

THE UPDATE

A school that values Community, Confidence, Ambition and Respect.

Next week's dates

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: National
Simultaneous Story Time
(Spaced Out)

Thursday:

Friday: Interschool sport v
Our Lady's PS AWAY

Upcoming dates

May

27th May
Open Day
School Tours for prospective
parents 9:15—11am.

School Tour for prospective
parents at 6:30pm

28th May
Interschool Sport—BYE

*See last page for more dates

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Principal's Passage

Mr Patrick Walsh

Flag Pole

An important part of our School Captains and Community Captains' roles is the raising of the flag on the first school day of the week, and then lowering it on the last day of the school week.

We have 3 flag poles, each pole is to have a specific flag. Looking from Main Road from Research Pre-school, the flag pole on the left is to have the Australian flag, the middle pole is to have the Victorian flag, and the pole on the right is to have the Aboriginal flag. We currently have an issue with one of the poles, so we are only flying the Australian flag at the moment. Following the guidelines, we are flying this on the middle pole. You can find out more about our national flag protocols here: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/government/australian-national-flag/australian-national-flag-protocols>





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Principal's Passage (continued)

2021 NAPLAN

We would like to congratulate everyone involved in the smooth running of NAPLAN this year: students in Years 3 to 6, staff and parents. While NAPLAN is an important measure of how each student and the school is doing, it is by no means the only thing that matters. The results (which are not usually available until September) must be used within a balanced overview of where each student is 'at'. If a teacher tells you that your child is 'ahead' in a particular area, this is recorded in your child's report and NAPLAN results indicate this, you can be more confident that your child is indeed 'ahead' in that area.

Many years ago, a very 'bright' academic student in another grade did particularly poorly for him in the Numeracy test. This caused some stress for the parent and teacher. After a few weeks, we were finally given access to his actual answers and he had 'skipped' two lots of eight questions. This was in-fact two double pages of questions, he had turned two pages at a time, instead of one! His score was then presented as 20 out of 40. His real result though, of the questions he had answered, was 20 correct out of 24 answered.

As with all assessment, it must be reviewed in light of the context on the day, the format of the assessments, and an 'on-balance' judgment made.

Working With Children Checks

This is just a reminder that if you would like to help with school activities/events in the future, you must present a current WWCC (volunteer or employee) to the office before you can help out, or have an exemption due to your job (e.g. teachers, police etc). Go to the following website :

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> and apply for a Volunteer WWCC. Volunteer WWCC are free to apply for and are valid for 5 years.

Have a great weekend.

Patrick



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Wednesday 19 th	National Simultaneous Story Time (Spaced Out)
Friday 21 st	Interschool sport v Our Lady's PS AWAY
Thursday 27 th	Open Day for prospective parents 9:15—11am School Tour at 6:30pm (must book)
Friday 28 th	Interschool sport - BYE
Monday 31 st	Years 3-6 Star lab Incursion
June	
Tuesday 1 st	Research Primary School Athletics Day (Years 3-6)
Thursday 3 rd	Collingwood Children's Farm P/1s
Friday 4 th	Interschool sport v Eltham College AWAY
Monday 7 th	School Council (Virtual meeting)
Friday 11 th	Interschool sport v St Thomas AWAY
Monday 14 th	Queen's Birthday
Friday 18 th	Interschool sport v Eltham North PS HOME
Friday 25 th	Term 2 finishes at 2:30pm
July	
Monday 12 th	Term 3 begins
August	
Wednesday 4 th	3/4 Balance Gym starts (weekly for 5 weeks)
Thursday 5 th	1/2 Balance Gym starts (weekly for 5 weeks)
Thursday 5 th	District Athletics Day
Wednesday 11 th	Book Fair begins
Thursday 19 th	Research Primary School 132nd Birthday
September	
Wednesday 1 st	Father's Day Stall
Thursday 9 th	Parent Teacher Interviews (this is an alteration to the school day, where the students attend their interview only)
Friday 17 th	Term 3 finishes at 2:30pm
October	
Monday 4 th	Term 4 begins
Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd	Years 3 – 6 Camp @ Campaspe Downs, Kyneton
November	
Monday 1 st	Curriculum Day – no students at school
Tuesday 2 nd	Melbourne Cup
December	
Friday 17 th	Term 4 ends 1:30pm