



NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 - 6TH JULY 2016

DIARY DATES	
12/08/16	ASSEMBLY 6AN & 6E
18/08/16	SCHOOL PHOTOS
26/08/16	WAKAKIRRI PERFORMANCE
26/08/16	SPLASH THEATRE COMPANY PERFORMANCE
29/08/16	MAGIC MILLIONS CHOIR REHEARSAL
02/09/16	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
16/09/16	PUPIL FREE DAY
17/09/16	CHOIR REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE
23/09/156	ASSEMBLY 9N, 6W & 8W

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Vacation Care is fully booked on Monday 11th July. THERE ARE NO VACANCIES ON THIS DAY.

NAPLAN ONLINE – GETTING READY FOR 2017

The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period.

This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child's teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not a 'test' of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

As part of the trial, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will undertake 2 online readiness

tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a statewide level.

For more information please refer to the NAPLAN Online Q&A sheet at the end of this newsletter.

FAREWELL CHRIS ROSS

This is to let the school community know that Chris Ross recently announced his final retirement from teaching, finishing with us two weeks ago. HCEPS has been very fortunate to have had Chris working here over the last 6 years in a variety of roles including: Resource Centre teacher, class teacher in different contracts, co-leader of the Year 7 student leadership and training programs and relief teacher. Chris has brought the skills of 46 years of teaching and many leadership roles to our school. He has had wonderful relationships with students, provided a very engaging program and shown an enthusiasm and excitement for the job. He has shown genuine care for students, staff and parents. I am sure you will join me in wishing Chris all the best in his retirement.

On Friday there will be a special assembly to farewell Chris at 1:30pm in the Pavilion, parents are welcome.

OTHER STAFFING NEWS

Thank you to Nick Marks and Elaine Cram who have filled the position in 6W while Lyn Jones has been on leave.

Thank you to Dylan Phillips who has filled the position in 5E while Robyn Sumner has been on leave. We wish Dylan well as he moves into a position in another school.

Thank you to Joanne Berry who has been filling the front office position while Nola Chalakas-Stopp has been on leave.

Lyn, Robyn and Nola will return at the start of Term 3.

Thank you to Simon Reeves who has filled the PE/Science position behind Shona Trenouth for Term 2. We wish Simon well as he moves into a position in another school. Nick Marks will pick up the Middle Years Science, SAPSASA programs and some of the PE on Mondays and Wednesdays next semester. We are still determining who will pick up the rest of the PE programs.

Rachel Niumeitolu will be on leave for the first two weeks of Term 3. Sarah Clews will take the class during that time.

Irene Bywaters will be on leave for the first 4 weeks of next term.

CRAZY CLOTHES/CRAZY HAIR CASUAL DAY FRIDAY

On Friday students may wear crazy clothes/hair for a casual day and pay a gold coin to participate. All funds raised will go to the Animal Welfare League.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 2

We have had another busy and successful term. A number of highlights aside from our routine programs have included:

* Student participation in the Student Learning Rounds program

- * Continuation of the Year 7 School Leader Values programs in classes
- * LHK meetings and student decision making opportunities
- * Simultaneous Reading Day
- * Book Fair
- * Garden
- * KidsMatter training
- * Excursion to the Migration and State museums
- * Peter Combe performance
- * Middle Years Bento Box Picnic lunch
- * SAPSASA Cross Country, Netball
- * Assemblies
- * Disco
- * Choir rehearsals and Assessment
- * Percussion Ensemble audition
- * Wakakirri program
- * Drama Club
- * Yoga Club
- * NAPLAN testing
- * Staff participation in the Numeracy and Literacy Results Plus project
- * Staff participation in 2 Pupil Free Days with a focus in Powerful Learners and Health & PE
- * Staff continued inquiry work in the Re-Imagining Childhood project
- * Review of the work of Joey Traeger our PCW

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

For a number of reasons I was unable to conduct Volunteer Training this term but sessions will be offered early next term. Further information will be out for relevant volunteers early in Term 3.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Written reports will be sent home with students today. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher to make a time for a discussion if you need clarification about anything in the report itself.

SCHOOL SECURITY IN THE HOLIDAYS

To help prevent vandalism and other crime in the school during the holidays, we seek

your support to please report any suspicious behaviour you may observe in and around the school to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or direct to Police on 131 444. I thank you in advance for doing so.

EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY

School will finish early on Friday at 2.05 pm after the special assembly.

.... AND FINALLY

May your children all enjoy a safe holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back safely on Monday July 25th.

