

Wongarbon Public School Newsletter

4 May 2018 ~ Term 2 Week 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 2. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces back at school on Tuesday morning. There were also lots of smiling faces on the Monday when staff returned. We hosted five other schools for the day – learning about Literacy & Numeracy Progressions, Disability Discrimination Act and the National Consistent Collection of Data process. My thanks to those parents and the P&C who catered for all the staff on the day – many thanks were passed on to me for the yummy range of food provided.

Last term I mentioned that applications for enrolment into Opportunity Classes would open this term, and a note about this was sent home with all Year 4 students. If you are considering applying, please speak with Mrs Rich or myself.

The P&C will be holding their Mother's Day stall next Friday. For only \$5.00, children will be able to select gifts for the special day. The P&C would appreciate parent helpers on the day, so if you are available to assist please let them know.

NAPLAN Assessments will take place for students in Years 3 and 5 during Week 3. These assessments will cover reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy commencing Tuesday, 15 May through to Thursday, 17 May. It is important that students (and parents) don't worry too much about these assessments. These assessments don't assess everything that we look to develop in a child, and give us a snapshot picture of the child on that particular day. You can help your child by not placing too much emphasis on the days, ensuring they have a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast to start the day, and arrive at school on time.

Thought for the week:



"Each day comes bearing its own gifts. Untie the ribbons."

Ruth Ann Schabacker

We have organised to have some Robotics sessions take place at the school also during Week 3. I am told that students took part in a half day of activities last year, which they really enjoyed, and teachers have told me how valuable that was for developing our student's skills. I am excited to have the robotics team join us again over two days to work with Years 3 – 6. The school will heavily subsidise this program so that the cost for students to participate is only \$5.00 – exceptional value for the activities. Please send payment for this activity in to the office by next Friday.

Have a great week,

Regards,

Paul

Principal (rlg)

Calendar Term 2

Tuesday	May 8	School Council 7pm
Friday	May 11	Mother's Day Stall Year 5/6 assembly
Monday	May 14	Robotics
Tuesday	May 15	NAPLAN – Writing/Language Robotics
Wednesday	May 16	NAPLAN – Reading
Thursday	May 17	NAPLAN – Maths
Friday	May 18	Walk Safely to School Day

Notes and attachments

[NAPLAN information for parents and carers](#)
[Robotics permission note](#)

Around

our grounds



ANNUAL REPORT

Our Wongarbone Public School Annual Report for 2017 is now available on the school website at www.wongarbone-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

REMINDER TO PARENTS - ONLINE PAYMENTS

Parent Online Payment (POP) will allow cardholders with a Mastercard or Visa credit or debit card to make a payment for school activities via our school website.

How? Simply log onto our School site at:

www.wongarbone-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

When using this method of payment, do not forget to complete a permission slip and forward this to the school.

Items that may be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions, and extra curricula activities. Please contact the school office for any further information.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Voluntary contributions for 2018 are set at

\$50.00 first child
\$40.00 second child
\$30.00 third child

and can be paid at the school office
or online at

<http://www.wongarbone-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

\$ make a payment button



**School Banking Day is
Thursdays**



Mother's Day Stall

Each year our industrious P&C co-ordinate this Mother's Day Stall.

The stall gives the students the opportunity to shop for their mother, step mother, grandmother or any other significant person in their lives.

When: Friday 11 May

Time: Recess

Cost: \$5 per gift

All money should be sealed in an envelope with your child's name on it.

If any parents are available to assist with the stall from 10:30am to 11:30am please contact the P&C at wongarbonepsandc@gmail.com

I LOVE MOM





DRTCC and Victoria Park





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NAPLAN on paper – information for parents and carers

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

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

What will be tested?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, see example questions at nap.edu.au/naplanexample

How can I help my child prepare for NAPLAN?

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend the use of services by coaching providers or excessive preparation. NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN tests.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

Your child will sit the NAPLAN paper tests in 2018.

However, children in some other schools across Australia may sit the NAPLAN online tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online over the next two to three years. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are presented with questions that test the same range of difficulty, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats will be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale.

To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au/online-assessment

What if my child is absent from school on test 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 testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 18 May 2018.

NAPLAN 2018 tests timetable

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. 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. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your school.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in 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 average school NAPLAN results at 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
- visit nap.edu.au

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN will be handled by ACARA, please visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy



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Information for Parents/Caregivers – Year 3-6

Western Student Connections Robotics Workshops Monday, 14 May and Tuesday, 15 May 2018



Dear Parent/Caregivers

We have booked for all students Year 3-6 to participate in 2 half day Robotics workshops presented by Western Student Connections on Monday, 14 May and Tuesday, 15 May 2018 at Wongarbone Public School.



During two half-day workshops students will be placed in groups where they learn to code Bee-bots, Blue-bots, Pro-bot and Ozobots. Included in this workshop is the use of tablets, Online Editors and Apps.

The cost of these workshops is \$16 per student.

We are asking students to pay **\$5**. The school will be subsidising the remainder of the cost of this activity.

Please complete the attached permission note and return to school with payment by **Thursday, May 10 2018**.

Mr Paul Gray
Principal (rlg)
4 May 2018



WONGARBON PUBLIC SCHOOL PERMISSION NOTE

Western Student Connections Robotics Workshops - Year 3 -6 Monday, 14 May and Tuesday 15 May 2018

I give permission for my child/children _____ to participate in the Western Student Connections Robotics Workshops on Monday, 14 May and Tuesday, 15th May 2018 at Wongarbone Public School.

☐ I have included the cost of \$5 per student

☐ I have paid online – my receipt number is _____

To the best of my knowledge, my child has no medical condition, physical disability or injury which puts him / her at risk in participating in this activity.

Special needs of my child, of which the school should be aware, eg allergies etc: (Please list any medical conditions/medication/diet requirements of which we need to be aware for this activity.)

In case of emergency I can be contacted on: _____ OR: _____

Signed _____ Parent / Caregiver Date: _____