



Hallam Happenings

22 February 2024 2024 Term 1 #3
<http://www.hallam-ps.vic.edu.au/>



Hallam Primary School's learning and teaching programs support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to elected government, the rule of law, equal rights for all before the law, freedom of religion, freedom of speech and association and the values of openness and tolerance.
 Hallam Primary School has a zero tolerance approach to child abuse.
We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we work and live, the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

COLOUR FUN RUN-Friday 23 February 2024
 The Colour Run is tomorrow afternoon. **Parents are invited to watch from the top oval behind the kindergarten/BER building. Access is available through the pedestrian entry to the oval opposite the shops.**
 Students will eat a little earlier than usual and have a shorter lunchtime. They will be back in their classrooms at 2:00pm then go out for the Colour Fun Run which commences at 2:15pm.
 The event will finish around 3:15pm. Please note that **students will be dismissed from near their classrooms at the usual time of 3:30pm.** Parents will need to exit via the pedestrian pathway and wait for their children at their usual meeting place.

2024 NAPLAN-March
 Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 are advised to read the 2024 NAPLAN information included further into this newsletter. If you have any queries or concerns, about your child sitting the NAPLAN assess-

ments, please don't hesitate to speak with Ms Jackie Lee, Mr King Tangso or Ms Annie Chhen.

EVENTS AND CONSENTS THROUGH COMPASS
 Thankyou to those parents who have been responding to our events, consents and payments through Compass. Hallam PS has been increasingly implementing these functions over the past two years and we are seeing increasing numbers of parents submitting absence notes, consenting to events, making payments and acknowledging various policy requirements using Compass. The Administration Office is still providing support but we are pleased to see an increasing uptake of this application.
 Parents who are unable to use this app, please don't hesitate to contact the Administration Office for support.

Julie Macfarlane

School council election process and timetable	
Name of the school: HALLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	

Letter	Event	DATE
a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	Friday 16 February 2024
b)	Closing date for nominations	Friday 23 February 2024
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 28 February 2024
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Friday 1 March 2024
e)	Close of ballot	4:00PM Friday 8 March 2024
f)	Vote count	08/03/2024
g)	Declaration of poll	12/03/2024
h)	Special council meeting to co-opt community members (the Principal will preside)	N/A
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the Principal will pre-	21/03/2024

Form 2: notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of *(school name below)*

HALLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on
FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2024

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on *(insert day, month and year)*.

FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2024

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category

Parent member

Term of office

Year

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in

2024

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in

2026

Number of positions:

3

Membership category

School employee member

Term of office

Year

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in

2024

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in

2026

Number of positions:

1

Membership category

Student member

Term of office

Year

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 20

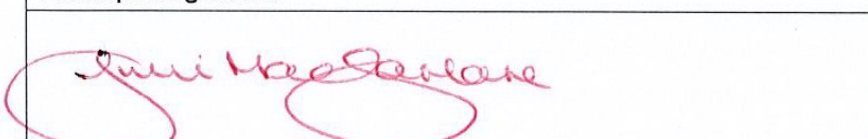
Number of positions:

0

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal signature





Cranbourne East Primary School

is proud to present
a **FREE** community event.

Supporting Resilience in Children

A presentation from two of Australia's most highly regarded Children's Psychologists.

+ an opportunity for Q+A.



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

As seen on the top-rated Morning Show on 3AW with Neil Mitchell



Dr Justin Coulson

As seen on Channel Nine's Parental Guidance



Scan QR code or click the link [HERE](#) for tickets

Thursday 7th March 2024

6.00pm-8:30pm

Location: Cranbourne Community Theatre
Brunt Street, Cranbourne 3977

Join us from 5pm for coffee and an opportunity to meet our local wellbeing supports.

*Please note this is an **adult only** event.*

**For more information please contact:
David Muzyk or Jenni Kelly
PH: 5990 0400**

This event cannot be live streamed



Communities for Children is an initiative supported by the Australian Government



Dear Friends of Eumemmerring Creek,

Clean Up Australia Day is taking place in two weeks on Sunday March the 3rd.

We will be meeting at the end of Lace Street Eumemmerring near the creek at 9:30am, morning tea will be provided.

Key details about our event can be found here: [Clean Up Australia - Eumemmerring Creek Clean Up Day](#).

I hope you can make it to our Clean Up Australia Day Event. Please bring gloves, a bottle of water, a hat and sunscreen. The event will be a great opportunity to collect litter to protect the natural environment.

Thanks for your support of and involvement in the Friends of Eumemmerring Creek.



