reduce the incidences of bullying in schools and improve student behaviour and wellbeing. Using real-life scenarios, Brainstorm Productions anti-bullying, cyberbullying and wellbeing programs use live theatre to connect with students and enact change including:

- Empower students with real-life strategies to help enhance their mental health, happiness and wellbeing.
- Reduce the incidences of bullying, cyber-bullying and aggressive behaviour in schools.
- Help students understand the importance of developing respectful relationships at school, at home and online.
- Help students develop a greater understanding of cyber safety and digital citizenship.
- Provide bystanders of bullying and aggressive behaviour with the tools and confidence to support their friends and peers
- Engage students in live, interactive theatre, using authentic real-world youth experiences that are designed to help develop student self-awareness and empathy for others.

The key themes for 'The H Team' production include wellbeing, bullying and positive behaviours. The key themes for 'Cyberia' include cyber-bullying, social websites and isolation.

Both programs form a part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the programs have been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and non-judgemental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

More than 350000 Australian students have already benefited from Brainstorm Productions multi award-winning educational theatre programs over the past twelve months. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment.

If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

Mrs Jane Quigley – Welfare Officer

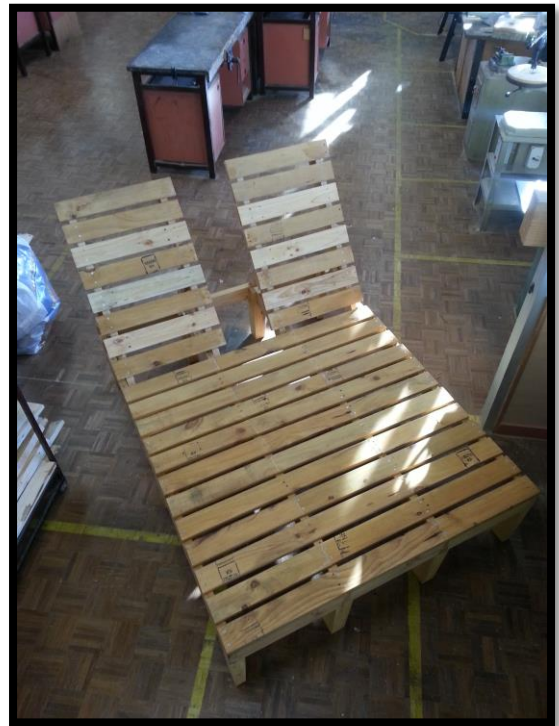


INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (TIMBER) HSC MAJOR PROJECTS

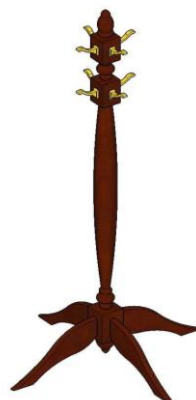
Year 12 Industrial Technology (Timber) students have worked diligently as the due date for their HSC major project has approached. Beginning in term four last year, students worked through a design process to research, plan and make a project of their own choice, using timber as the predominate material. They studied many techniques and compared their construction methods to those used in industry. This year's projects included an outdoor double chaise lounge, a jewellery box, and a centre pedestal hat rack. Students used a wide variety of materials, including recycled Pine pallets, Tasmanian Blackwood, and locally milled Blakely's Red Gum. Students also produced a matching folio to explain the processes and skills demonstrated in their projects. Industrial Technology is a category A subject, meaning that students have the opportunity to gain marks that contribute to an ATAR, as well as complete and take home a useful and valuable project to be proud of. Congratulations to Mikayla Bowd, Andee Sheedy and Marcus Van Elk on their hard work and sustained effort that has resulted in great major projects.

