**NAPLAN**  
*(National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)*

NAPLAN tests are scheduled for 12-15 May, 2015 and involve students in all schools in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia.

The aspects of literacy assessed are reading, writing and language conventions (comprising spelling, punctuation and grammar).

The aspects of numeracy assessed are number; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data; working mathematically and space.

NAPLAN tests are another way of finding out what students can and cannot do so that support can be provided. Students do not have to learn specific skills for NAPLAN tests.

Students have an opportunity to become familiar with the NAPLAN tests and with ways of showing their answers to questions before they do the tests.

NAPLAN individual student reports show the achievement of an individual student in a series of bands, against national minimum standards and the ranges of achievement for the middle 60% of students in Australia. NAPLAN individual student reports are expected to be ready for distribution to parents/caregivers during August and September.

Parents or carers may withdraw their children from doing the tests on the grounds of religious beliefs or because of philosophical objections, but should notify the school of these reasons as soon as possible.
Principal’s Awards

Room 1 (Reception)
Kerry Baldwin
Tirth M for always helping others in the class
Zac S for always helping others in the class

Room 6 (Reception)
Stephanie Kookoschke
Kima S for noticing when others are hurt or upset and doing something to help them out
Nikoleta B for noticing when others are hurt or upset and doing something to help them out

Room 2 (Reception & Year 1)
Georgina D
Dyllon D for showing care and concern towards his classmates
Leah G for caring for others in the classroom and the school yard
Room 13.7 (Year 1)
Kerry Briggs
Alian B for following class routines and helping others who need support
Claire S for always acting with consideration towards other class members
ROOM 13.8 (Year 2)
Tina Bridgland & Jane Finlayson
Jennifer C for helping other children with their work
Jo J for using good manners and helping keep our class clean and tidy
Room 13.2 (Year 2)
Margie Bryant & Lynn Johnson
Naisha S for taking care of the children, the classroom and the teacher in 1.2
Shiloh B for putting such a lot of effort into her learning
Room 13.1 (Year 3)
Brenton Woolford
Zoe G for caring for other students in the classroom and the school yard
Harry M for caring for other students in the classroom and the school yard
Room 2.4 (Years 3 & 4)
Cathy Newbould
Taya H helping and caring about other people in the computer room
Rodsi S for looking after a class member when they were upset
Room 2.5 (Year 4)
Tracey Niekel
Elia D for always demonstrating care towards her friends, fellow peers and teachers and for always looking after her learning environment
Alex B for always showing care towards his friends, fellow peers and learning environment
Room 2.3 (Year 5)
Merryn Jones
Jessica H for being friendly and helpful to a new class member

Room 2.1 (Years 6 & 7)
Rose McCarty Jones
Masroor A for always showing concern for others and helping when he can
Room 2.7 (Years 5 & 6)
Jonathan Gardner
Ruby C for taking care of our classroom, consistently looking after equipment and keeping things neat and tidy
Nill Tettey D for demonstrating a caring attitude toward other members of the class, helping them in the class and yard

Sports Vouchers

In March 2014, the Premier, Hon Jay Weatherill MP, announced an election commitment to provide a sport voucher to the value of $50 for every primary school student in South Australia. The Sports Voucher Program aims to reduce the cost of living for South Australian families by providing all primary school-aged children (Reception to Year 7) with a subsidy towards the cost of sport fees or sporting club memberships. Every child wishing to participate in organised sport should have the opportunity to do so. Organised sport is a great way for children to be active and stay healthy. The Sports Vouchers can be used to encourage your child to try a new sport or to keep your child playing the sport they are already involved with.

The vouchers can be used to subsidise membership or participation fees for a sporting activity or program which involves a weekly match or training opportunity for at least 10 weeks. If the cost of the activity you select exceeds the value of the Sports Vouchers, you will still be responsible for payment of the difference.

To redeem the Sports Vouchers you can complete the voucher and present it at a Sports Vouchers registered club. You can use one voucher per child, per calendar year. Vouchers can be used at any time from March, through to 31 December 2015. Some registered clubs require online registration and many have already incorporated the redemption of the Sports Voucher into their online systems.

From March 2015, you can go to the Sports Vouchers website: www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au to search for a registered club in your local area which will accept the Sports Voucher toward club fees. A fact sheet and short video explaining the program can be found on the Sports Vouchers website.

If you don’t have access to a computer at home, your local library provides computer use and free access to the internet. If you require any additional information or assistance please email: sportsvouchers@sa.gov.au. You may collect your sports voucher from the front desk.

Materials and Service Charges

Invoices for the 2015 Materials and Service Charge were sent home with students during week 1. Parents & Caregivers who would like to negotiate payments by instalments are asked to contact Alison in the Finance Office on Tuesday – Thursday. Low income earners may be eligible for School Card and are advised to speak to Alison about their eligibility. The last day to pay, negotiate instalments and apply for School Card is Thursday 9 April 2015.

AFL First Bounce

8 week football program.

Come and try Australian Rules Football! Throughout the program, you will get to meet new people, have fun and learn:

- About Football Culture and skills
- Teamwork
- Tackling and goal shooting
- Introduction to umpiring

When: 5 May to 23 June, 3:45pm - 5:15pm
Where: Lockleys Football Club
Rutland Avenue, Lockleys
For: Ages 10 - 14
Cost: Free

Think you might have trouble getting to Lockleys Football Club? Ask us about Transport support?

