

Monday 12 June 2023

Dear PC community

As we come to the end of Term 2 together we have accomplished much. Our students proudly represented The Creek at Cluster sports, at a soccer competition and participated in the recent Student Council Jersey day. Teachers are currently finalising report cards in preparation for their delivery to you on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June; our P&C have hosted a successful Scholastic Book Fair and collectively we held our inaugural Reconciliation Assembly which was well patronised by our community stakeholders. We appreciate your continued partnership in learning opportunities and look forward to seeing as many of you at the upcoming Athletics Carnivals as we can.

Currently we are searching for a casual canteen assistant (details on Smart Jobs), and TMR are searching for a crossing supervisor (See details attached). It would be wonderful to see these positions filled by our parent body.

The end of the term will also see a few **staffing changes** at The Creek. Ms Connie McLean (Head of Personalised Learning) will leave us to take up a position at Merrimac State School. We thank Connie for all that she has contributed to Picnic Creek and wish her well in the next chapter of her professional journey. Recruitment is still being finalised as I write this update, I look forward to sharing details of the successful applicant with you when I can. Mrs Desirae Shelley will also join the teaching team at PC, Desirae will take on 5D to enable Mrs Watson to return to her part time load. We thank Mrs Watson for agreeing to step into the void in 5D when Miss Caroline went on maternity leave and welcome Mrs Shelley to the Creek team.

**Parent Teacher Interviews** will be held in Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3 (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July). Teachers are currently setting up appointment times in our online booking system. Details of how to book in for these important communication opportunities was sent home earlier today. What a great opportunity to unpack the upcoming report card with your child's class teacher and to understand their next learnings in support. Attached to this update are the year level Content Descriptors upon which students are assessed for your information.

For Parents of our Year 3 and 5 students we are currently awaiting the **NAPLAN reports** after the earlier online testing in March. This year there are some changes to what those reports will look like so we have attached a document outlining those changes to this update for your information.

Tomorrow night our school will join with various schools from our local neighbourhood and further afield in the South East Region to showcase our work. This year the presentation will be hosted by Gainsborough State School on Yawalpah Road Pimpama. This is a free, but ticketed event. Please see flyer attached for registration purposes.

**Dates to Remember:**

South East Region NAIDOC presentation – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Gainsborough State School

Senior Athletics – Years 4-6 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Year 2,3 Athletics – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9am-1pm

Reports emailed home from One School – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June after school. Please check your junk folder if not received.

Prep, Year 1 Athletics – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9am-1pm

Canteen closed – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Final day of term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Regards

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Staff and students of Picnic Creek State School acknowledge and pay respects to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we learn, teach and play.



## **ADVERTISEMENT FOR SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR**

### **CASUAL POSITION VACANT**

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Picnic Creek State School.

The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor **may** be up to an Hour and a Half on any school day in *all weather conditions* at \$33.27 per hour.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme - Health Assessment Form;
- The applicant either hold a current Blue Card or be eligible to apply for a Blue Card to the Commission for Blue Card Services.

Department of Transport of Main Roads will **organise and fund** both Medical and Blue Card for selected applicant.

Interested applicants should send their Resume to Ros at [southportroadsafety@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:southportroadsafety@tmr.qld.gov.au)



# NAPLAN individual student report Information for parents and carers

## 2023

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment undertaken by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is the only national assessment that all Australian children undertake. Literacy and numeracy skills are the critical foundation for all learning and for the ability to participate effectively in society. NAPLAN questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum in English and Mathematics.

NAPLAN tests are only one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process. As they are held once every 2 years for each student, they cannot replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. Your child's teacher will have the best insight into your child's educational progress. Along with other school assessment reports, NAPLAN individual student reports can be used to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

### How does NAPLAN assess students?

NAPLAN tests are delivered online to schools across Australia. Online assessment presents questions tailored to an individual student's responses, delivering more precise results and an engaging test experience for students.

Questions in NAPLAN are based mostly on the literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills students have learnt from previous years of schooling. A few questions assess additional content from the year of testing and the following year. These questions have been designed so that they can be answered using strategies students have learnt in previous years. This ensures students of all abilities can show their capabilities.