Mr Russell Culverson, Industrial Technology Teacher

Andee Sheedy's Jewellery Box



Mikayla Bowd's Double Chaise Lounge



Cad Plan for Marcus Van Elk's work

MOLONG CENTRAL SCHOOL AWARDS

PRIMARY CLUB 200

Club 100

Ben Burgess
Archie Chrystall
Carl Lingat
Edward Harris
Molly Fogarty
Camilla Fogarty
Preston Moorhouse
Robert Barnard
Angus Day
Sefton Power
Marley Vandervelde
Indy Vandervelde



MOLONG CENTRAL SCHOOL AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week 3 T3

Class	Student
K Macaw	Archer Thurtell – For very good application to literacy tasks.
K Quail	Boyd Packham – For being a consistent worker in all areas.
1/2 Cassowary	Abby Peschka – For enthusiastic participation in science experiments.
1/2 Eagle	Olivia Greenwood – For wonderful effort in Sport and PDHPE
1/2 Lyrebird	Matilda Milne – For improved application towards her writing.
3/4 Babbler	Lilly Weekes – For improved results in Mathematics.
3/4 Sunbird	Winston Gibbs – For great effort and improvement in Maths.
3/4 Thornbill	William Nancarrow – For fantastic contributions to all class discussions.
5/6 Magpie	Will Thomas – For consistent effort in Maths.
5/6 Rooster	Oshaye Neil – For improved effort in all areas.
5/6 Toucan	Bailey Peschka – For improved effort in reading and comprehension activities.
Library	Violett Armstrong – For consistent borrowing and her love of reading.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week 4 T3

Class	Student
K Macaw	Evan Oliver – For being a cheerful and enthusiastic class member.
K Quail	Memphis Hall – For working hard to learn tricky words.
1/2 Cassowary	Francesca Mitchell – For always approaching her learning with apposite attitude.
1/2 Eagle	Jarryd Winton – For improvement in story writing.
1/2 Lyrebird	Cody Wise – For improved effort with his reading.
3/4 Babbler	Maggie Kirby – For improved effort in mathematics
3/4 Sunbird	Mikaela Bathen – For a fantastic effort in Maths.
3/4 Thornbill	Priscilla Power – For being a kind, considerate and helpful class member.
5/6 Magpie	Jim Bone – For great enthusiasm and commitment to teamwork.
5/6 Rooster	Claire Cremona – For improvement in literacy.
5/6 Toucan	Ellie Trindall – For an excellent artwork on a Bushstone curlew.
Library	Cooper Kelly – For extending his skills to search for books which interest him and challenge his curiosity.

Primary Awards

Bronze

Sefton Power
Zara Gianisis

Gold

Kora Rose Smyth
Evangeline Ellis
Grace Miller

Platinum

Carl Lingat
Milly Olsson
Emily Goff

Principals Banner

Zachary Karamina
William Nancarrow

Principals Badge

Imogen Nancarrow
Emily Pearson
Robert Heath
Lochie Bohringer
Laura Lapins
Taylah Hobbs

SECONDARY MERIT AWARDS

MERIT
Sharna Campbell

GRANDPARENTS VISIT FOR EDUCATION WEEK

GRANDPARENTS VISIT DURING EDUCATION WEEK

It was great to see so many Grandparents visit our school during Education Week. Over 60 Grandparents visited our classrooms with some reminiscing their own school days at Molong Central School many years ago.

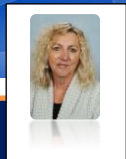
Many commented on how different school was today and all the wonderful opportunities our students have.

It was wonderful to see the students' faces light up when the Grandparents entered the classrooms to see them. It was priceless.

A wonderful experience for young and old. Our visits were followed by a wonderful morning tea organised by Mrs Jenny Barrow.

I would like to thank all those who attended. It was wonderful to see so many precious moments captured throughout the morning.





PRIMARY NEWS

Ready Set Go

Our Ready Set Go Program is now in full swing with our Preschoolers visiting on Thursdays and Fridays. Molong Preschool visits on Thursday and Cumnock visits on Friday. On Thursday mornings, we have also been holding parent workshops for those that are interested. The workshops have been as follows: Kinder Classroom Programs, Healthy Ears and Hearing and An Introduction to our School Library. We still have three more workshops to come on 17/8/17 – Community Health Programs, 31/8/17 – Healthy Lunch Boxes and 2/9/17 – Open Forum. All workshops are from 11.00am – 12.00pm.

