

*Wattle Glen Primary School provides a learning for life environment where engagement, achievement, resilience and wellbeing are prioritised.*

MARCH 14TH, 2023

## NEWSLETTER NO.4

### Term I Dates

#### MARCH

14th/16th/20th/22nd/24th  
Swimming at ELC

15th/16th/17th NAPLAN

21st Harmony Day

28th Collingwood Children's  
Farm P-3 - Cancelled

28th - Come and Play Session  
3 for pre-schoolers 3.45-  
4.30pm

27th/28th/29th CAMP 3-6

#### APRIL

3rd/4th Life Education  
incursion

6th Last day of Term I -  
School Finishes at 2:20pm



Twilight Working Bee  
Save the Date  
May 5th  
(After assembly)

# Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

I hope you had a wonderful long weekend. On Thursday, our grade six students attended their "Leadership Day", along with students from our North East Small Schools Team (NESST). The students took part in team building activities, public speaking skills and brainstormed ideas for a leadership project. After eating pizza for lunch, we listened to Kate Ceberano share her life experiences and give her thoughts on the most important leadership qualities. She was very engaging. I was very proud of our students, whom all reflected our school values throughout the day. On Friday, our staff attended professional learning. We gathered with other NESST staff and in the morning, we listened to a member of the Mathematics Association of Victoria (MAV) talk about different approaches to teaching maths. In the afternoon, we listened to Theresa Sheedy (Psychologist) from Smiling Minds talk about managing stress. Both sessions were valuable. Our Education Support staff attended professional learning, presented by Autism Pathways, about Applied Behavioural Analysis, one of the few evidenced-based treatments that will upskill them to better support and communicate with neurodiverse students.

Swimming commences this week (Tuesday and Thursday) and next week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) at Eltham Leisure Centre. Please remember to name EVERYTHING.

Our grade three and five students will be taking part in NAPLAN this week as well. This is an excellent opportunity for me to see where we need to improve (for instance, this is why our staff are undertaking professional learning on maths). It certainly helps us to set instructional goals (how and what we teach) and it celebrates all of the amazing work we are already providing.

Our onsite lunch order survey has had quite a few families respond already. 87.5% of our respondents said they would use it, and 64.3% said they would use it every week. I will keep the survey ([here](#)) open for another week, then reach out to those who offered to help so we can get things started.

Thank you to all families who returned the camp medical forms. We were able to get the information to Camp Rumbug, so they are ready for our arrival later this month.

Have a wonderful week,

Mel



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## Stars of the Week

Week 6  
P/1 Charlie  
1/2/3 Maya  
3/4/5 Isaac  
5/6 Aaliyah  
and Heath



Week 7  
No assembly

## Learning Showcase

In week 6, Mr Cameron asked Bonnie, Adelaide, Scarlett and Hayley to share what they have been learning in PE and Sam, Blair and Heath to share what they have been learning in STEM.



# Curriculum News

Your March update about our classrooms!

## Upcoming Assessments

- NAPLAN - Writing, Reading, Grammar and Punctuation, Mathematics
- Post and Pre mathematics Assessments - Grade 3-6 Post Place Value, Prep/1 Pre-Test on Place Value

## March Lunch time clubs

Minecraft - Monday,  
Wednesday and Friday  
Outdoor Games (Tennis) -  
Tuesday  
Lego - Thursday

## What's happening

This week we are starting swimming, which aligns beautifully with our Integrated Studies, "Healthy Living- Mind and Body". Not only will our students learn more about swimming techniques, but they will also be learning about water safety.

While we engage in swimming lessons and our classroom timetable is altered, we will continue with writing narratives, expanding sentences, illustrating, labelling, writing sentences about drawings and writing letters and known words.



## Reminders

### Organisation Preparation

Upper School- parents please sign your child's diary each week to stay up to date with their home reading and homework. This is also good preparation for keeping your child accountable for their own organisation skills and it encourages good study habits.

### Sunsmart!

Please remind your child to wear their hat in term one, hats can be purchased via QKR, or at the school office (limited stock).



Dear Parents,

At Wattle Glen Primary School we are beginning to develop our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). A RAP is a formal commitment to reconciliation and is developed through the work of people in our community. This document details how our school will implement reconciliation by strengthening relationships, respect and opportunities in the classroom and around our school.

To form our RAP document, we need to arrange a RAP Working Party which will include Melanie McLennan, Kira Elliott and parent volunteers. If you wish to be a part of our RAP Working Party, please contact Kira Elliott via email by the 14th of March ([kira.elliott@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kira.elliott@education.vic.gov.au)). We look forward to hearing from you all and to strengthening our journey in reconciliation at Wattle Glen.

Regards,

Kira Elliott







# THE BRIGHTEST DAY AT SCHOOL!

## GET YOUR COLOUR ON, WATTLE GLEN PS IS HOSTING A COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN!

Colour Explosion Fun Run Fun will be on Thursday 11th May.  
Bigger and better with Monsta Mania Inflatables!!

