St Joseph's Primary Bombala

"Remember we are but travellers here" St Mary MacKillop (1873)

LUNCH TIME CLUBS

With the colder months upon us this term, St Joseph's introduced various Lunch Time Clubs. This enables our students to avoid the elements and extend their learning through optional participation in subjects of interest.

Our Coding Club is up and running at lunch time each Monday in the Senior Classroom. Students are using the Code Studio (code.org) online course to master coding basics.

Launched in 2013, Code.org® is a non-profit organisation dedicated to expanding participation in computer science. Their vision is that every student in every school should have the opportunity to learn computer science. Code.org is supported by many donors including Microsoft, Facebook, The Infosys Foundation, Google and more.

Our students are having lots of fun learning how to be creators, rather than consumers, of digital content.

St Joey's students: (Left)
Miller Stewart, Mia Stone, Alex Peisley, Grace Phillips, and Keira Chamberlain.

(Below)
Ezra Perkins, Evan Phillips, Lilly Day-Edgecombe, Charlie Campbell, Tully McGuninness and Madison Papalia

TISSUES PLEASE:

We kindly ask each family to donate a box of tissues for their child's class.

2017 Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
5/6 Week 7	6/6	7/6 Mass 9.30am (lead class Year 1/2) 6pm SCC Open Meeting	8/6	9/6	10/6	11/6
12/6 Week 8 Queens Birthday Public Holiday	13/6	14/6 AFL Workshop at School	15/6	16/6 AFL Workshop at School	17/6	18/6
19/6 Week 9	20/6	21/6 Mass 9.30am (lead class Year 3/4)	22/6	23/6 End of Term Assembly 1.45pm	24/6	25/6
26/6 Week 10	27/6 Parent/Teacher meetings	28/6 NAIDOC Celebrations Parent/Teacher meetings	29/6 Middle Schools Day	30/6 Last Day of Term	1/7	2/7
3/7 School Holidays	4/7	5/7	6/7	7/7	8/7	9/7
10/7 School Holidays	11/7	12/7	13/7	14/7	15/7	16/7
17/7 Week 1 Staff PD	18/7 Students Return Term 3	19/7 K-6 Excursion to Beauty & the Beast—Lumen Christi—Pambula	20/7	21/7	22/7	23/7

** Please note that dates and times on this calendar are subject to change

Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.

- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.

- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.

- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.

- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.

- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.

- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes

- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online

- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html

Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

* Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.