Our Kinder Orientation Day will be held on Wednesday 13th September starting at 9.15am. All parents and prospective students are welcome to attend. A morning tea will follow the morning sessions. Please do not hesitate to contact the school for more information.

UNSW Science Competition results

Recently at the Primary Assembly, I was fortunate to be able to present some awards to students who participated in the UNSW Science Competition. In particular there were three students who received a Distinction in this competition. This is a fabulous achievement as this places them in the top 5% of students who participated in Australia. An incredible achievement and congratulations. Our deserved recipients were: **Minnie Whittle, Fergus Whittle and Sophie Heath**. Three of our students, **Adam Spencer, Jim Bone and Charlotte Lapins** also received a credit for the competition. Congratulations and well done to all of our students for their incredible efforts.



Back L-R: Charlotte Lapins, Jim Bone & Adam Spencer.
Front L-R: Minnie Whittle, Sophie Heath and Fergus Whittle

Uni comes to the classroom!

We have been lucky enough to have two Practicum students working in our Primary Department over the last few weeks. They are **Sophie Aylward** in 5/6 Red with Mrs Mutton and **Kate Matheson** in 3/4 Lime with Mrs Brown. I hope you both enjoy your stay at Molong Central School.



L-R: Kate Matheson & Sophie Aylward



FROM OUR LIBRARY

Week 5 Term 3

BOOK WEEK – 'OLDER READERS'

The Bone Sparrow – by Zana Fraillon

Frankie – by Shivaun Plozza

One Would Think the Deep – Claire Zorn

Waer – by Meg Caddy

Words in Deep Blue – by Cath Crowley

Yellow – Megan Jacobson

(All titles available on our Wheelers ePlatform)

BOOK WEEK – 'YOUNGER READERS'

Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers Third Grade - by Kate & Jol Temple

Dragon Fly – by Wendy Orr

A Most Magical Girl – by Karen Foxlee

Mrs Whitlam – by Bruce Pascoe

Rockhopping – by Trace Balla

Within These Walls – by Robyn Bavati



Hi Everyone,

Next week will see the Library celebrating Book Week for 2017. The theme this year is 'Escape to Everywhere'. It is hoped that we all give a thought to the wonderful places that we have visited in our imaginations as we read books. Books can carry us away to many lands both imaginary and real.

As it is an **odd** year there will be **no Book Character Parade**. Notes have been sent home with students K-10 about the competitions that they may wish to enter. Entries may be delivered to the Library up until **Friday, 25th August**. There are lots of prizes to reward students' creativity. Primary students have been experiencing titles during their lessons and I look forward to displaying their work in the Library.

The Orange pre2 School Teacher Librarians have once again organised an opportunity for our students to share their work. You will be able to view Book Week displays where our students' work will be featured at Collins Booksellers and the Orange City Library next week.

If Secondary students are interested in reading any of the titles that have been nominated for the 'Older Readers' category they will be able to borrow them on our Wheelers ePlatform. A few titles are available in the Library.

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully completed the Premier's Reading Challenge: Charlie Bohringer (Yr6), Paige Bohringer (Yr5), Grace Parry (Yr5), Amelia Punch (Yr6) and Delta Rodwell (Yr6). **The 2017 PRC must be completed by midnight on Friday, 25th August.**

Mrs Hall

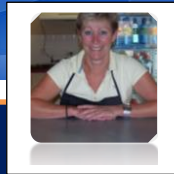
MCS Wheelers ePlatform

Students K-12 have access to our eLibrary 24/7. It is available at: <https://molongcentralschool.wheelers.co/>

Students will be required to sign in using their DoE username and password before they can borrow. Images of book covers that are blurred are not currently available for loan.

