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Hello parents and students

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be taking part in the NAPLAN online tests during May. The tests will be scheduled to take place during the test window from Tuesday 12 May to Friday 22 May 2020.

Students will be assessed on reading comprehension, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and mathematical word problems.

Students can become familiar with how the online NAPLAN tests function by going to the following site: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>



Students will also take part in practice tests during the practice test window of 23 March to 9 April.

NAPLAN tests students' skills that develop and improve over time. These are skills that should be continuously developed throughout the year and not just in the lead-up to NAPLAN.

The best way to get your child ready for NAPLAN is to continue to develop literacy and numeracy skills. Your child's teacher will be able to give you advice on how to help encourage development of these skills at home. Below are links to Australian education resources that are tailored specifically to parents looking for information and support on literacy and numeracy development in children. <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

There are also resources at these following sites:

Literacy and numeracy

- [Literacy and numeracy parent resources](#) (Department of Education and Training, Victoria)
- [Literacy and numeracy - parent resources](#) (Department of Education, Queensland)
- [National literacy and numeracy week in NSW](#) (Department of Education, NSW)
- [Resources for parents](#) (Department of Education, Western Australia)

Many thanks go to our dedicated teachers. Extra-curricular activities that are available to students include homework club, games club, visiting the library at lunchtimes, dance groups, choir, environment club and the outdoor reading club.

It is very important that every student arrives on time for school and attends every day that school is open except if he/she is unwell. Educational neglect occurs when a parent allows a child to be habitually late or to be habitually absent from school. Educational neglect has a serious impact on children. When students are regularly absent or late to school they are more likely to:

- be socially isolated and lack skills in forming friendships
- be at risk of harm during times of absence
- have gaps in their knowledge and understanding of basic concepts that may limit future employment options
- be more likely to leave school at a

younger age

- be at greater risk of entering the juvenile justice system
 - be at a greater risk due to wellbeing and possible child protection issues
- Please make sure your child is at school on time every day unless he/she is unwell.

Belmore North Public School is a "uniform" school. If a student is going to attend an excursion he/she must be in full correct school uniform. One of our over-arching school values is *Be respectful*. Being respectful includes respecting the school's uniform code.

The internet can be a wonderful 21st Century tool that allows us to easily find information and communicate with others around the world. However, it is also very easy for students with access to the internet at home to find inappropriate material. Please ensure that when your child is using an iPad, phone or computer that you are closely supervising what they are accessing.

In the third week of Term 3 we will be combining Education Week activities with our multicultural celebrations. If there are any parents or carers who would like to tutor a group to perform at the multicultural concert, please contact the school and leave your details.

Schools are being extremely well supported in relation to information and guidance about the Coronavirus. Principals receive regular updates about travel advisory information and which groups of returning travellers from overseas are required to undergo self-isolation for 14 days. Washing your hands regularly, covering your cough and keeping your hands away from your face, are simple

The department has also issued the following advice for schools:

- All major Arts, Sports and Initiative activities and events will temporarily be ceased until further notice. This includes whole school sporting events and inter-school events involving three or more schools
- Local inter-school sport and other activities can proceed, but we ask organisers to ensure that as best as possible, reasonable precautions are taken.
- All school excursions outside of your school's local community should be cancelled until further notice.
- Avoid assemblies from Monday 16 March 2020; we are asking schools to look at alternative ways to communicate with students and parents other than through school assemblies.

Based on the department's advice, the school is postponing or cancelling until further notice, the following events:

- K-2 Excursion- postponed
- Parent/Teacher meeting night- postponed
- Easter hat parade and Eggshibition- cancelled
- Cross-country running carnival- postponed
- All assemblies that take place in the hall- cancelled
- NAPLAN parent workshops-postponed
- Playgroup- cancelled

Junior and Senior Dance

Interested and enthusiastic students have been participating in the Junior and Senior Dance program for a number of weeks now. They have been attending lessons for a half of lunch each Tuesday to practise their movement skills.

The Junior Dance Group have been showcasing their energy and excitement as they learn steps to their dance "Move It" with their teacher Mrs Solinas. The Senior Dance Group have been exploring mood, movement and the elements of dance in their piece "Nightmare" with Mrs Jeffrey.

Both dance groups are excited about how their dance moves are coming together. They're very much looking forward to performing for audiences in Semester 2.



The students in K-4M enjoyed making *mindfulness* jars for health. K-4M have been learning how rest, mindfulness and sleep are important actions to look after their health and wellbeing. The students enjoyed making mindfulness jars with Ms Mantilla and Miss Yas. Students added beads, glitter, buttons, googly eyes, stars and pieces of straws into jars and then poured water into the jars. The children enjoyed shaking their jar and seeing how all the pieces moved around in the water. We can see the relaxed or happy smiles on the students' faces.



Sincerely
Janet Burling

Community Corner



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latest news and events

at

Belmore North P.S.



Due to the current climate and concerns around
coronavirus, playgroup will be cancelled until
further notice.

Thank you for your patience.

washing hands regularly

1 Wet hands

2 Apply soap

3 Lather & scrub



4 Rinse hands

5 Turn off tap

6 Dry hands



EFTPOS is now available in the front
office.

For payments of school contribution
fees, excursions and purchase of hats
and library bags.



Term 1—2020 Calendar

Thursday, 19th March— P & C Meeting

Thursday, 9th April— Last day of term 1

Wednesday, 29th April— First day back term 2



You are invited to attend
our next P&C meeting
which will be held on the
evening of **Thursday, 19th
March at 6:30pm** in the

school staff room. The P&C meeting is a
great way to get involved with our school
community, keep up-to-date with what's
happening at ourschool, contribute to your
child's education and make new friends.