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Explosion Fun Run, students can order prizes based on their donations received.

Students will receive a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au).



### Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

**Online Golden Coins** - complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.

**Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes** - achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.

**\$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree** for one organisation's highest fundraising student - it could be you!

**A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle** - see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For more information, please contact  
Meredith Fell via email:  
[meredith.fell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:meredith.fell@education.vic.gov.au)  
or phone 9438 1259

Happy fundraising!







Wattle Glen  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Come and play the Wattle Glen way!

Wattle Glen Primary School invites all children starting school in 2024 to three afterschool play dates in term one!



**Session One:**  
**February 16th**  
**3:45pm- 4:30pm**

**Session Two:**  
**March 8th**  
**3:45pm- 4:30pm**

**Session Three:**  
**March 28th**  
**3:45pm- 4:30pm**

This is a great opportunity to see Wattle Glen Primary School, meet the friendly staff and form new friendships.

All sessions are supervised by current staff members.

**Call or email the office to enrol in these exciting sessions.**



wattle.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au



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# NAPLAN Information for parents and carers

## 2023

### Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

### Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

### What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).

### Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), or our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

## What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

## What if my school is closed on NAPLAN days?

Schools with compelling reasons may be given permission to schedule tests after the 9-day test window.

## What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at [nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site](http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site).

## NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 15 March and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023. Schools are advised to schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

## How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. This scale indicates whether the student is meeting expectations for the literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

## How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at [myschool.edu.au](http://myschool.edu.au).

## Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

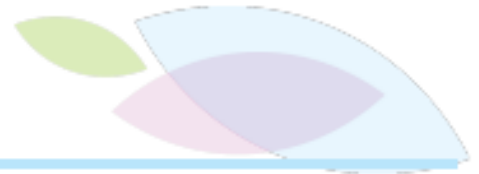
- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at [nap.edu.au/TAA](http://nap.edu.au/TAA)
- visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy](http://nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy).

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only)</li><li>• Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations)</li></ul>	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be completed after the writing test</li><li>• To be completed before the conventions of language test</li></ul>	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be completed after the reading test</li></ul>	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be completed after the conventions of language test</li></ul>	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability



# Tuning in to Kids™



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Through this practical six session emotional coaching parenting program, delivered across six weeks and hosted by Family Support Worker Joan Lauricella, you will learn positive parenting strategies.

Tuning in to Kids™ program is suitable for parents of children aged 9 years and under.

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- Help your child learn to manage their emotions
- Prevent behaviour problems with your child
- Help your child deal with conflict

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**When:** Wednesdays - 22 February, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 March 23

**Time:** 9.30am to 11.30am

**Where:** healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

**Cost:** \$120 per adult, \$60 concession and \$180 per couple

**Bookings:** Essential via [trybooking.com/CFNKA](https://trybooking.com/CFNKA)

## For more information

Please contact Joan Lauricella, Family Support Worker at [joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au](mailto:joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au) or phone **9430 9100**

**Note:** Please note sessions are currently scheduled to occur in person however this may change to online sessions if Coronavirus restrictions change. Participants will be notified if this occurs.

**Phone:** (03) 9430 9100 | **Email:** [contact@healthability.org.au](mailto:contact@healthability.org.au)

**Box Hill:** 43 Carrington Road, Box Hill, VIC 3128

**Eltham:** 917 Main Road, Eltham, VIC 3095



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# Newsletter



**March 20-24**

For your chance to compete, book into Your OSHC at no additional cost to your session fee.

## A message from your Coordinator

Dear Parents, teachers, and community

Camp Australia is once again bringing back the Handball competition for all to compete in. Handball is a fun and exciting activity, and I will be encouraging the children to get involved. The competition begins next week (20-24th) of March. There is no need to register or to purchase any equipment as this is provided. There is information about this in the OSHC room or ask me if you have any questions.

Thank you Elizabeth Brook OSHC coordinator.



### Activities coming up

- Scoreboard creation
- Pompom decorations
- Sign decorating



### What's on the menu

- Pancakes
- Fruit skewers
- Scones



Blog

### Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

### It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.







# Community Announcements

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**Saturday April 8 9.30am - 5pm**  
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# OPEN FARM DAY

*Farming on the Fringe*

**Saturday 18 March**  
**10am-4pm**  
Edendale Farm  
30 Gastons Road Eitham

**Free Family Event**

Farms and businesses across the region will be on site showcasing their products and services.

**On the day you can:**

- Meet local farmers, sample and purchase produce
- Meet farm animals
- Enjoy entertainment on the day including face painting and live music.

For an overview of the day's workshops and activities and a list of businesses and organisations involved on the day visit:  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/open-farm-day](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/open-farm-day)

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