The ePlatform may also be accessed through the Oliver Home page which students may access through their DoE Student Portals.





CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

CANTEEN 18/8//17 – 01/9/17

HELP IS DESPERATELY NEEDED ON THIS ROSTER. Please give one morning per month to the Canteen-that is all it takes. Ring the Canteen on 6366 9009 from 8.30am-1.45pm. If you can't work on your day just call me. Thank you, Tina McGovern , Canteen Manager.				18/8/17 3 rd FRIDAY
				Helen Davis
21/8/17 3 rd MONDAY	22/8/17 4 th TUESDAY	23/8/17 4 th WEDNESDAY	24/8/17 4 th THURSDAY	25/8/17 4 th FRIDAY
Help Needed	Belinda Mills	Help Needed	Help Needed	Helen Davis
28/8/17 4 th MONDAY	29/8/17 5 th TUESDAY	30/8/17 5 th WEDNESDAY	31/8/17 5 th THURSDAY	01/09/17 1 st FRIDAY
Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Helen Davis	Lisa Burgess

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Please note specials are only available on the days indicated

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mini Chicken Wraps - (Chicken/cheese/ lettuce/ Mayo) \$3.00	Wraps: lettuce, carrot, tomato & grated cheese with the choice of chilli chicken tender, fresh chicken or ham. Hot or cold. Chilli sauce & mayo also available cold. Cold \$5.00 Hot\$5.50	Hamburgers: with lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cheese, lean meat pattie with BBQ/tomato sauce. \$5.50 Plus wedges with sauce \$4.00 with sour cream & chilli sauce, BBQ, tomato or chilli sauce available. \$4.60	Pizza: Ham/pineapple, cheese/bacon singles \$2.50	Chicken kebabs: mildly seasoned chicken pieces on skewers. Available with a side salad (see meal deals for pricing) or on its own. \$2.50 (each)

NEW!!!! FANTASTIC FRIDAY SPECIALS

Something special available every Friday, prices may vary
Available by order only, no over the counter purchases.

(Please be aware that these dishes may contain eggs)

18.8.17 Chicken Fettucine \$5.50

25.8.17 Chicken Fried Rice \$5.50

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DATE	EVENT
18/8/17	TRIAL HSC EXAMINATIONS CONTINUE
18/8/17	PRIMARY GIRLS' TOUCH AT BATHURST
21/8/17	STATE FINALS WEEK C.S.K.O – LAWN BOWLS AT DUBBO
22/8/17	SHOW TEAM AT DUBBO WETHER CHALLENGE 6AM-6PM
22/8/17	FUN FRIENDS PROGRAM WITH ALLISON TILLET & PRIMARY STUDENTS
22/8/17	BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS VISITING MCS
22/8/17	U16's GIRLS' TOUCH STATE FINALS AT DUBBO
23/8/17	OPEN GIRLS' TOUCH STATE FINALS AT DUBBO
23/8/17	SHOW TEAM AT DUBBO WETHER CHALLENGE 6AM-4PM
25/8/17	TOM KEMP HOCKEY AT BATHURST
25/8/17	U14's BOYS' RUGBY LEAGUE 7's STATE FINAL IN DUBBO
29/8/17	FUN FRIENDS PROGRAM WITH ALLISON TILLET & PRIMARY STUDENTS
5/9/17	FUN FRIENDS PROGRAM WITH ALLISON TILLET & PRIMARY STUDENTS
12/9/17	FUN FRIENDS PROGRAM WITH ALLISON TILLET & PRIMARY STUDENTS
19/9/17	FUN FRIENDS PROGRAM WITH ALLISON TILLET & PRIMARY STUDENTS

ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE

DATE	TASK DUE
18/8/17	Year 11 Maths – In class Assessment task P3/4 – all classes
22/8/17	Year 12 Std. English – Exploring Transitions – Mod C – essay submission
22/8/17	Year 11 English Stud. –Wedding Assessment Task due
23/8/17	Year 11 Prelim Extension 1 English – Culture, Values & Attitudes – In class presentation
24/8/17	Year 12 English Adv. – In class Auden Presentation
24/8/17	Year 11 Business Studies – Business Plan due
24/8/17	Year 8 History – Examination
31/8/17	Year 11 PDHPE – Assessment Task 3 due

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ORANGE CHILD DENTAL CLINIC

The Western NSW Local Health District Orange Health Service provides dental care for children 0 to 18 years.

