

St Joseph's Primary Bombala



TERM 3, WEEK 4

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

Dear Friends of the St Joseph's Community

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This morning the students were involved in a school mass to mark this special occasion. One famous quote from St Mary was that one should 'never see a need without doing something about it'. This week the children have been learning about the life and legacy of St Mary and how one person can make a difference. I encourage you all to take the time to learn more about this remarkable lady and how she helped shape the lives of so many children.

Yesterday Genevieve Albert and I attended a professional learning day regarding the NAPLAN online school readiness testing. This online preliminary testing is due to take place during week 8 of this term for all students in years 3 and 5. In the near future NAPLAN will go from being a paper test to and online test. I have included some useful information from the Department of Education about the readiness testing and the future plans for the online NAPLAN test.

May God Bless

Mrs Alice Shannon

Acting Principal



NAPLAN Online Newsletter May 2017

Welcome to the first edition of the NAPLAN Online newsletter. This newsletter provides regular updates and information about the transition of NSW schools to NAPLAN Online. You are welcome to use any of this information to communicate to staff, students and parents – in staff meetings, for example, or in newsletters to parents.

In this edition we look at the NSW approach to transition to NAPLAN Online and share where you can find more information and answers to common questions about the transition to NAPLAN Online.

NSW Approach

Education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online by 2019. All states, including NSW, will be involved in readiness activities this year. The activities are an opportunity for schools to become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test platform and identify any technical issues schools may have.

The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability but is an opportunity for students to experience an online testing environment.

The NSW approach to transition to online currently includes four key stages (see page 2 for figure).

Stage 1 – Technical readiness

The purpose of this is to help schools assess their technical preparedness and physical testing spaces for participation in the NSW NAPLAN Online readiness test in August and September 2017. This information is being collated and shared with IT support to help identify technical issues that may need to be resolved or managed before the readiness test period commences.

Stage 2 – Training for schools

Training to support the online transition is currently being scheduled. Training will be delivered statewide as a one day face-to-face session for school NAPLAN co-ordinators and test administrators (two staff per school).

Training sessions will be held in all principal networks during the period of 26 June to 11 August 2017.

More details will be provided soon on how nominated staff can access and book into training. Further training resources including e-learning and quick reference guides will also be available.

Stage 3 – School readiness test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September. The readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to participate in a trial NAPLAN Online. The readiness test will allow schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN online test format and process.
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN online.
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 & 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format.

Stage 4 – Review and planning for 2018

The outcome of all preparation activities, including technical capability, training and the readiness test will be reviewed and assessed in considering the readiness of NSW schools to transition to NAPLAN Online by 2019.

Did you know?

In recent research conducted for ACARA:

- Parents perceived the most important benefits of moving NAPLAN online were:
 - Ability to meet the needs of students, including those with disability
 - Tailored testing providing the potential to adapt to students' abilities
 - Teachers having faster access to NAPLAN results
- Parents identified their child's school as their main point of contact and source for information about NAPLAN Online
- The most common sources of information for parents were school newsletters and websites.

