Dear Year Three and Five Parents/Guardians

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Years Three and Five students will be held on Tuesday, 14 May 2013, Wednesday, 15 May 2013 and Thursday, 16 May 2013. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCECYDA).

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

If your child has a disability, which needs special consideration or has been learning English for less than one year, you should discuss with your child’s teacher whether or not your child should undertake the test. Large Print and Braille versions are available for students with visual impairment.

Later in the year, you will receive your child’s personal report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national benchmark standards. These benchmarks describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child’s participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child’s progress in Literacy and Numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au.

Regards

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