



# THARBOGANG TIMES

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Week 2 Term 2 2019

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## Upcoming Events

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
School Assembly

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
NAPLAN –  
Language Convention

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
May**  
NAPLAN – Reading

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
NAPLAN –  
Numeracy

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
NAPLAN catch-up

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Cancer Council  
Biggest Morning Tea  
11am-12noon  
Tharbogang PS

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Mortimer Shield for  
nominated students

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
Zone Cross Country  
Lake Wyangan  
Years 3-6

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May**  
Life Education Van

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
School Assembly

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
Visit to BUPA Yrs. 3-  
6

2-3pm

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
Public Holiday

## Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone. Students and staff have returned very relaxed and refreshed, ready for another busy term of learning. A reminder for any students arriving late or being picked up early from school: it is important to visit the school office to have your child signed in and out and ensure that accurate attendance records are maintained. I understand that we are often busy but your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated. It is also important to provide an explanation, either in writing, via Skoolbag or verbally from parents (NOT the student) for any absences. Otherwise the absence must be marked as unexplained.

## ANZAC Day Parade

Thank you to all students who turned up to march with Tharbogang PS in the Anzac Day parade. We had a terrific rollup, which was even more impressive as ANZAC Day was at the end of the school holidays. I was so proud of each and every one of them and the way they represented our school with such pride.





### **Merit Awards**

Congratulations to all students who have received merit awards this week.



**Front:** Benjamin Savage, Darby Robertson, Zoya Amani, Lensovior Leung Wai

**Back:** Ava Sillis, Sophie Smart, Malua Paolo

### **NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) during week 3. They will be completing NAPLAN online for the first time. An Information Sheet for Parents and Carers is attached to this newsletter. Please make every effort to ensure all students in year 3 and 5 are present on the following dates (Don't make appointments then!)

**Tuesday 14 May-** Writing & Language Conventions

**Wednesday 15 May-** Reading

**Thursday 16 May -** Numeracy

**Friday 17 May –** Catch Up



### **Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

Tharbogang PS is hosting a Biggest Morning Tea at school on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May from 11am-12noon. Could families please assist by donating a plate of food for this fundraiser? Everyone is most welcome to join us so please spread the word to the wider community. All your family and friends are encouraged to come along and help raise much needed funds for this great cause. No

matter how big or small our morning tea is, remember every dollar raised helps support those impacted by cancer. The more the merrier. For a gold coin donation, students will get a milo and something to eat.



Keep Smiling and Be Happy,

*Cheryle*

### **Quote of the Week**

**"Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better."**

**– Pat Riley**

**Student Representative Council:** On Wednesday, the SRC will commence their Term 2 fund raising. This Term's fund raiser will be the 100 club. Tickets will be sold every Wednesday for 50c. A winner will be drawn and will receive a gift.

## **P&C News**

**Next meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the school Library.**

Everyone is encouraged to attend to support the school and its students.

**Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Working Bee on Sunday.**

The P&C are seeking more parent volunteers to help with picking up student Friday lunch orders from Murrumbidgee Regional HS and delivering them to Tharbogang PS.

### **WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

This year's Earn & Learn has commenced . Attached is a sticker sheet, please collect as many stickers as you can & return to the school. We have a target of 6,000 points which will enable us to order anything from sporting gear to science kits.

Happy Collecting!

# NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



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## Why do students do NAPLAN?

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, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

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

NAPLAN also provides 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 is assessed?

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.

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills.

There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

## How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is 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. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

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

In 2019, your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests. However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

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# Tharbogang Public School Term 2 Planner 2019

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
April/May	1	29 School Development Day – no students	30 First day Term 2 for students	1	2	3	4/5 P & C Working Bee
May	2	6	7 7pm P & C Meeting	8	9	10 2.45pm School Assembly	11/12
May	3	13	14 NAPLAN-Writing & Language conventions	15 NAPLAN-Reading	16 NAPLAN-Numeracy	17	18/19
May	4	20	21	22 11- 12 Australias Biggest Morning Tea	23 Mortimer Shield School Debating	24 Zone Cross Country	25/26
May/June	5	27 Life Education Van	28 2-3pm Visit to BUPA by 3-6	29	30	31 2.45pm School Assembly	1/2
June	6	3	4	5	6	7	8/9
June.	7	10 Queen's Birthday	11 2-3pm Visit to BUPA by 3-6	12	13	14	15/16
June	8	17	18	19	20	21 2.45pm School Assembly	22/23
June.	9	24	25 2-3pm Visit to BUPA by 3-6	26	27	28	29/30
July	10	1	2 2-3pm Visit to BUPA by 3-6	3	4 Small Schools Athletics Yrs 3-6	5 End of Term	6/7
July		School Holidays					
		Students return to school on Tuesday 23 July 2019					