This is a FREE government funded service.

The clinic is located on level one at Orange Hospital on Forest Road, Orange.

Phone 1300 55 26 26

When you call, please have your Medicare card available.



WOOLWORTHS EARN n LEARN STICKERS

After the success of last year's campaign, MCS will again be participating in the Earn n Learn program run by Woolworths Supermarkets.

A green box (with a Molong Central School label attached) is located at both Orange Supermarkets for you to deposit your stickers, or you may prefer to drop them to either the Main Office or Primary Office.

Many thanks to all parents who are participating.



On - line Music Lessons

If you are interested in participating in DAB (Digital Application Based) – Music Lessons.

Gerard Noonan will be holding lessons at 1.15pm on Tuesdays, commencing in Term 4, in the Hall Kitchen.

Please contact Gerard On 0408 622 819 for further information.

BELL TIMES AND SCHOOL DETAILS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Period 1	8.55am	9.45am
Period 2	9.45am	10.35am
Mond, Tues, Friday (D.E.A.R)	10.35am	10.50am
Thursday- Year Group Meetings	10.35am	10.50am
RECESS	10.50am	11.10am
Period 3	11.10am	12.05pm
Period 4	12.05pm	1.00pm
LUNCH 1	1.00pm	1.20pm
LUNCH 2	1.20pm	1.40pm
Period 5	1.40pm	2.30pm
Period 6	2.30pm	3.20pm

WEDNESDAY

Period 1	8.55am	9.55am
Period 2	9.55am	10.50am
RECESS	10.50am	11.10am
Period 3	11.10am	12.05pm
Period 4	12.05pm	1.00pm
LUNCH 1	1.00pm	1.20pm
LUNCH 2	1.20pm	1.40pm
Period 5	1.40pm	2.30pm
Period 6	2.30pm	3.20pm

FOR ALL SCHOOL CONTACTS – PHONE 6366 8224

Mrs Michelle Barrett – Principal

Mr Scott Taprell – Deputy Principal

Mrs Jane Backhouse – Deputy Principal, Primary

Mrs Kath Schaefer – Assistant Principal, Primary Stage 1

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Study Group

headspace is starting a study group to provide a quiet, guided and supported environment for young people in high school

Commencing: **Monday** afternoon on the 24th July & *will run every Monday* from **3.45pm to 6pm** during term

What's provided

- Laptops
- Black/White Printer
- Internet Access
- Mentors to assist you as needed



Bookings are essential

To secure your place or for any enquiries, please call us on 6369 9300.

FACT SHEET

HSC minimum standard

A minimum standard of literacy and numeracy will be required to receive the HSC from 2020. The NSW Government has introduced this change to ensure students have developed the literacy and numeracy skills required for life beyond school.

Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate the HSC minimum standard by taking new, short online tests when they are ready in Years 10, 11 or 12.

However, if your child has achieved Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests, they have shown they have met the HSC minimum standard early and will not be required to take further tests.

What is the HSC minimum standard?

The HSC minimum standard is set at a nationally agreed level of literacy and numeracy required to meet the demands of everyday life and work. It is expected that students, on finishing their HSC, will, at a minimum, be able to do things like:

- Find the time and date of a music concert on an online ticket website
- Calculate the quantity of paint needed to paint a room
- Estimate distance, travel time and costs for a transport route
- Take notes from a lecture or training session
- Create a personal weekly budget in a spreadsheet
- Measure quantities to follow a recipe
- Follow safety instructions in an equipment manual
- Enter data in a computer based management system.