GLENEAGLES
SECONDARY COLLEGE

OPEN NIGHT

THURSDAY 7 MARCH • 6-7.30pm



A modern learning environment where all students are supported to achieve their very best. We offer a broad range of pathways and a thriving extra-curricular program focusing on: sport, visual arts, performing arts, student leadership and academic extension.

Enquire within for all enrolments
gleneagles.sc@education.vic.gov.au
Tel: 03 9708 1319



1328 88 04/16/24

NAPLAN Information for parents and carers

2024

Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards.

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, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Online NAPLAN tests are designed to provide precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive) which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. ACARA supports inclusive testing, so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), and our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests; however, it is not necessary for parents/carers to do this. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at [NAP - Public demonstration site](#).

How is my child's performance reported?

From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards. There is a standard for each assessment area at each year level. Proficiency standards provide clear information on student achievement. They are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected for the child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based mainly on what has been taught in previous years of schooling. Student achievement is shown against 4 levels of proficiency: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN test days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at [myschool.edu.au](#).

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at [nap.edu.au/TAA](#)
- visit [nap.edu.au](#)

To learn how ACARA manages personal information for NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy](#).

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may not have the capacity to complete the tests in a shorter time frame.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 13 March 2024 and finishes on Monday 25 March 2024. Schools will schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 students do the writing test on paper and on day 1 only.• Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations).	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with an idea or topic called a "writing stimulus" or "prompt" and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing).
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the writing test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts, and then answer related questions.
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the reading test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Students are assessed on spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students are assessed on number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability.

GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM ROUND 7 IS NOW OPEN.

Hello
GET ACTIVE KIDS IS excited to announce that **Round 7 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program** is now open!

In this round, applications for a voucher or a reimbursement will close when the allocation has been exhausted. Vouchers expire 30 April 2024 so members of your community can use their voucher for a summer sport, winter sport or term-based activity.

IMPORTANT DATES

Round 7 opens for applications for a voucher or reimbursement: 10:00 am Tuesday 10 October 2023 until allocation exhausted

Reimbursement expenditure dates: from 8 May 2023 until allocation is exhausted

Vouchers expiry date: Tuesday 30 April 2024

Portal open for Activity Providers to redeem vouchers: Tuesday 10 October 2023 to Tuesday 21 May 2024.

Eligible families can apply for \$200 vouchers and use them at a registered Get Active Kids Voucher Activity Provider without having to worry about upfront costs.

The vouchers can help pay for sporting equipment, uniforms and memberships in a range of activities from club cricket to dance. There's also an opportunity to enrol toddlers in a range of activities including important learn to swim classes.

To be eligible, kids need to be aged 0 to 18 years, a Victorian resident, named on a valid Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and on a valid Medicare Card at the time of application.

A special consideration stream is also available to support children residing in Victorian Care Services, temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants and international students up to 18 years at the time of application. More information on the special consideration stream is available on the website.

For more information about the program visit getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

or email us at getactivekids@sport.vic.gov.au

Kind Regards

Get Active Kids Voucher Program Team
Sport and Recreation Victoria

121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Victoria Australia 3000
www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/





Preps attend full time from 04 March 2024

Labour Day Holiday Monday 11 March

End Term 1 Thursday 28 March

Start Term 2 Monday 15 April

Tuesday 16 April

Hallam PS closed

Dismissal 2:30pm

Student Free Day

Students Resume for Term 2

February / March 2024						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
19	20 Playgroup 9:00am-Hall 	21 Preps do not attend	22	23 Colour Run! District Swimming Close of Nominations 4:00pm	24	25
26	27 Playgroup 9:00am-Hall 	28 Preps do not attend Posting of Nominations	29	01 MARCH Ballots distributed	02	03
04 PREPS ATTEND FULLTIME	05 Playgroup 9:00am-Hall  School Review Visit	06	07	08 Close of Ballot 4:00pm Counting	09	10
11 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY Hallam PS Closed	12 Playgroup 9:00am-Hall  Review Validation Day Poll Declaration	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN Free Dress Day For SSR	15 NAPLAN Casey Netball Clinics Y3-6	16	17
18 NAPLAN 1-2 SPTC	19 NAPLAN Playgroup 9:00am-Hall  1-2 SPTC	20 NAPLAN 1-2 SPTC	21 NAPLAN School Council 7:00pm 1-2 SPTC	22 NAPLAN Movie Night Y5 & 6 1-2 SPTC	23	24