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## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday 14th - Wednesday 22nd May

• Year 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN Online testing

#### Tuesday 14th May

• Preschool visiting Botanical Gardens

#### Thursday 16th May

• "The Dancing Gingerbread Man" R – 4 performance

#### Friday 17th May

• Assembly hosted by Year 2/3 class

Thursday 23rd May Pancake Breakfast

#### Friday 24th May

Sorry Day

#### Monday 27th - Friday 31st May

Reconciliation Week

#### Monday 27th - Thursday 30th May

Preschool Interview Week

#### Tuesday 28th May

Governing Council meeting 9 am

#### Friday 31st May

- Assembly hosted by Room 14
- Colour Fun Run

#### Wednesday 5th June

• Zoo Excursion: Preschool – Year 7

#### Monday 10th June

• Public Holiday – Queen's birthday



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### Principal's Message

#### NAPLAN

NAPLAN is the annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, & 9 and will occur over the next two weeks.

Please ensure your child attends on these dates, after a good night's sleep and breakfast, so that data can be collected about their performance. Catch up days will be held in Week 4.

NAPLAN assesses the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers are ensuring students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Students now complete all tests online with the exception of Year 3 writing.

### How is NAPLAN performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has ten bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all.

For more information about NAPLAN: visit <u>www.nap.edu.au</u>

Schools will receive NAPLAN reports for their students from mid-August to mid-September, depending on their state or territory test administration authority. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent home. The same report format is used for every student in Australia.

### NAPLAN and nerves

Over the past few years most students have become very comfortable with the idea of doing the NAPLAN test and very few suffer from nerves or concerns about undertaking it. Teachers reiterate with students that it is a test to support their ongoing learning and its primary purpose is to assist them to track their progress from Years 3 to 9. If however, your child is expressing any concerns about undertaking the testing let their class teacher know so they can discuss their feelings and reassure them.

#### Sports Day

At the end of last term, we held our annual Sports Day. Congratulations to our *Red Kangaroos* who were our winners of the House Trophy and to the *Blue Dolphins* who were our winners of the Sportsmanship Trophy.

We were very impressed by the behaviour, effort and attitude of all our students from Preschool – Year 7 and the attendance, participation and help from our parents, grandparents and friends. The day was an enormous success and would not have been possible without the help and support we received.

A special thanks to the Sports Day committee – Josi Aloi, Nigel Randall and Nita McAdam. Thank you also to our House Captains – Jaideep, Elodie and Courtney.

It was a fun and exciting day and we look forward to making it even bigger and better next year.

Warm regards

Belinda Smith Principal

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### Woolworths Earn and Learn

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our preschool and school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 1 May to Tuesday 25 June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. You will get one sticker for every \$10 spent. Place the Earn and Learn sticker onto a sticker sheet and when it's complete, it can be dropped into the collection box at school.

At the end of the promotion we can get some great new equipment! If you'd like to know more visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

## Term 1 Terrific Kids

Congratulations to Leelah and Kalen who were our Terrific Kids from Term 1 and were presented with their certificates from Anne representing Kiwani's.

### On this stage I've been before There were some words I wasn't sure

But words I love to read and write Words describing me are 'cheerful', 'pleasant' and 'bright' While I like to work alone I work well with others - if only I had a clone! Did I mention I love to draw? And there's no one who loves learning more In the yard, if for me you look I'm often the one with a book Or sometimes I'll stroll and have a chat With a favourite teacher, talking about my cat!

Student – Leelah

To say I'm quiet wouldn't be wrong Which isn't to say I'm shy I came here the colour of sky! I'll give everything a go Basketball, footy or a drumming show Like most boys I like Fortnite But I know talking about it in class just isn't right You might not have heard of my name But it's easy to pronounce if you're game And the clue before about the sky? That was to do with the colour of hair dye! Student - Kalen

### Premier's Keading Challenge

At Wandana we have been involved in the Premier's Reading Challenge for a number of years. This challenge is a literacy engagement program that encourages students to read more books, to enjoy reading and to improve literacy levels. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

Please speak with your child to check in on how they are doing with the challenge or speak with Linda in the Library or your child's classroom teacher for more information ... and don't forget children are welcome to

come into the Reading Room D in Block 2 from 8.15am to read and listen to a book and add this to their PRC.



## Public Education Awards

Nominate, recognise and celebrate an outstanding educator in the 2019 Public Education Awards.

Get involved and say thank you to a leader, teacher or support staff member making a significant difference to the lives of their students and their communities.

The Public Education Awards recognise excellence in South Australian public education, and nominations are open 1 to 31 May. Visit www.education.sa.gov. au/awards to nominate and find out more about the awards. #PublicEduAwards2019

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### Room 7 Fairness

Room 7 have been learning the story of Tiddalick the Frog. Tiddalick was a greedy frog who drank all the water, and there was none left for any of the other animals. The animals had to make Tiddalick laugh so they would get the water back. Tiddalick was not showing the character strength



of fairness in the beginning of the story because he was being greedy. However at the end of the story, he showed fairness by sharing the water with the rest of the animals and not taking too much anymore.

