

**Trevallyn Primary School**

**29 March 2018**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Wednesday 4 April**

LSSSA Athletics Carnival.  
St Leonards Athletics Track

### **Wednesday 4 - Thursday 5 April**

Parent Teacher Meetings

### **Friday 6 April**

3-R, 3-D and Grade 3's 3-4C  
Excursion to Launceston Town Hall

### **Monday 9 April**

P-S and P-B Excursion to QVMAG

### **Monday 9 - Tuesday 10 April**

Parent Teacher Meetings

### **Tuesday 10 April**

Whole School assembly - Max Fry Hall - 1:50pm

### **Wednesday 25 April**

Anzac Day Public Holiday

## 2018 TERM DATES

### **Term 1**

Wednesday 7 February - Thursday 12 April

### **Easter Break**

Friday 30 March - Tuesday 3 April

### **Term 2**

Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July

### **Term 3**

Tuesday 24 July - Friday 28 September

### **Term 4**

Monday 15 October - Thursday 20 December

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last Friday was an amazing evening with the 'Taste of Trevallyn' attracting hundreds of people. It was wonderful to see many members of our wider community attend and with delicious food and beverages on offer there was something for everyone. A huge thank you to all who helped organise and run the night, it was a whole community effort and the commitment from all involved was outstanding. Thanks especially to Ange Shipp, Sara Manix-Geeves, Prue Sutton and Alicia Curtis, your tireless efforts ensured the event ran smoothly.

Early next term, students in Grade 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy). The scheduled dates for the tests in 2018 are Tuesday 15 May, Wednesday 16 May and Thursday 17 May. Each year all students in years 3, 5, 7, and 9 participate in the common national tests which assess Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The best way you can assist your child is by helping them to feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests and assure them that the tests will give them the opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

If you have any questions or require additional information please refer to the Naplan information sheet included in Topics or visit the national NAPLAN website at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html> or contact Ms Jane Hudson via email - [jane.r.hudson@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:jane.r.hudson@education.tas.gov.au).

As today is my last day at Trevallyn I would like thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. I begin my new position at West Launceston on Wednesday 4 April. Both Ms Jane Hudson and Mrs Amanda Bird will be Acting Co-Principals until Mrs Annette Hollingsworth returns from leave on Monday 30 April.

Finally this week I wish all students a safe and happy Easter break and hope families get a chance to have some time together.



**Mrs Rachel Brown**



## PRIMARY CLASS AWARDS - TUESDAY 27 MARCH

3-D Millie S and Ruby M

3-R Tyson S and Sarah S

3-4-C Katie H and Xanda W

4-JM Hallie W and Reuben O

4-R Sora S and Zac A

5-B Max M and Ben E

5-P Hannah A and Alexandra M

6-P Seth H and Sienna N

6-SR Katherine C and Ruby R

***Congratulations to all the students above***

## LEARNING ABOUT NUMBERS IN THE EARLY YEARS OF SCHOOL

Learning numbers is arguably the most important strand of Mathematics, as an understanding of number underpins all mathematics through the rest of school and throughout life. For this reason, developing strong understanding of the number system is a priority in the early years of learning.

During the next few weeks we will look at early counting skills and learning place value.

**It doesn't matter what order objects are counted in, the answer will be the same.**

Teachers call this the order-irrelevance principle. It means that it doesn't matter how you count a group of objects, you will always get the same number for the same group. It sounds obvious to adults, but young children may not yet have developed the understanding and it is a difficult one for young children to develop. Children need to learn that it doesn't matter where in a group you start counting from, for example, from left to right or from right to left, the number in the group will always stay the same. It also doesn't matter if you count a group of objects and then re-order them the group will still have the same number of objects. This is a normal developmental stage and one that all children go through.

Activities you can do with your child:

- Lay out a number of objects such as coins or counters in a small group. Have your child count them. Rearrange them and have your child count them again – children will see for themselves that the number of objects doesn't change.
- Have your child count the same group of objects starting at different points and counting in different directions.
- Provide lots of opportunities to count items and then recount in multiple formats.

When children understand the principle, they won't need to count again, they will be able to tell you without re-counting. They will "trust the count".

## TASMANIAN BRICK ENTHUSIASTS - LEGO COMPETITION



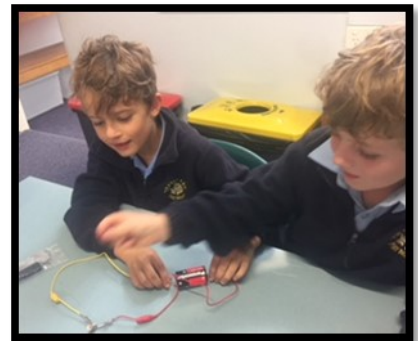


## STEM – SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS

Some budding scientists from Prep have been having fun learning about the weather with Ms Stevenson. They tested out ways to make a tornado.



Engineers in Grade 2 have been tinkering around with circuits. What amazing problem-solvers they are!



## UNSW GLOBAL AUS 2018 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) REGISTRATION FORM

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)*.



ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.






To enrol your child in ICAS, please collect a registration form from the school office, complete the form and return it with your entry fees to the school by **Wednesday 11 April**.





