

NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy—important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between 14-21 May 2019 our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit the public demonstration site: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

For more info:

- **How to support your child during NAPLAN**
<https://nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>
- **Information for parents and carers**
<http://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>
- **Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3S1z6kUnRRE&feature=youtu.be>

MEDICATION

If it is necessary for your child to take medication during the school day, the medication together with a medication note needs to be left at the office on the child's arrival at school. The medication note can be found on our website. For safety reasons, medication is not to be self administered.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL POLICY

If you are leaving the school, one terms notice in writing is required otherwise you will be charged the term's school fees as per the enrolment agreement. Thank you for your understanding.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

May 8	Charlotte L
May 10	Sierra L Jacob N Archer W
May 11	Luke H Joel H Lara K
May 12	Yomika D
May 14	Connor P
May 15	Amelia N Joshua T
May 17	Julie L Alysha M
May 18	Josie C
May 19	Audrey L Jake B

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 1—Week 11

KE	Beau P & Sienna D
KS	Julie L & Jackson A
1C	Zion K & Anahita W
1R	Maxim A & Harry G
2A	Seojin C & Jack L
2M	Ava A & Thomas H
3G	Samantha G & Charlotte N
3M	Ryan D & Caleb F
4E	Arsh K & Coby G
4J	Lucinda B & Alyssa T
5LV	Leiden-Aree T & Lucas L
5W	Sami B & Lochlainn M
6E	Leah K & Luke H
6KB	Casey K & Ana O

CARE AWARDS
TERM 1—Week 11

KE	Ava A & Christian G
KS	Sophia S & Arianna A
1C	Jayden terW & Amy L
1R	Isabella W & Sienna A
2A	Giorgia T & Samuel J
2M	Xianjin B & Yomika D
3G	Gus G & Andriana S
3M	Sebastien P & Hannah P
4E	Carey K & Kiara Z
4J	Francesca C & Aren S
5LV	Elise S & Kayla G
5W	Keira D & Rosalea B
6E	Maddison F & Isaac V
6KB	Joshua C & Romaisa M

FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

HAIR COLOUR AND STYLES

We would ask that particular attention is made to the uniform policy with regard to 'no colouring of hair' and no steps etc – haircuts should be blended and without very long and very short sections. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

MOTHER'S DAY

Thank you to our wonderful P&F who arranged a number of events to mark and celebrate Mothers Day this year. This began with a breakfast for mums last Friday and was followed by gift wrapping on Friday night and an amazing stall on Monday. Thank you to the P&F for all their work (with special thanks to Linda Smith and Anthony Ellard for their work). Our thanks also to the Year 1 students who led a beautiful liturgy after the breakfast – we wish all mothers a very happy Mothers Day!



THINK U KNOW

As part of our ongoing **parental education programme** we have booked an Internet Safety presentation for parents called "ThinkUKnow". This presentation comes highly recommended and will be presented by experienced Australian Federal Police Officers. This presentation will form part of our next P&F Meeting. Please mark the date in your diary – 28th May (arrive from 6pm with the presentation to **commence at 6.30pm**).

INVITATION

Join Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, for a transparent and engaging Q&A session with parents and guardians from learning communities throughout the diocese. Held at St Andrews College in Marayong, the event will begin at 7pm with light refreshments, followed by a Q&A session with Executive Director Greg Whitby where parents will have the chance to raise their questions around education and school in today's world. Can't make it in person? This event will also be live-streamed via the CEDP Facebook page. Be sure to click on 'Interested' or 'Going' to be reminded before the discussion goes live! You can do this via the event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1988053254654264/>

Free ticket registration for this event will be available from Monday, May 20th at 9am by visiting www.chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au If you have any questions or would like further information in regards to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta at landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9840 5790.

ANZAC DAY

On ANZAC Day Leah K represented St Mary's at the Dawn Service in Parramatta. She saw a number of other St Mary's families paying their respects too. Our school paused on our first day back, joined in singing the Australian National Anthem, listened to the New Zealand National Anthem and paid our respects to members of our Defence Services. "Lest We Forget".



FROM MR BLISSENDEN CONT...

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT SAVE THE DATE....Saturday June 29th 2019

6.30pm for a 7.00pm start finish at 9.30pm. Venue is at the Parish Hall. Holy Name of Mary is having its second Trivia Night. Last year was a great success and we hope to have an even better night this year. Further information can be obtained by contacting Allison Markarian 0411 013 032 or Cathy Saad 0408 669 138.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

The process of gathering enrolment forms and meeting with families wishing to enroll in Kindergarten in 2020 has concluded. As I have met with new families I am regularly told of what a good reputation our school has in the area and that most new families are hearing about us through families who are currently here. This speaks volumes about how our current families value our school and the work we do together. We have had 90 applications for Kindergarten in 2020 – *the most number of applications on record for this school*. Letters of offer are being sent and families need to return the acceptance form by Friday 10th May, otherwise places will be offered to those on the waiting list.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Our plans for this day were sent home in a note last week – we hope you can join us for a fun event before school on the 17th May.

TOP 5 TIPS FOR PARENTS TO GET WALKING TO SCHOOL:

1. Walk some or if you can, walk all the way to school
2. Get off the bus, train, or tram a few stops earlier and walk the rest of the way
3. Leave the car at least 1 km away from school and walk the rest of the way
4. Set your alarm 30 minutes earlier to fit in a walk to school
5. If you can't walk in the morning, walk home after school



A MESSAGE FROM OSHC...

Dear Families,

St Marys OSHC is a not for profit association run by an annually elected voluntary Parent Management Committee. Established by a group of former parents of St Marys Primary School, we provide an Outside School Hours Care service for children attending St Marys Primary School. Our 2019 AGM will be held on Tuesday, 14th May, at 6:30pm in the OSHC Room and we would like to extend an invitation to all members. Joining the OSHC Management Committee is a great way to stay informed about all things OSHC as well as contribute to the various decisions required. Without a Parent Management Committee, St Marys OSHC cannot continue to offer the wonderful care it does to the families of the St Marys Primary School Community. If you are interested in joining the Committee and/or have any questions, please speak to our Centre Director, Lauren or the current Committee Secretary, Kyiha Waddell at the centre.

Kind regards,
St Marys OSHC
Parent Management Committee