Detailed information on the knowledge and skills being measured in NAPLAN is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

### New proficiency standards

From 2023, new standards were introduced to NAPLAN reporting. This reporting replaces the previous numerical NAPLAN reporting bands and national minimum standards. Education ministers agreed 2023 was the right time to introduce this change alongside moving NAPLAN to March.

Proficiency standards provide clear information on student achievement. They are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected for the child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based mainly on what has been taught in previous years of schooling.

There are 4 proficiency levels:

- **Exceeding:** The student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong:** The student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing:** The student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support:** The student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

What NAPLAN assesses has not changed. Page 4 of the individual student report provides a more detailed summary about what students know and can do within each of the proficiency levels. Further information is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

### How were the proficiency levels determined?

Panels of expert teachers identified the levels of proficiency against learning expectations for each assessment area and year level. Parent and carer input on student reports was also provided through focus groups and national parent organisations.

## Reading the NAPLAN report

The NAPLAN report shows a proficiency scale for each assessment area (numeracy, reading, writing, spelling and grammar and punctuation) with a student's result shown as a black dot on the scale.

The report continues to show each child's achievement against the national average for their year (shown as a black triangle) and the range of achievement for the middle 60% of students in their year level (shown as a light shaded rectangle).

NAPLAN is a valuable tool that can give useful insights into a student's performance, but individual reports should be interpreted with care as they reflect the student's performance on the day of testing.

## What if my child's report says they took their test on paper?

While NAPLAN is an online test, there are a small number of circumstances where students may complete tests on paper. These include when:

- schools use a recognised alternative curriculum
- students require paper tests for accessibility reasons
- issues during testing require paper tests to be used as a contingency measure.

Year 3 students always complete their writing test on paper.

## Can I compare my child's performance to previous NAPLAN reports?

Results from 2023 onwards cannot be directly compared with results from 2008 to 2022. This is because a new measurement scale that is more suited to the online tests has been introduced with the new standards. Also, in 2023, the tests moved to Term 1 from Term 2. However, as in previous years, you can continue to see your child's achievement against the national average for the year.

## How does NAPLAN help my child?

NAPLAN allows parents and carers to see how their child has performed in literacy and numeracy against national standards. Your child's achievement can be compared to the national average of all students in the same year and against the proficiency levels.

Results can help parents, carers and students to discuss individual student progress with teachers.

## What impact will the results have on my child's future?

NAPLAN results provide important information about literacy and numeracy skills that your child is learning through their school curriculum. The results complement other assessments your child does at school, providing you and your child's teachers with an understanding of your child's achievements at the time of the tests. The information can be used to support your child to reach their full potential.

Some schools may ask for NAPLAN reports, in addition to school reports, as part of their admissions process. NAPLAN is not designed to be a school admission test; however, results may be useful for informing a new school of a student's learning needs.

## How does NAPLAN help my child's school?

NAPLAN is the only national assessment that all Australian children undertake. It helps:

- teachers to better identify students who need greater challenges or extra support
- schools to identify strengths and areas of need in teaching programs
- schools to set goals in literacy and numeracy
- school systems to review programs and support offered to schools.

NAPLAN also provides nationally comparable data to help governments evaluate how education programs are working and whether students are meeting important literacy and numeracy standards.

## Who else will see the results?

Each year, test administration authorities provide schools with results for all students who sit NAPLAN. Schools are encouraged to use the results to inform their planning for improvement across the school.

Individual student reports are confidential. No-one but your local test administration authority and staff at your child's school will see your child's report.

Average school results are publicly reported on My School at [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au). The website will be updated with each year's results towards the end of the year. Your child's individual results are not available on My School.

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# NAIDOC EVENT

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**PIMPAMA**  
STATE SECONDARY COLLEGE

  
**PIMPAMA STATE**  
PRIMARY COLLEGE

13 June | 6:00pm-7:30pm

GAINSBOROUGH STATE SCHOOL

180-200 YAWALPAH ROAD, PIMPAMA QUEENSLAND 4209

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PIMPAMA-SCHOOLS-NAIDOC-2023-TICKETS-  
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