



Lowanna Public School

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Week 3 Term 2 – Monday 8/5/2017

Dates to remember

Tuesday 9th May: NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5

Wednesday 10th May: NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5

Thursday 11th May: NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5

NAPLAN

"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. On Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May, students will take the 2017 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed



over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential, and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disabilities may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to

them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers.

NAPLAN 2017 test timetable

	Tuesday 9 May 2017	Wednesday 10 May 2017	Thursday 11 May 2017
Y e a r 3	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Y e a r 5	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes
Y e a r 7	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 60 minutes
Y e a r 9	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 60 minutes

Cross Country

Congratulations go to Natalia who was successful last Friday at District Cross Country, and will have the opportunity to compete at Regional level at Grafton.

Mothers Day Stall

Our Year 5 and 6 students will again be running our Mothers Day stall. This will be held on Friday 12th May. Gifts will range in price from \$2 to \$5.

Please support this initiative by bringing any items that would be appropriate gifts for Mother's Day to school with your child. These donations will be sold at the stall on Friday.

Welcome Rachel Glover

We are pleased to welcome Rachel to our school as our cleaner. Rachel was previously working at Nana Glen School, and when Tracey moved to Coffs Harbour and was placed at Karangi as their cleaner, Rachel was very pleased to accept the position at Lowanna.

Sparky and Shady

We enjoyed our first 'Sparky and Shady' lesson last week. As part of the 'Who are You?' lesson, the children met their own personal Sparky and Shady, and designed their imaginary land where Sparky, Shady and themselves flew to.

These designs have been uploaded to Seesaw, and enclosed with this Newsletter is the summary of Chapter 1.



Illustration by Deacon & Patrick

NRL Clinic

As part of our 'Sports in Schools' Program, we enjoyed our first skills development lesson last Friday. This will culminate in an NRL Gala Day at Coramba Sports Ground with all the Orara Valley Schools who are also running NRL clinics on 23rd June. This is exciting, as we will be able to put our skills learnt to good use at the Gala Day.



Coffs Harbour Show

We will have a school display at the Coffs Harbour Show this year. If you intend going to the show, make sure you stop by to admire the children's work.

Class News

The children have settled in well to our new class and classroom – such space! This week we commence our new Project Based Learning unit of work where we will be constructing a musical fence for LOLA. The children are very excited and have some amazing ideas. We will be asking for some parent help once we reach construction stage so be prepared! Many of the children have already been volunteering you! A reminder that Home Reading is a valuable part of your child's learning. The children are responsible for returning and changing their home reading books.

LOLA

We have an abundant supply of lettuce in our garden which the children sample on a daily basis. Parents are most welcome to come and collect lettuce at any time. Our lettuce are the “pick as you go” varieties so benefit from regular picking so please help yourself. The K-3 children spent Friday afternoon in the garden doing some much needed weeding. This week we hope to pick our first “crop” (I think we have 5!) of mandarins and once we have selected our pumpkins for the show display this week pumpkin soup will be on the menu.

Self-belief

To build the social-emotional resilience to successfully negotiate the challenges of schooling, young people require a healthy sense of **self-belief** in their self-worth and value as a person and need to mindfully focus on using their signature and top supporting strengths in their every thought, word and action.

Two of the most effective ways to develop self-belief in themselves to make a positive difference are every day reflect on and write down three good things they are grateful for that happened, why they happened and how

they can make them happen again and look for opportunities to do little positive acts of kindness which build other peoples' state of wellbeing. It's funny that when we try to bring out the best in others, we can't help but bring out the best in ourselves. Do good to feel good, in that order.

Having conversations at home, at school and in the community about these things will enable them to look life in the eye and develop as young citizens with spirit and confidence. While it is perfectly **natural** for them to experience self-doubts and have butterflies, our influence is to get the butterflies flying properly. Act if we notice their self-belief is waning.

“As is our confidence, so is our capacity.”
William Hazlitt

Kind Regards,
Alison Hawken