Meeting the standard

Students will have multiple opportunities to meet the minimum standard. From 2018, online reading, writing and numeracy tests will be available for students to sit at least twice a year in Years 10, 11 and 12, and for up to 5 years after starting the HSC.

The tests will be available on the following school days in 2018:

Term 1: 19 February to 23 March 2018
Term 2: 21 May to 22 June 2018
Term 3: 13 August to 14 September 2018
Term 4: 5 November to 7 December 2018

There are three tests: reading, writing and numeracy. Students don't need to sit all their tests at the same time. You and your child should talk to your child's teachers to decide when is the best time to sit the test or tests.

NAPLAN and the HSC minimum standard

NESA acknowledges that some Year 9 students already have the literacy and numeracy levels required for the HSC minimum standard.

Students can demonstrate they have met the standard early by achieving Band 8 results or above in Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests. Students who achieve Band 8 will not need to sit the online tests later in Years 10, 11 and 12.

Support for students to meet the minimum standard in Years 10, 11 and 12

Quality teaching of the NSW curriculum is the best way to prepare students to achieve the standard. All NSW syllabuses from Kindergarten to Year 12 integrate the development of literacy and numeracy skills through general capabilities, cross-curriculum content or key competencies.

All schools currently have in place processes for identifying students who do not meet expected literacy and numeracy benchmarks and for providing additional support to these students. Teachers and schools know their individual students best and will determine the most appropriate way of providing additional support to students identified as being at risk of not meeting the new standard.

Strategies and materials will also be made available to assist teachers in supporting students to reach the standard through the *NSW Literacy and Numeracy Strategy 2017–2020*. New support materials and resources from NESA will emphasise the early identification of students in primary and high school at risk of not meeting the standard.

For further information on the HSC minimum standard and the online tests, visit:
<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au>.

Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

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What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

** Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.

School newsletter copy

Year 9 NAPLAN results and the HSC minimum standard

Message from NESA

HSC minimum standard required to receive the HSC from 2020

Literacy and numeracy skills are the foundation for success in life after school. This is why eligibility for the HSC is changing. From 2020, students will need to show they have the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to complete everyday tasks.

Your child will have many chances from Year 9 to Year 12, and even after the HSC to show they meet the HSC minimum standard

Some students will meet the requirement early through their Year 9 NAPLAN results in reading, writing and numeracy. However, most students will show they meet the standard by passing short, online reading, writing and numeracy tests in Years 10, 11 or 12.

You can watch a short video that explains Year 9 NAPLAN results and the new online HSC minimum standard tests at www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au

Year 9 NAPLAN reports available in mid-August

Your child's Year 9 NAPLAN report will indicate which online HSC minimum standard test/s (if any) they will need to pass to be eligible for the HSC certificate. Remember your child has three more years of learning before the HSC and can take the HSC minimum standard online tests in Years 10, 11 or 12. Year 9 NAPLAN is a good chance to check they are on track or get support to meet the minimum standard by Year 12.

If your child has achieved a Band 8 or above in reading, writing or numeracy, the NAPLAN report will indicate that they have "Met the HSC minimum standard early" in the respective area/s.

Your child can sit the online HSC minimum standard tests when they are ready

There are three separate 45 minute online tests: reading, writing and numeracy. Students don't have to pass all three tests at once and can attempt each test up to twice a year.

The reading and numeracy tests each contain a maximum of 45 multiple choice questions.

The writing test will require students to respond to a question about a prompt or stimulus.

You can try some sample reading and numeracy questions at

<https://hsliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au/>

For more information visit www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au

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CSU PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Going to university is a big decision. So Charles Sturt University (CSU) is holding an event where you and your child can find out everything you need to know, including:

- > how to prepare for uni
- > study options
- > help with costs
- > pathways into uni
- > how to apply
- > key dates
- > UAC and ATAR explained.

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