NSW NAPLAN ONLINE Transition timeline 2017

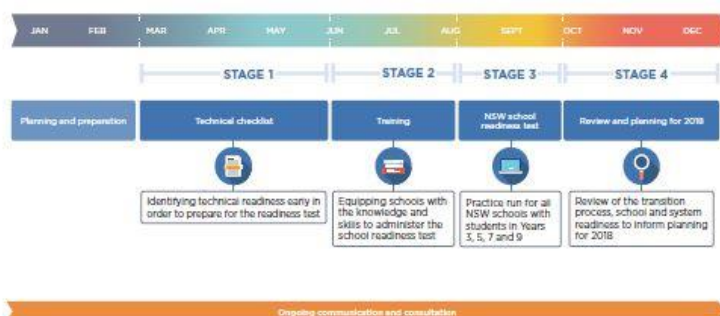


Figure - NSW NAPLAN Online Transition Timeline

2017 Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7/8 Week 4	8/8 Year 6 Transition afternoon 2.10— 3.10pm	9/8 9.30am Mass Mary MacKillop Day	10/8 Rotary Principals Public Speaking BHS	11/8	12/8 5PM Liturgy & HC Delegate	13/8 9AM Liturgy & HC Bombala
14/8 Week 5	15/8	16/8 9.30am Mass Science Week Presentation @ BPS Sporting Schools Tennis Uniform Committee Meeting 6PM	17/8	18/8 BOOK WEEK Book Parade & Fair Year 6 Street Stall	19/8 Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30am	20/8 8AM Mass Delegate 10AM Mass Bombala
21/8 Week 6	22/8	23/8 9.30am Mass (Year 2/3)	24/8	25/8 2018 Kinder Students —Teddy Bear Picnic School Counsellor	26/8	27/8
28/8 Week 7 SKI TRIP Year 3-6	29/8 Arch Diocese Athletics—AIS	30/8 Sporting Schools Tennis	31/8 Middle Schools Day Year 5/6 @ Delegate	1/9 8am—Fathers Day BBQ Breakfast	2/9	3/9
4/9 Week 8 Online Naplan Readiness testing	5/9	6/9 9.30am—Mass SCC Meeting 6.30	7/9	8/9 School Counsellor Visit	9/9	10/9
11/9 Week 9	12/9	13/9	14/9	15/9 Social Justice Day Activities Year 5/6	16/9	17/9
18/9 Week 10 Year 5/6 Leadership Camp—Sydney	19/9	20/9	21/9	22/9 Year 5/6 students return to Nimmitabel Last day of Term 3	23/9	24/9
25/9 School Holidays	26/9	27/9	28/9	30/9	1/10	2/10

Canteen

New Canteen Menu

Roster

14/8/2017

Lauren Yelds

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

Southern Regional Athletics Carnival—Bega

Last Thursday was the Southern Regional Athletics Carnival, which was held in Bega. It was a wonderful display of sportsmanship and St Joseph's students proudly represented our school!

Congratulations to Max Chaplin, Maleek Ranghi, Kurt Chaplin, Lachlan Simpson and Rochelle Voveris. These students were all successful and will now proceed to represent our school and the Southern Region at the Archdiocese Athletics Carnival to be held Tuesday 29th August in Canberra.



Maleek Ranghi, Kurt Chaplin and Max Chaplin



Ezra Perkins



Ted Faichney



River Guthrie



Keira Chamberlain, Tully McGuinness & Ezra Perkins

STREET STALL (18th August)

On Friday the 18th August Year 6 have their Fundraising street stall for Melbourne.

We are asking for support in the form of cooking eg. cakes, slices or biscuits. Any donations would be greatly appreciated by our year six kids.

Cooking can be dropped at the stall from 8.45am on Friday morning.

Uniform Committee—Call for parents to join sub committee

There will be an open meeting to form an official Uniform Committee, consisting of Parents and SCC representatives on the 16th August at 6pm at the School. All parents are welcome to attend. Please contact me on 0419462535 for more information.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the recent survey. Your feedback is currently being analysed to see what you as the parents want in our school uniform. Once the committee has been formed changes can begin to be made.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 16th August at 6pm.

Robyn Phillips

Uniform Coordinator



Teddy's trip to school

St Joseph's warmly invites all children who are beginning school in 2018 to attend a special morning of fun filled activities. We'd love you to dress up and bring along your favourite teddy to show them around St Joseph's. The morning will conclude with a teddy bears' picnic in the school grounds.

Date: Friday 25th August

Time: 9:30am-11:30am

Dress: Dress Ups

What to bring: TEDDY and a water bottle

RSVP Thursday 24th August: St Joseph's 64583776
office.stjbombala@cg.catholic.edu.au



Parent Information

We understand this is a big step for children and their parents. If you would like to stay for the duration, you are more than welcome. Otherwise we'd love you to join us for the teddy bears' picnic at 11:00am.

Reminder:

Start preparing costumes for this Year's Book Fair Parade to be held on Friday 18th August.

★ ★ ★ SCIENCE WEEK MOVIE SPECIAL ★ ★ ★

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national science week 12-20 August 2017

This Family film will steal your heart, fill your mind with vivid imagery, and lift your spirit! Based on a true story, it follows the tale of Homer Hickam as he turns his dream of creating a rocket into reality!

WHEN:

Saturday 19 August
at 11am
at Cooma Library
Everyone welcome!
Please book on
6455 1730