From the Principal

It is wonderful to have our smiling, happy students back after what was at times, a cold, windy and stormy school holiday break. All students have come back settled and ready to embrace another term of challenging learning. A big thank you to parents/caregivers who were able to come along to the PIE (Parents In Education) evening that we held in the last week of Term 2. We enjoyed a meal of delicious home made soup, fresh bread and apple pie together.

Parents/caregivers learnt about some of the Natural Maths (Ann Baker) strategies that we are teaching our students and had the opportunity to participate in some of the activities/games our students play to learn the natural maths concepts.

All families were given a free Natural Maths pack to take home with them. The pack included colourful posters of the strategies we use at school, so that families can assist their children with using these at home. Thank you for coming along and strengthening the partnership in learning between school and home.

This term I am very excited about working in the Upper Primary Class three times a week to support students in Numeracy. I will be taking a group of students to work with them on mental routines and problem solving activities related to specific topics. This week we are working on money and fractions.

One page 2 of this week’s newsletter is the Term 3 School Calendar to keep you up to date with planned activities.

In the last newsletter I shared some information about the NAPLAN READINESS online trial that will occur in week 4. Please see the official information from DECD on page 3.

Last Term our school applied for another Sporting In Schools Grant. We were successful in winning a grant of $1300 for Term 3. Our school has decided to put this grant towards using Gecko Sports to run a Physical Education programme with the whole school. This will take place every Friday afternoon in weeks 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this Term.

Next Thursday 4th August, some of our staff and Governing Council members will be attending a presentation on Nature Play at Barmera Primary School. Nature Play SA presenters—Sarah Sutter and Jason Tyndall will be sharing:

- The benefits of play & the principles which underpin the value of play in our children’s lives
- The importance of safe risk taking in children’s development
- What is Nature play and what does it look like
- What can Nature Play be within our school & preschool environment
- How Nature Play can contribute to children’s cognitive development as well promoting positive mental health and wellbeing.

We will also hear the Barmera Kindy’s successful journey into their Nature play program. If you would like to come along, please let us know by next Monday 1st August, so we can send in our RSVP.

Thank you,

Sonya Warren

Great place to GROW
# Moorook Primary School Calendar - 2016 Term 3

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NAPLAN Online – Getting ready for 2017

The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period.

This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child’s teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not a ‘test’ of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

As part of the trial, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a statewide level.

NAPLAN Online – answering your questions

What is NAPLAN online?
NAPLAN online is an initiative of the Australian Government and involves the transition of NAPLAN from pen and paper to a computer-based assessment.

Why is NAPLAN going online?
Moving NAPLAN online allows for better and more varied assessment tasks and a personalised test experience. It also means your child’s results will be more precise and available to you within a couple of weeks, rather than several months.

When is it happening and who is doing it?
The Education Council, comprising state, territory and commonwealth education ministers, has agreed that NAPLAN online will be implemented from 2017 over a 2 to 3 year period.

DECD is encouraging as many schools as possible to move to NAPLAN Online from 2017.

Who is managing the move online?
Education Services Australia (ESA) have been commissioned to develop and trial the platform which will deliver NAPLAN online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will continue to be responsible for all aspects of development of the NAPLAN tests.

In South Australia, DECD is responsible for preparing schools to move online.

What is the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial?
The NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial is a practice run of the NAPLAN online platform. Schools will complete as many test sessions as they need to develop their understanding of the system and their readiness for the 2017 implementation. It is also an opportunity for schools to provide detailed feedback on their experiences and readiness.

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are asked to trial the online system and new question style. As part of this trial all students will log in with an anonymous student code so they cannot be identified.

The trial will involve students completing 2 assessments
- a test for each year level containing sample NAPLAN online questions based on reading, numeracy and convention of languages (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- a separate writing test for each year level.

Across Australia, the test is called the Platform Test Readiness Trial (PTRT).

Why is the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial important?
The trial will provide information about the school’s internet capabilities and confirm that there are sufficient devices to run the test successfully. It will also allow staff to ‘test drive’ the new processes and trial classroom logistics.

What about schools that do not have the necessary bandwidth to undertake online assessment?
The Australian Government is developing a ‘low bandwidth’ solution for schools that are experiencing issues with internet connectivity. This will ensure that all students are also able to experience the online test.

Can students use their own devices?
Yes, many schools have a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy allowing students to use their own computer at school and in most cases these devices will be able to be used. Students will also be able to use their own headphones for the spelling test.
Early Warning!

This year the theme for Bookweek is “Australia! Story Country”. We would like to invite our students (and adults) to dress-up as a favourite book character or dress in an Australian theme. Ideas may include: Swagman, footballer or native animal. We will be having a parade on Thursday 25th August at 9am.

We are all “hard wired” to feel secure. This need for secure relationships is ‘built-in’ to our most important interactions throughout every hour of every day. This 8 session course is ideal for mothers, fathers, significant others, parents to be, grandparents, foster and adoptive parents or anyone that is providing care for children.

This course will cover:
- What your child’s behaviour might mean
- How to help your child organise their feelings
- How to help your child feel secure in their relationships
- How to help your child engage more in play and learning
- How to support you in your role as a parent when times are tough
- How to support your child in managing difficult behaviours: tantrums, attention seeking, clinginess.

When: Tuesdays, 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 August and 6, 13 & 20 September 10.00am - 11.30am
Where: Relationships Australia SA 9 Kay Ave, Berri
Cost: Free
Enquiries: Chelsea or Nicole, phone: 08 8582 4122

COMMUNITY NOTICES & INFO

MOOROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Term 3, Week 1 - Thursday 28th July 2016