

# Mascot Public School

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## NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Wk 7, 12th March 2018

12th March 2018  
P & C AGM(2017) & Meeting 7pm

15th March 2018  
Selective High School Placement Test

20th March 2018  
Regional Swimming Carnival

22nd March 2018  
Harmony Day Assembly

23rd March 2018  
Last PSSA Sport

28th March 2018  
2M and 3/4R's  
Parent /Teacher Interviews

29th March 2018  
Easter Hat Parade

4th April 2018  
K - 2 Parent/Teacher Interviews  
(Not 2M)

5th April 2018  
Years 3-6 Parent /Teacher Interviews  
(Not 3/4R)

9th April 2018  
P & C Meeting 7pm

13th April 2018  
Last day of Term 1

**15/3/18:  
5/6A will be  
performing at 2pm**

**Next Week:  
Harmony Day assembly**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week, we enjoyed a **Meet and Greet for our Kindergarten families.**

It was fabulous to see so many people gathering outside our kitchen space, enjoying refreshments and getting to know each other. Thank you to our wonderful P&C for initiating this event, one which we hope to continue and to spread across our school.

Our students are talented in many ways but last week shone the spotlight on our sporting accomplishments!

Congratulations to all students who made it into the Zone Swimming Carnival which was held last week, with extra congratulations to Mikayla and Dakota who have made it to the next level, the **Regional Swimming Carnival**. Additionally, Dakota was awarded the **Junior Girl Champion**.

Several students trialled for the **Balmain/South Sydney Under 11s Rugby League Team** with Levi, Jordan and Isaac successfully making it through so more congratulations is required.

This Thursday, 15 March, some of our Year 6 students will sit for the Selective High School Placement Test for Year 7 in 2019. Relevant students have been sent details about their time and venue so please follow this information carefully. I would like to extend my best wishes to all students sitting the test. ALL students in Year 6 are urgently reminded that they are **required to return their Expression of Interest for high school forms by Friday, 16 March, 2018**. We must send these onto the relevant high schools by a certain date so please

help us to help your child.

Last week, we received the news that **Ms Day was successful in her application for a teaching position at Newtown Public School**, starting next Monday, 19 March 2018. Understandably, her class was very upset when we shared the news with them. Ms Day started at Mascot PS as a casual teacher in 2013, quickly establishing herself as a quality teacher with long-term temporary work offered ever since. Ms Day is known for her gentle nature, passion for teaching, and dedication and commitment to the variety of roles and responsibilities that she takes on. Ms Day will be sorely missed by staff, students and their families. Please join us at this week's assembly to help us say farewell to her.

**Have a great week.**

**HELEN EMPACHER  
PRINCIPAL**

*Extra:  
If you have news of achievements by any of our students outside of school, please let us know so that we can tell our community about it. Please send any articles or photos to our school email: [mascot-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mascot-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or drop them into the office and*

### **Carpark for Staff Only**

Please remember that our school carpark is for staff only.  
Help us to keep your children safe.

# Student Awards

## Medallions

Year 2  
Tahmid

## Gold Awards

Year 2  
Keira, Nabil, Kosta

Year 3  
Charli

# Harmony Day

Mascot Public School invites you to our Harmony Day celebration.

The message of Harmony Day is '**everyone belongs**'. The day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity, and foster a sense of belonging to everyone.

When: Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9:30-11:00am.  
Where: Primary COLA

We encourage all students and parents to wear either their national dress or something orange to mark the event.



## **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.

<b>TUESDAY 15 MAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 16 MAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY 17 MAY</b>
<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>