For more information about ICAS go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au), contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to [info@eaa.unsw.edu.au](mailto:info@eaa.unsw.edu.au)

# Abacus - April 2018

## Vacation Care Program

The times listed below are excursions: they indicate when the bus is scheduled to leave Trevallyn Primary School and when the bus is scheduled to return to the school. Booking forms available at the school office.

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Glengarry Maze</b>    <b>GET LOST !.....</b> Try your best to get lost and found in one of Tasmania's beautiful mazes. Enjoy their games and challenges too.  9.45 - 1.15  Glengarry	<b>Big Bang Theory Science Day</b>    Time to get curious! We will be experimenting with all different types of science. Will you be the next 'Nutty Professor'?  9.45 - 1.15  Trevallyn	<b>Sliders Tube Park and Heritage Forest</b>    Feel the need for speed with a trip to Sliders. We will also be spending some time at Heritage Park to play and have some lunch.  9.45 - 1.15  Mowbray	<b>Abacus Commonwealth Games</b>    Today we are having our very own Commonwealth Games. We have a combination of traditional and not so traditional games in store for you.  Trevallyn	<b>Circus Skills</b>    ROLL UP, ROLL UP The circus is in town. What special skills will you learn today. In the afternoon we will put on a show with all the skills we have learnt.  Trevallyn

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Sensory Fun Day</b>    Today we will be experimenting with our senses - sight, hearing, smell, Taste and touch.  Trevallyn	<b>Mac Attack</b>    Today we will be doing some non-traditional recreation games such as mind & body & team based games. In the afternoon We will be making ANZAAC biscuits.  Trevallyn	<b>Abacus Closed for ANZAC DAY</b>    Abacus Closed	<b>Trowunna Wildlife Park</b>    Get up close and Personal with Tasmania's cutest And cuddliest (and Some not so cuddly). Then off to the Deloraine Park for A play. 9.30 - 4.30  Mole Creek	<b>PJ and Movie Day</b>  Pizzas Popcorn Pyjamas Pirates Puzzles Pac Man  Trevallyn

# NAPLAN on paper – information for parents and carers

**NAPLAN**  
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
Literacy and Numeracy

**2018**

## Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

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

## What will be tested?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, see example questions at [nap.edu.au/naplanexample](http://nap.edu.au/naplanexample)

## How can I help my child prepare for NAPLAN?

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. 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 the use of services by coaching providers or excessive preparation. NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

## Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN tests.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

## Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

Your child will sit the NAPLAN paper tests in 2018.

However, children in some other schools across Australia may sit the NAPLAN online tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online over the next two to three years. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are presented with questions that test the same range of difficulty, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats will be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale.

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

## What if my child is absent from school on test 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 testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 18 May 2018.

## NAPLAN 2018 tests timetable

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes ..... writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes ..... writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes ..... writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes ..... writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes

## How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your school.

## How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at [myschool.edu.au](https://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](https://nap.edu.au/TAA)
- visit [nap.edu.au](https://nap.edu.au)

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN will be handled by ACARA, please visit [nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy](https://nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy)



## ENTERTAINMENT FUNDRAISER

The Entertainment Fundraiser is one of our favourites at Trevallyn Primary School. Last year we raised over \$1600.00 – this year we want to do even better. The Memberships sell for \$65 and the school receives \$13 for every book sold.

By purchasing a 2018/19 Entertainment Membership you'll be supporting your School and saving BIG on:

- Dining • Shopping • Travel • Attractions and activities

In addition to having more than \$20,000 worth of value, pre-order your Entertainment Membership before 30 April 2018 and receive over \$120.00 worth of savings to start using straight away!

To order your Book or your Digital membership securely online visit: <http://www.entbook.com.au/240m587>. Books will arrive at the school office after 14 May.

**Available Now!**

Enjoy thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers

40+ Contemporary Dining Offers!	\$45 value	\$40 value	\$40 value	\$50 value	\$55 value	\$35 value and many more...
100+ Casual Dining Offers!	\$30 value	\$20 value	\$35 value	\$30 value	\$25 value	\$20 value and many more...
115+ Takeaway and Attraction Offers!	25% off	2 for 1	25% off	2 for 1	25% off	2 for 1 and many more...
2,000+ Retail and Travel Offers!						and many more...

Up to 50% off Retail, Travel, Leisure and Accommodation

## TREVALLYN 5/6 SPORT

**Friday 6 April 2018**

T20 Cricket vs West L'ton @ Ravenswood with Mr Partridge

Touch Football vs Youngtown @ Youngtown with Mrs Bransden

Tball vs Invermay @ Trevallyn with Ms Stevenson

Speedball vs Riverside @ Trevallyn with Mr Ralph

Orienteering @ City Park event with Mrs Price

## TASTE OF TREVALLYN

The Taste of Trevallyn's success relies on the input, efforts and suggestions of the school community. We would love to hear your feedback on this year's Taste. Please share your thoughts in this 1 minute survey.

<https://goo.gl/forms/nOdSwjCDx2nlfo9G3>

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Friday 23 March, the Student Leaders registered our school for Clean Up Australia Day in the school category. We had lots of classes join us and help clean up Trevallyn Primary School and the surrounding community. The Student Leaders analysed some of the rubbish collected and are going to come up with some solutions to further reduce waste. We will keep you informed of our ideas and proposals.



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