



# Kirkton Public School

## Newsletter

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Term 3, Week 6

Achieve With Pride

30th August, 2018

Hi Everyone!

We were spoilt with beautiful weather for our two excursions. The students found it hard to choose just one highlight. We were proud of our students who displayed our Kirkton values at each event.

A huge thank you to Sandra and Jeremy for coming with us to the 4/5/6 excursion. Your help was valued and appreciated.

We would also like to send congratulations to Joey and Paul Chirgwin who were married on Saturday 18th August. We hope you enjoyed your day.

Good luck to Miguel and Wyatt who will compete in the next stage of the Spelling Bee at Greta PS next Thursday.

Finally we wish our dad's a very happy Father's day on Sunday. We hope you are spoilt and are able to spend time with your precious family.

### Calendar of Events

#### **Week 6**

Friday 31st August

Father's Day stall

#### **Week 7**

Thursday 6th August

Spelling Bee final

Friday 7th August

Assembly 4/5/6 hosting

#### **Week 8**

Monday 10th September

Branxton Community tea with Governor of NSW visit.

#### **Week 9**

Tuesday 18th September

Reward day to Glendale sports centre.

Wednesday 19th September

Talk Like A Pirate Day

Friday 21st September

Assembly K/1/2/3 hosting

#### **Week 10**

Thursday 27th September

Footy Colours Day



### **Fathers Day Stall**

**When:** Friday 31st August 9am

**What:** Gifts for \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 & \$5 organised in tables.

**How:** Students bring money on the day of the stall.



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## NAPLAN School readiness test

The NAPLAN Online school readiness test period is 20 August – 7 September 2018. We will participate in this next week.

The readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools and is an important opportunity for us to prepare for the transition to NAPLAN online.

The school readiness test gives schools the opportunity to:

- check devices & meet new technical specifications
- download the latest version of the locked down browser
- practice the test administration processes, particularly around managing device issues, assigning disability adjustment codes (DACs) and managing disruptions during a test session.

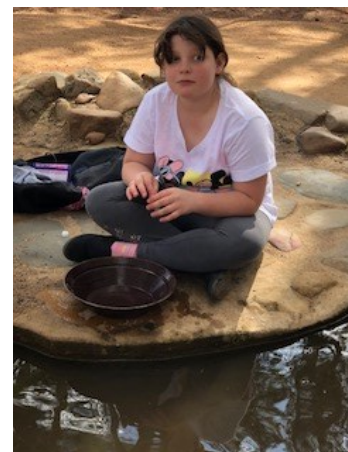
***We ask that in order to help us test the equipment that students bring in headphones for their own use next week.***

An information sheet for parents is attached to this newsletter.

## Reward Day

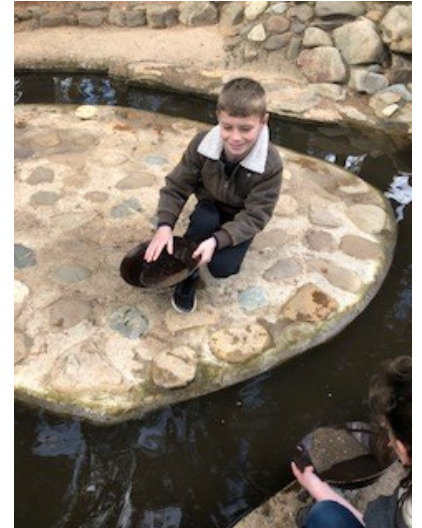
Tuesday 18th September is the date that our reward day is being held after the children's joint effort to reach 50 points in the playground for positive and inclusive behaviour.

Students will be off to Glendale sports centre to participate in a gymnastics fun session. Permission notes will be distributed next week.



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# 4/5/6 excursion



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## Enrolments for 2019

Kirkton Public School is now accepting Expressions of Interest for enrolling children at our school. If you, or your family and friends have children eligible for enrolment in school next year please contact the school as soon as possible to ensure their name is recorded.

Please be aware that High Schools have an intake zone. Regardless of the primary school your son or daughter attended, non-local students can only be considered for enrolment at a high school if spaces are available.

## Kindergarten 2019 Orientation

We are now taking kindergarten enrolments and have set the dates for our Kindergarten Orientation. The dates are as follows:

Introductory afternoon: Thursday 13th September 2pm-3pm

Parent information session: Thursday 18th October 9.30am

Kindergarten orientation familiarisation sessions: 10-11.30am Thursday 18th October.

10-11.30am Thursday 25th October

10-11.30am Thursday 1st November

10-11.30am Thursday 8th November

10-11.30am Thursday 15th November

Please help us to spread the word!

