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NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The NAPLAN tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of our school’s assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do their best they can on the day.

Our school will conduct the tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9.00am and 11.00am. If any students are away for a test we will be providing a catch up day on Friday between 9.00 and 11.00. Please make sure your child is at school on time to enable them to prepare for the tests.

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CHOIR

The Plympton PS Choir is looking forward to being assessed this week in preparation for the end of year concert at the Festival Theatre. This will be the first assessment experience for the year 5s. The students have said they ‘will do great because we know the lyrics, have been practicing lots, and believe in ourselves. Their assessment will be with Jungle Rhythm, Jai Hao, Banana and Que Sera.

We wish you the best for Friday at 1.30pm.

OSHC

We welcome our new OSHC Director Harshi Seneveratne to the service. Harshi has been Director of OSHC services in Queensland and has a long career in child care environments. Her previous experience has included working in OSHC with students with disability, designing culturally inclusive programs, leading a team of staff and significant work in building school and community connections with the OSHC service.

Harshi will be joined in two weeks time by Aylisha. She has been coordinator of OSHC services in SA OSHC sites for a number of years along with years in child care centres. She has previous experiences working within Camp Australia and Life Be In it agencies. Harshi lead her most recent OSHC service through a response to review recommendations, along with managing a team of OSHC educators to provide high quality programs.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Plympton School Council Committees are having their first meetings prior to School Council on 17/5/16.

Grounds and Facilities—Simon Morony, Sharon Fielder invite you to help with the project management of some facilities improvements. Give Wendy at Reception a call to register your interest.

Fundraising—Alison Salisbury and her volunteers would appreciate your support to purchase Entertainment Books and sell Community Lottery tickets.

Education—Jonathan Gardner, Sandrine Gates, Myf Maywald and Kerry Pienaar would like you to join them for further discussions about providing more inclusive family programs at the school.

Come and say hi at the Little Book Club. Thanks to the parents helping to organise Reconciliation Week activities and watch out for the information about the development of our digital technologies strategy for the school. We need your voice to be included in these discussions.

Sports—Anthony Warden, Kara Gilles, Julie Hutchins are meeting this week and would love some more helpers. Please chat to one of them next time you are in the yard.

OSHC—Liz Axel, Michelle Wye, Kristine Dell have participated in the merit selection panel for the OSHC Director and Assistant Director appointments and welcomed our new OSHC Director.

Finance—have reviewed the Audit report for the school and OSHC service. We are happy with the outcome and will continue to make improvements in our finances to ensure the most effective financial management.


This week you’ll find—Newsletter, Mothers Day Stall, Soccer and Hockey Trials, Little Book Club. We have grown from 435 to 450 downloads of the app over the last holidays. 50 more downloads needed to make 500. Promote with your family today.

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**Year 6/7**

Sports Day is on Friday, 3/6/16. Today was our first day of Sports Team Meetings with the Sports Captains. Our Year 6/7 students will be important leaders for our Sports Day.

Christopher and Ruby meet with the Sturt Team to practice the team chant. (below)

Hindmarsh Captains Amber and Bradley are training their team in the Red’s song. (left)

The founding members of the Plympton Coding Club are excited by the popular interest to join them in forming the first club at the school. Dylan, Aakash and Jesse will call the first meeting on Friday week 3 in the Library. Students who are interested have to complete a nomination form and return to the founding members. It is so popular they think there will need to be two clubs.

**Year 3/4/5**

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**Year R/1/2**

In 13.8 we have been learning about Place Value in Maths. We have been calculating to make tens and units. We know that 10 units make 1 ten. It was fun making them in a game with popsticks and working together to help each other.

**Specialists**

2.4 This is our first time using the new Xylophone. We organised ourselves into soprano, alto, bass and metal-phones. We have been playing echo rhythms by passing our pattern onto each other. We have big plans for a performance later in the term.

**Wellbeing & Care**

Your are invited to

**Little Book Club**

In the Library

9.00am to 10.00am

Every Wednesday

Bring your little ones to share a story with Sandi and Karen or just bring yourself.

We have tea and coffee to share and time for a chat.

You may borrow extra books or purchase a retired Library book for a gold coin donation.

**Community News**

School Fees

Please be aware that school fees are now overdue. The due date for payment was Thursday 14th April – the end of last term. If you haven’t yet paid in full, applied for School Card or organised an instalment payment plan, please see Alison at the Finance Office asap. The Finance Office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**Fundraising**

Entertainment Books – Late this week your eldest child will be bringing home a copy for you to either purchase or return. If you don’t wish to purchase the book, please return it straight away to the Finance Office. Books cost $65 each, with $13 from each book sold staying with the school as fundraising.

People’s Choice Community Lottery – As we only received 150 books to sell, and not enough for all students, only some students have received a book of 10 tickets to sell on our behalf. If you don’t wish to sell any tickets, please return them to the Finance Office immediately. All tickets, both sold and unsold, are due back to the Finance Office by the end of July 2016. There are 159 prizes to be won totaling $360,000. Tickets cost $2 each, with the whole $2 staying with the school. You can also purchase online at www.communitylottery.com.au, then go to buy tickets and type in Plympton Primary School.

**Mother’s Day Stalls**

Thursday 5th May

Recess and Lunchtime

At the Canteen

Items for sale include Plants, Pens, Jewellery, Mugs, Cards, Photo-frames, Kitchen items and much, much more.

Prices range from $1 to $8

Don’t forget Namak!

Money raised will go towards the Oval Pavilion Shelter