

**MANNING  
GARDENS  
PUBLIC SCHOOL**



**TOGETHER  
WE GROW**

# **GRAPEVINE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**Term 1 Week 5 2 March 2018**

## ***Principal's Message***

All schools try to acknowledge and reward good student behaviour. Here at MGPS, we have lots of strategies in place to reward students who comply with our school beliefs. Our school's PBL team coordinates all the positive systems, under the leadership of our Assistant Principal, Donna Deehan. We are commencing fortnightly prize draws for students who are doing the right thing. We also will be having bigger prize draws at the end of term, once again to acknowledge students who are doing the right thing, following our school beliefs and being good citizens of Manning Gardens Public School.

Thank you to everyone who visited our school for our first Free Lunch Friday. This community engagement initiative was an overwhelming success!

*Stay Strong! Paul Sortwell*



## ***A Reminder about Bike and Scooter Safety***

I am asking all parents to ensure they follow the laws of NSW in regard to riding bikes and scooters. Please do not let your child ride a bike or scooter to school without a helmet. Not only are you breaking the law, you are putting your child at risk of brain injuries should they have an accident. Our school policy is that no child under 10 years of age can ride a bike or scooter to school. Parents please don't put your precious children at risk.



Happy students



Free Lunch Friday



We wear sports uniform on Friday

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## ***No NUTS at School, Okay!***

We have students with nut allergies attending our school. Please do not send your child to school with items that contain nuts or traces of nuts. As a school we want to keep all students safe!



## ***NAPLAN Testing for Years 3 and 5 Students***

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN examination in Term 2. There is an information sheet attached to this newsletter. Some students at our school will be exempt from sitting these tests. Your child's class teacher will contact you.



## ***School Attendance Policy***

When a student is away from school for more than 2 days, class teachers will try to contact parents to enquire about the absence. We are required to do this. It is the responsibility of parents to advise the school when their children are away from school.



## ***Compliments and Complaints***

We appreciate your feedback on our performance as a school. This may be positive feedback or you may wish to complain about something that is an issue for you. Forms can be found in our school office or can be obtained from our school principal. You can also speak with your child's class teacher or our deputy, Kelly Bryden, or assistant principals, Alison Trudgeon or Anne-Maree Ross. This is your school and you can have a say at any time. Our school phone number is 6552-6333 and our school office is open 8.30-3.30pm every day.



Free Lunch Friday



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## National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) **2018**

### LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2018 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 15-17 May 2018.

TUESDAY 15 MAY	WEDNESDAY 16 MAY	THURSDAY 17 MAY
<b>Language Conventions</b> (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	<b>Reading test</b>	<b>Numeracy test</b>
<b>Writing test</b>		

In the numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be one numeracy test with two parts: Part A calculator is allowed and Part B where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 18 May** – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, **or**
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

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