



TERM 3 WEEK 4 – THURSDAY 10 AUGUST 2017

Collaboration Respect Motivation Resilience Positivity

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Friday 11 Science Show

Week 5 Science Week



Tues 15 ICAS Maths

16, 17 & 18 Banking Workshop

Thurs 17 Science Fair

Fri 18 Science Fair

NOTES HOME

School Satisfaction Survey

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies Term 3 – Wednesdays
odd weeks at 1:45pm in the Hall

Week 5 - 16 August hosted by
Kindergarten

Week 7 - 30 August hosted by LSU
& 3/4MP

Week 9 - 13 September hosted by
the Japanese classes

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Dear families,

With the NAPLAN results set to be released, it is an opportune time to highlight what these results mean, who benefits and how they impact our school improvement journey.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 that has been undertaken since 2008. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. These are developed over time through the school curriculum. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

NAPLAN provides benefits in the following ways;

- Students and parents – gauge how individual students are performing against national average, another tool for discussions with teachers
- Teachers – adds to school data collected to build a bigger picture of individuals and cohorts
- Schools – Monitor and track individuals and cohorts, identify impact of teaching and learning programs, set school priorities
- Education Directorate – allows for the collection of data across networks and systems and school improvement tracked.

There is an interesting infographic that can be found at [https://www.nap.edu.au/_resources/Acara_NAPLAN_Infographic\(V4-2\).pdf](https://www.nap.edu.au/_resources/Acara_NAPLAN_Infographic(V4-2).pdf) which shows the multilayered benefits from NAPLAN testing as a visual.

At Latham Primary School, we monitor and track student, cohort and school growth using a variety of assessment tools, NAPLAN being one of these. Our NAPLAN results over time have been very inconsistent. This knowledge underpins our priorities within the current School Strategic Plan of *Improving student outcomes in literacy and numeracy through building teacher capacity using an evidenced based approach*. We are focussing on consistency of teaching and learning programs across year levels, streamlining processes to support individual students and refining our assessment processes.

If you have any questions relating to NAPLAN feel free to speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Just a reminder to keep your eyes out for an email tomorrow with information from your School Board Chair, Justin Kerslake, about the draft Homework Policy.

Regards,
Karen

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 2 August 2017.



Miah N, Jennifer T, Nate K, Kieran H, Bailey W, Analeigh M-K, Damon E, Bella R, Imogen B, Xanthe D, Eleni S, Jay B, Amelia M, Jack S, Kelvin N, Julian M, Olivia C, Zach Z, Becky N, Hayley W, Ramond I, Ryan K & Jasmine L.

THE 2017 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEYS WILL BE CONDUCTED LATER THIS TERM

It is that time of year when we send home log in details for you to complete a survey to provide feedback on our strengths and areas for improvement. We are requesting that when you are completing the survey that you do not 'sit on the fence, choose either the agree side or disagree and limit the use of the 'neither agree nor disagree' option. This survey helps to guide us in deciding school priorities as well as providing valuable feedback about what we are doing.

Last year we had 71 responses; this year we want to increase that number. Letters were sent home with access codes for every child on Tuesday 8 August on bright pink paper. Additional copies are available from the front office. If you are unable to do the survey at home please see the front office as they will be able to set you up with one of the school computers.

Thank you
Daniel Manestar

SURVEY Time

A big thank you to everyone who came dressed in their bright colours last Friday. The school raised \$315 to go to towards our target of \$700 which will buy school desks for the students of Keobe Joybright.





Science Show

To celebrate science week in week 5 the P&C have organised a science show presented by Fizzics Education for the students on Friday 11 August. The shows go for an hour, the senior students will be on at 11:30am and the junior students will be at 1:30pm.

Book Week Parade

The theme for the Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week is **Escape to Everywhere**. We can't wait to see the fabulous costumes that bring your favourite book character to life.

When: **Wednesday 23 August 2017**

Time: **9.15 am**

Where: **School hall**

Families, please feel free to join us in the school hall and watch all of the colourful book characters in our school. **Please note that there has been a change in the date of the book parade. The school calendar has it on Thursday 24 August but it has been changed to Wednesday 23 August.**