COMING EVENTS

PUPIL FREE DAYS (PFD) AND SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

TERM 3 Friday September 2nd: SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – SHOW DAY

TERM 3 PFD Friday September 16th: Partnership Numeracy T&D facilitated by Professor Martin Westwell

TERM 4 PFD TBA: Australian Curriculum moderation

Anne Rathjen
PRINCIPAL

PHOTOS COMING SOON

School Photos will be taken at our school on **Thursday 18th August.**

We are proud that the country's leading school photographer, MSP Photography will be taking our school photos.

Parents can send the money to the school in the envelope supplied however **On-Line Ordering**, where parents are able to select their preferred package online makes it much easier for our parent community.

In 2016 the range of options available to you online has increased. As well as the option to download a Low Resolution image for a smart-phone, parents will have the option to purchase a **High Resolution Digital Download** of their child's image and *Family/Sibling packages will also be able to be ordered online!*

An added incentive for our families is that MSP now offers a 10% discount for all family orders above \$90.00 a family.

Parents who order family photos online are asked to confirm with the school that they wish to have their family members photographed.

READING CORNER

Each Newsletter the Early Years Team will provide you with strategies to help support and encourage your child to read at home. These ideas have come from the website <http://www.readingrockets.org/>. This is a very useful site offering ideas to get children reading from a very young age. *You can also check out the Parent section of our website.*

Write it down

Have paper and pencils available for your child to use for writing. Working together, write a sentence or two about something special. Encourage her to use the letters and sounds she's learning about in school.

EARLY YEARS TEAM

ELECTION DAY BARBEQUE

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and kids who spent time cooking and serving and those who donated cakes/biscuits for the Election Day Barbeque. It was a very successful day and we even needed to get some more supplies as we sold out. We will let everyone know the amount raised as soon as we get a final total. It was unbelievably busy and a terrific chance to

to raise some money for soccer and the school. A special thank you to Rosalee and Brendan who put in many hours beforehand and stayed all day on the barbeque.

SOCCER

Thank you to all soccer parents who helped on the barbeque for the election day. With 8 soccer games at home and the polling booth in the pavilion it was a particularly hectic morning. We will have raised some good money for the soccer program. There is one more week of games and then 2 weeks off for the school holidays. Thank you for your patience with the fixtures but the second half of the season should run a bit smoother. Enjoy your break.

Jenny Brown
SOCCER CO-ORDINATOR

FUNDRAISING NEWS JULY 2016

LADIES DAY

Plans are underway for our second Ladies Day. This was very successful last year so please support this event again. It is on Saturday 17th September from 2pm to 6pm. We will have lots of exciting stalls and a fantastic bonus gift that you will receive on the day when you purchase your ticket in advance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Disco in Term 3
Fathers' Day Stall Term 3
Ladies Day – Term 3
More exciting events to be announced soon....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31st August & 1st September – Father's Day Stall (the stall will be on the Wednesday & Thursday due to a school closure day on the Friday).
9th September – School Disco– 6 to 7.30pm
17th September – Ladies Day

If you would like to volunteer to help on any of the upcoming events this year,

please contact Victoria Gorton on 0433 152 021 or vicgorton@gmail.com for more information.

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

JOEY'S JOURNAL

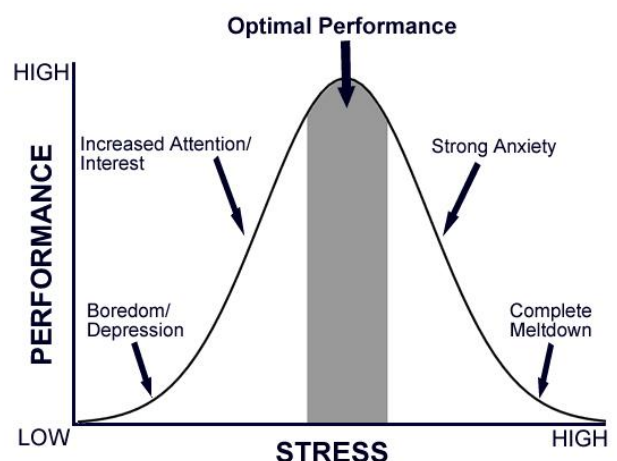


The following is an excerpt from an article by Dr Travis Bradberry

These uncomfortable deeds will pay off forever

T.S. Eliot was clearly onto something when he asked, "If you aren't in over your head, how do you know how tall you are?" The very act of stepping outside of your comfort zone is critical to your success and well-being.