Places are strictly limited. To secure your place contact the youth team on 8416 6333 or email impact@wtcc.sa.gov.au.
School Holiday Hockey Fun at Forestville Hockey Club!

Forestville Hockey Club is a thriving, family oriented hockey club located at Fairfax Ave, Millswood (Goodwood Oval complex). Come and try hockey, or improve your skills, by joining in our half day of holiday hockey fun on Friday 17 April 2015 from 9 am to 12 pm. The session will incorporate hockey skills development with specialist coaches, combined with loads of fun games and activities. All coaches are current Premier League squad members with coaching accreditation.

The hockey session will cater for children in Reception to Year 7, (or Minkey to Under 14 hockey grades). New club players are always welcome, no experience required. So come along and give hockey a try.

Bring shinpads and mouthguard (or you can purchase these at the club at cost, but please arrive a little earlier to organise this before we start). If you don’t have a stick you can borrow one from the club to have a try.

Cost is $30 per player with 10% discount for registered hockey club players.

Cost includes healthy snacks for morning tea. Fees are payable on the day, but please register your interest and numbers attending by email to juniors@fhc.com.au or call Tracey on 0418 834 512.

See you there!

Football training reminder

Year 4 and 5 & Year 2 and 3 football training will begin on Wednesday 8 April 2015, 3.30-4.30pm. For anyone intending to play school football that hasn’t yet returned their completed registration form to the Front Office, please return by the end of this week.

We look forward to seeing you at training.

Amy Morony
PPS Football Coordinator

Not coming to school? You’ve got to let us know.

Every day at roll call, names of students absent from school unexplained are sent to the Front office. Wendy then rings home to find out the reason, in case there has been misadventure between home and school. This can be a time consuming job that could be made easier if families rang school first to explain any absence from school.

PSWCORNER

Have you noticed that the symbols for a smile and a frown are a semi-circle with the smile pointing up and the frown pointing down? We can type the smile 😊 and the frown 😞. A smile is one of the most powerful things in the world! It makes you feel good to get a smile and to give a smile and the world is immediately a better place. There are things that take the smile off your face, like getting sick. When you cannot smile due to sickness you need another person to smile for you. This does not mean that they are laughing at you, but it means that they are sad over your illness and that they are also trying to help to bring the smile back to your face by helping to make you better. This sort of smiling makes you both feel good. If a person is really laughing at you and your illness then their smile is false and you will both not feel better. This type of laughing is offensive and results in frowns. The only way to change these frowns into smiles is through the intervention of other smiles that are sad about the offender and the offended and want to bring back the smiles to both.

There are other variations to the above such as one person genuinely smiling and the other person thinking that they are laughing at them, and one person laughing at another and the other person thinking that they are genuinely smiling. Both of these scenarios are more complicated. However in all cases the smiles can come back with time, patience and understanding gained through discussing the issues. The recent celebrations of Harmony Day helped to change frowns to smiles. Thanks to all those involved in the organisation.

At the end of next week is the 4-day Easter break which takes Christians from the frowns of Good Friday to the smiles of Easter Sunday. Whatever your beliefs, I hope that the hot cross buns and the chocolate Easter eggs put a smile on your face!! 😊

Til next time – Karen (PSW)

Karen Tromans works in our school as a Pastoral Support Worker, and her role is supported through the Federal Government Schools’ Chaplaincy Program.
Bank SA

$10 gift deposit for students and $10 donation to school fundraising kitty.
Throughout the first term, for every new Incentive Saver Account opened by a student from our school, BankSA will donate $10 to the school’s fundraising kitty and credit $10 into the child’s new account, to help them get started with their savings efforts.

Children will also receive a Digger the Wombat Money Box, Little Savers Calculator, Little Savers Library Bag and a School Bank Wallet, while stocks last. The offer is open to new customers only, aged 12 years and under. Limit of one $10 credit per child and one $10 school donation per child. This offer is available for new Incentive Saver Account opened before 10 April 2015. For more details or to collect a BankSA Application Pack, please call into the school office.

**Date:** Tuesday 31 March 2014  
**Time:** 8:30 am – 9:15 am  
**Location:** Plympton Primary School Hall

**What to Bring:** The completed Request for Account form, the $10 gift deposit slip and the appropriate ID.

**ID requirements for your child:** a) One form of primary photo ID for your child (such as a passport) or b) One form of primary non-photo ID (such as a birth certificate) plus one form of secondary ID (such as their name listed on parents Medicare card)

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**Easter stall**

_The Easter Bunny is coming!_

The Fundraising Committee will be holding an Easter Stall on Wednesday 1 April 2015 (no joke!) in the Canteen.

Items will be available for purchase at Recess and Lunchtime. Items will range in price from 50c to $5. Get your pocket money ready!

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**Cross Country**

Good Luck at the District Cross Country run the week after next to the following students who qualified and will represent our school at West Beach.

Cooper Lynch  
Chloe Amber  
Josh Johns  
Ruby Vanloo  
Onethra Dissanayake  
Tilly Newby

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**The Ukuleles are in!**

If you ordered one, or would like to buy one, they are available for pick up from the Finance Window Tuesday-Thursday, $22 each.

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**ICAS**

Students wishing to enter any or all of these tests should register and pay by Tuesday 7 April 2015 at the Finance Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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