## Entertainment Books

One of the Year 6 fundraisers for 2018 is selling the entertainment books. Cost of book is \$65, from that we receive \$13.00 per book towards our school. You can purchase a hard copy or digital copy of the book unlocking over \$20 000 worth of value to you and your family. The entertainment books are available for purchase Australia wide by sharing the link every purchase counts for our school. If you would like to have a look at a book please send me through your name and address which will give you an obligation free look to see if you would like to purchase the book, show your friends and family to see if they would like one then you can either return it for no cost to you or purchase and keep it.



**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday-Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm



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# NAPLAN Online fact sheet for parents and carers

In 2018 schools across Australia started the move from pencil and paper to online testing. The move to NAPLAN Online brings new benefits for teachers and students.

## Why are schools moving to NAPLAN Online?

Significant planning, research and trialling has been ongoing since 2012 to support the move to NAPLAN Online. Online testing creates new opportunities for teachers and students that are not possible with pencil and paper tests.

## What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

- NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.
- Most students find online assessment more engaging.
- NAPLAN Online will use tailored testing, which gives students questions better suited to their ability, resulting in more detailed individual assessment.
- By 2020, your child's results will be returned within weeks of the NAPLAN test, as opposed to months.
- The precision and improved timing of the results will help teachers streamline their teaching more specifically to student needs.

## School Readiness Test

NSW schools intending to transition to NAPLAN Online in 2019 will participate in a school readiness test between 20 August and 7 September.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to participate in a trial NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability but will allow schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN online test format and processes.
- check they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online.
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 & 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN

online test.

The NAPLAN Online website provides more information about the school readiness test:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/nsw-transition-approach/readiness-activities>

More information about the NSW transition approach to NAPLAN Online, including answers to frequently asked questions, can be found on the NSW Department of Education NAPLAN Online website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online>

Parents wanting to familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN Online platform can visit ACARA's demonstration site, which includes sample online mini-tests for each NAPLAN year: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

General questions around the NSW Department of Education's approach to the move to NAPLAN Online can be addressed to the NAPLAN Online transition team: [NAPLANOnline@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:NAPLANOnline@det.nsw.edu.au)



## Frequently asked questions

### When will NSW schools transition to NAPLAN Online?

In 2018, around 550 NSW schools transitioned to NAPLAN Online. Education ministers have agreed to full participation in NAPLAN Online by 2020.

### Is NAPLAN Online compulsory?

NAPLAN Online will replace the current pencil and paper NAPLAN tests. When schools have transitioned to NAPLAN Online, all eligible students in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 must participate, unless they are exempt or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing by parents or carers.

### Will the Year 3 writing test be online?

No. At this stage, the Year 3 writing test will continue to be paper-based. All other Year 3 NAPLAN tests (numeracy, reading and language conventions) will be online.

Education ministers have requested more research about the benefits or disadvantages for Year 3 students composing text in an online environment before any future decision is made.

### What is tailored testing?

NAPLAN Online uses tailored testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level. This allows students to better demonstrate their knowledge and provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance. More information about tailored testing can be found on the NAPLAN Online website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/whats-changing/tailored-tests>

### How will NAPLAN Online tests be marked?

Automated marking is currently used in the pencil and paper NAPLAN test to mark numeracy, reading and conventions of language and will remain in use for NAPLAN Online.

Trained markers will mark student writing as is currently the case with pencil and paper tests. Automated essay scoring will not be used to mark NAPLAN Online writing tests.

### Will students' personal information be safe?

Yes. Information about your child is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained. The NAPLAN Online platform has been built with state-of-the-art security features that comply with national data security policies and data encryption standards.

### How will parents receive their child's NAPLAN Online results?

Printed individual student reports will be sent to parents and carers by the NSW Education Standards Authority, as they currently are with pencil and paper NAPLAN tests. Once all NSW schools have transitioned to NAPLAN Online, all individual student reports will be returned to parents within weeks of the completion of the NAPLAN test window.

### What if my child's school is not participating in NAPLAN Online in 2018?

Pencil and paper tests will be undertaken by schools that are not moving to NAPLAN Online in 2018. These will take place at the same time as NAPLAN Online, but within the current paper-based test window period of three days, as opposed to nine days for NAPLAN Online.

NAPLAN paper-based and online tests assess the same skills in literacy and numeracy taught through Australian curriculum content. Whether they complete the pencil and paper or online test, students will answer the same number of test questions and their results will be measured and reported against the one NAPLAN assessment scale.

### Will NAPLAN Online be accessible to students with disability?

Yes, for most students. The accessibility adjustments provided in NAPLAN Online for students with disability will be equivalent to what is currently provided in pencil and paper NAPLAN tests in most instances.