Our brains are wired such that it's difficult to take action until we feel at least some stress and discomfort. In fact, performance peaks when we're well out of our comfort zone. If you're too comfortable your performance suffers from inaction, and if you move too far outside of your comfort zone you melt down from stress.



Peak performance and discomfort go hand in hand. Stepping outside of your comfort zone makes you better, and it doesn't have to be something as extreme as climbing Mount Everest. It's the everyday challenges that push your boundaries the most. Step

out of your comfort zone and embrace these challenges.

Focus on one thing at a time. Focusing completely on a single task is a big risk—the risk of failing at something to which you've given your all. That's why it's so uncomfortable. The alternative—multitasking—is a real productivity killer. Research conducted at Stanford confirms that multitasking is less productive than doing a single thing at a time. The researchers found that people who are regularly bombarded with several streams of electronic information cannot pay attention, recall information, or switch from one job to another as well as those who complete one task at a time.

Talk to someone you don't know. Unless you're an extreme extrovert talking to new people probably makes you at least somewhat uncomfortable. Do it anyway. Social interaction is good for your mood (even when you don't like it), expands your network, exposes you to new ideas, and boosts your self-confidence.

Quit putting things off. Change is hard. Self-improvement is hard. Scrounging up the guts to go for what you want is hard, and so is the work to make it happen. When things are hard, it's always easier to decide to tackle them tomorrow. The problem is that tomorrow never comes. Saying you'll do it tomorrow is just an excuse, and it means that either you don't really want to do it or that you want the results without the hard work that comes along with it.

Bringing It All Together

Staying in your comfort zone means stagnation. Just as an oyster only makes a pearl when it's irritated by a grain of sand, no one has ever accomplished anything remarkable when comfortable.

Joey,
PASTORAL CARE WORKER
at HCEPS on Mondays and Tuesdays

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Please see noticeboard for further information.

- **Saver Plus** by Anglicare SA. Is your child at school or starting next year? Would you like \$500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or laptop? To find out more phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email saverplus@bsl.org.au.
- **Grasshopper Soccer** Non-Competitive soccer program for girls and boys aged 2-12. For more information visit www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au or contact Daniel on 0433 422 347
- **South Adelaide Pink Panthers** Free School Holiday Clinic. Come and try. Contact Leigh Matthews 0412 591 478. Details on school noticeboard.
- **Southbank Tennis Club July School Holiday Clinics** Hessing Crescent, Trott Park. for ages 4-12. Call Justin 0415 289 733 for details.
- **Kids Buy Sell and Swap Meet** St Martins de Porres School Hall. Saturday 23rd July from 10am. Contact Rae on 0421 377 555 to book a table (cost \$10).





NAPLAN Online – answering your questions

What is NAPLAN online?

NAPLAN online is an initiative of the Australian Government and involves the transition of NAPLAN from pen and paper to a computer-based assessment.

Why is NAPLAN going online?

Moving NAPLAN online allows for better and more varied assessment tasks and a personalised test experience. It also means your child's results will be more precise and available to you within a couple of weeks, rather than several months.

When is it happening and who is doing it?

The Education Council, comprising state, territory and commonwealth education ministers, has agreed that NAPLAN online will be implemented from 2017 over a 2- to 3 year period.

DECD is encouraging as many schools as possible to move to NAPLAN Online from 2017.

Who is managing the move online?

Education Services Australia (ESA) have been commissioned to develop and trial the platform which will deliver NAPLAN online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will continue to be responsible for all aspects of development of the NAPLAN tests. In South Australia, DECD is responsible for preparing schools to move online.

What is the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial?

The NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial is a practice run of the NAPLAN online platform. Schools will complete as many test sessions as they need to develop their understanding of the system and their readiness for the 2017 implementation. It is also an opportunity for schools to provide detailed feedback on their experiences and readiness.

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are asked to trial the online system and new question style. As part of this trial all students will log in with an anonymous student code so they cannot be identified.

The trial will involve students completing 2 assessments

- a test for each year level containing sample NAPLAN online questions based on reading, numeracy and convention of languages (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- a separate writing test for each year level.

Across Australia, the test is called the Platform Test Readiness Trial (PTRT).

Why is the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial important?

The trial will provide information about the school's internet capabilities and confirm that there are sufficient devices to run the test successfully. It will also allow staff to 'test drive' the new processes and trial classroom logistics.

What about schools that do not have the necessary bandwidth to undertake online assessment?

The Australian Government is developing a 'low bandwidth' solution for schools that are experiencing issues with internet connectivity. This will ensure that all students are also able to experience the online test.