

Dear families and friends

There has been a lot happening over the last 5 and a half weeks of school. As we are in the second half of the term, there is still quite a bit to happen. Firstly, **NAPLAN** for Year 3 and 5 students will take place over the next couple of weeks. Currently the Year 3 and 5 classes are undergoing some practice assessments to ensure the students are familiar with logging in, navigating their way around the online platform and giving us an opportunity to sort out any glitches. Please see below the timetable for when NAPLAN will occur. If your child is away when a test is to be carried out, their assessment can be made up at another time. If you have any queries or questions around NAPLAN please do not hesitate to see your child's Class Teacher or myself.



NAPLAN Timetable for 2023

Time	Monday 13th March	Tuesday 14th March	Wednesday 15th March	Thursday 16th March (PLCs)	Friday 17th March
Morning Session 9:15 am			<b>Writing</b> Year 5 9:00 – 9:42 am 42 mins (online)	<b>Reading</b> Year 5 9:15 – 10:05 50 mins	Catch Up Tests - writing catch up needs to be completed by Monday 20th March
			Year 3 9:15 – 9:50 am 40 mins (paper format)	Year 3 9:30 – 10:15 45 mins	



During **Week 9**, **formal Parent Teacher Interviews** will take place. It has been wonderful to see

that many parents have already had meetings with Teacher's to discuss their child's learning. This is a timely reminder that **meetings with teachers can happen at any time**, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to discuss your child's learning at any time throughout the year. More information will be made available in the coming weeks on how to book a Parent Teacher Interview in Week 9.

This year one of our whole school goals is **Reading Success**. To help us work towards this goal, teachers and staff attended a professional development day on Reading with Angela Ehmer from Literacy Solutions. Angela worked with the teachers on providing practical ways to teach reading in the classroom. The teachers found this day beneficial and are trying different strategies and ideas in their classrooms to ensure their learners are engaged and catered for during reading sessions. One way you can support your child with developing their reading success, **is to read with or listen to your child read at home**. Even though your child reads at school, it is imperative that your child **gets plenty of opportunities to practice their reading skills to ensure mastery of this lifeskill**. Please see your child's class teacher if you would like some ideas on how to support your child at home with reading.



Have a great week

God bless

Nicole Anderson

**Assistant Principal Curriculum**

**Lord, let my faith be joyful and give peace and gladness to my spirit. Let my faith in your Word shine forth through my actions with all those I encounter. May it give me the wisdom to know right from wrong and the strength to make the right decisions in the face of adversity. May my faith guide me during Lent in preparation for the joy of Easter. Amen. St Paul: Pray for us**

## Year 4R

This term in Science, Year 4R have been exploring the different types of packages that we use in our everyday lives. We are looking at the materials that these packages are made from as well as investigating their properties. In HaSS, we are learning about how we can help look after our world by living sustainably. We are thinking about our actions and how we can help protect our environment by choosing to refuse, reduce, reuse, and recycle.



## Year 2G

In Year 2, we have been learning about procedural texts. We know that procedures give us instructions about how to complete a task such as washing your hair, brushing your teeth or making delicious chocolate crackle. This has linked to our Science unit as we have been learning about mixtures and the different purpose they serve. We are enjoying making different mixtures during class and writing a procedure to match including playdough, a lava lamp and a vegemite sandwich.

## Virtue Awards

### “Enthusiasm”

Prep R	Adalynn W
Prep NS	Alannah K
Year 1G	Jakiga T
Year 1P	Emily H
Year 2G	Maddox K
Year 2C	Kenzy S
Year 3B	Kiara M
Year 3F	Rachael R
Year 4R	Elizabeth J
Year 4B	Sophia T
Year 5C	Olivia F
Year 5H	Josie B
Year 6B	Logan R
Year 6S	Flynn T

Important Dates	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Disco & Welcome BBQ
12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	St Paul's led Parish Mass
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Naplan testing begins
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Years 4,5&6 Mass 2pm Friday
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Years 1,2&3 Mass 2pm Friday
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Prep Vision Screening
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Parent Teacher interviews



## EASTER RAFFLE

It's time again for our annual **Chocolate Easter Raffle!** Each family is asked to donate Easter eggs for the raffle. Please leave the donations at the office in the air conditioning. All proceeds go to Caritas Australia to support their Project Compassion Appeal.

*Information on tickets and draw date etc to follow in coming weeks.*



## 2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Information nights will be held:

**Tuesday, 07 March at 5:30pm**  
(St Joseph's Catholic School, Wandal)

**Thursday, 16 March at 5:30pm**  
(Holy Family Church)

Children do not have to come but one parent/carer **must** attend one evening as this is an important part of the program.

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**No enrolments will be accepted after 19 March.**