ACARA will provide new adjustments for NAPLAN Online, such as alternative items for students with visual, hearing or motor disabilities. Students requiring braille, or print larger than what the NAPLAN Online platform or assistive technology can provide, will sit pencil and paper tests.

### Do students need headphones or earphones to complete NAPLAN Online?

Yes. Headphones or earphones are required for each student to complete NAPLAN Online, as some questions include audio. For example, the spelling test includes audio delivery of words that students are required to type in.

Schools will be responsible for ensuring that all students have the appropriate headphones or earphones to complete NAPLAN Online.

### Can students use their own devices to complete NAPLAN Online?

Yes, however it will be at the discretion of the individual school. Each device will require the installation of a locked down browser application, which prevents students from accessing unauthorised websites, applications and spellcheck features.

The ACARA website has more information on technical requirements for NAPLAN Online: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/technical-requirements>

### What happens if a computer experiences issues during a test session?

No student is disadvantaged if their device stops working during the NAPLAN Online test. In the case of interruptions, tests can be paused and resumed as required with no time lost. If a device stops working, all responses will be saved, and the student can complete their test in a rescheduled test session.

### Who is responsible for administering the NAPLAN tests?

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) is the test administration authority responsible for the administration and delivery of NAPLAN tests in NSW, including pencil and paper test and NAPLAN Online.

### Who is ACARA?

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is an independent statutory authority responsible for the development of national curriculum, and the administration of national assessments and associated reporting on schooling in Australia.





# Enrolling now for 2019

## Kirkton Public School

At Kirkton Public School we are excited to offer a range of academic, sporting, cultural and social opportunities for students, including:

- L3 Learning environment
- Premiers Reading Challenge
- Debating and Public Speaking
- Premiers Sporting Challenge
- School swimming program
- Soccer and Netball competitions
- NAIDOC Celebrations
- Small class sizes.....just to name a few.

We invite you to contact our school now to register your interest for 2019. We have vacancies in all years across Kindergarten to Year 6.

Please see below our **Kindergarten Orientation Program** dates, beginning in Term 3.

***Introductory afternoon:*** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2-3pm

Term 4 sessions:

Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30-11.30 (includes parent information session)
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00-11.30
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> November	10.00-11.30
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00-11.30
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00-11.30

Call our school office for further details. 65747152

**Our Kirkton community looks forward to meeting  
you soon.**



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# HOW TO PAY THE KIRKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL INVOICES

1. Log into the school website: [www.kirkton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.kirkton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)



2. Click on **MAKE A PAYMENT** button

3. This will take you to the Westpac Site:

## Payment Details

Fields marked with an asterisk ( \* ) are mandatory.

The process for making a payment is as follows:

1. Fill out all the required fields on this page.
2. Fill out credit card payment details on the next page.
3. Review and confirm your payment details on the confirmation page.
4. Review your payment receipt and optionally print it, or send it as an email.

### Student Details

Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement issued by the school it will be to the left of the student's name.

\* Given Name

\* Surname

Class or Year

Ref. or Invoice Number

This number may be on the top of the invoice or statement issued by the school. It may have the heading Ref.

\* Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

e.g. 31/01/1985

Required if only one of 'Class or Year' or 'Invoice Number' are filled.

### Payer Details

\* Full Name

\* Contact Phone Number

**NOTE: Only the Fields marked with a GREEN \* (asterisk) have to be completed.**

Please complete the following fields:



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Given Name ( students first name)  
Surname ( student's surname)  
Class or Year ( students class name)  
Date of Birth ( students DOB)  
Payer Details – all the fields  
Payment Options – please choose the relevant box

Click Next

You will then see the following:

### Payment Options

Please select which items you would like to make a payment or donation for:

- ☐ Voluntary School Contributions  
☐ Subject Contributions  
☒ Excursions

\* Payment Description 1

\* Payment Amount 1

Add Payment

- ☐ Sport  
☐ Creative and Practical Arts  
☐ Sales to Students  
☐ Other

Total Payment Amount

Major Excursion  
\$ 50.00

\$ 50.00

Click **Next** to proceed to the payment page where you can enter credit card details for your payment.

Cancel

Next

**THIS WILL BE THE AMOUNT YOU ARE PAYING.**

- Please complete all the mandatory fields ( fields with **GREEN \***)
- Continue by clicking "NEXT" till the payment is complete
- You should receive an Online Payment Receipt
- Please keep this receipt for further reference if required.
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### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- If you are using a MAC computer please use FIREFOX browser – Westpac does NOT function on the Safari browser.



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