



# Spring Farm Public School

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## Term 1 Week 10 2019 Newsletter

Please download the Skoolbag app for all school information: <https://www.skoolbag.com.au/parentinstructions.pdf>

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy Term 1 with a lot of things happening. Congratulations to all the students who have settled in well and to the community for their ongoing support. Thank you to all the staff and P&C members who either organised, assisted or contributed to the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, Pizza Day, Harmony Day feast, Sport's assembly and Easter Hat Parade. In amongst these community events quality teaching and learning has continued which is the primary focus for Spring Farm Public School. Please view the school's Facebook page as there are a number of photographs of quality learning and the events that have been happening throughout the school.

### Morning Dismissal Procedures

Due to safety concerns for students, staff and community, **parents and carers are asked to keep the walk ways clear and stand behind the orange witches-hat so that teachers can organise their classes from 8:55am.** Once the morning bell rings, classes will wave good bye to their parents and carers.

This is **the signal** for all parents and carers **to wave back to their child or children and to start leaving the school grounds.** Classes will then begin to make the move into their classrooms. **Please respect and follow the morning procedure as the safety for the school community is paramount; it also minimise separation issues** between parents and their child.

### Term One Last Day and Student Return Date

Last day for students for Term One, Friday 12 April 2019.

All Students return for Term 2, Tuesday 30 April 2019. School office will be open from 8:30am to 3:15pm.

### CareMonkey

The CareMonkey system makes it very easy for you to respond to field trip, camp and other consent forms using your mobile phone, tablet or PC. We need a valid email address from you in order to use the CareMonkey system.

If you have not already completed your child's profile, please contact the school so you can receive an email invitation asking you to sign up for your free CareMonkey account. You will receive notifications whenever there is an electronic form to complete for the school.

On CareMonkey, there is a **school music survey** for parents and carers who have students in primary to fill out. Please fill this in as the school would like to start a music program such as, a school band or percussion group.

In addition, there will be information on the **ANZAC Day March** for students to participate on Thursday 25th April 2019. Please fill in the form on CareMonkey so that the school knows how many students will be marching and how many staff are needed. Information about the March is at the end of this newsletter.

### **Easter Hat Parade**

Please view the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Please bring fold-up chairs and prepare for the weather as the parade will be held on the oval.

Thank you to the community for the many decorations for the hats and a special mention to Spicers PaperlinX group ([spicers.com.au](http://spicers.com.au)) for donating a heap of coloured card board to make the hats

### **Welcoming Teachers**

The school welcomes Mrs Collins who was appointed to Spring Farm Public School. Mrs Collins and Mrs Mortier will be job sharing on Stage One Proud. The school also welcomes Ms Maher who is teaching Stage One Adventurous to the end of the year. Mrs Levi is on leave and will be returning in Term 2 and Mr Mc Gifford will be working in various roles throughout the school.

### **P&C Meeting**

The next Spring Farm Public School P&C meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 6:30pm in the Staff Room in Block A. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Congratulations to the new office bearers who were voted in this year's AGM. More information about Spring Farm P&C can be accessed on <https://b-m.facebook.com/Spring-Farm-Public-School-P-C-297673650711663/>

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Easter Hat  
Parade 2019



Friday 12 April - 9:30am

Spring Farm Public School would like to invite families and community members to our Easter Hat Parade.

Younger siblings are invited to wear a hat and join our parade!

Please bring folder-able chairs and please prepare for the weather as the parade will be held on the school oval!

After the parade, families are welcome to stay and have a picnic lunch with students and play Easter games.

P&C will be selling raffle tickets for \$1 during the morning which will be drawn at the end of parade.

Students will be making their Easter hats during class time. If you would like to assist, please donate Easter craft supplies to the office. These donations will be divided equally throughout the school.

## **Anzac Day march and Commemorative Service**

Dear Parents and Carers

Spring Farm Public School students (K-6) and teachers have been invited to participate in the annual ANZAC Day parade and Commemorative Service on Thursday 25 April 2019 at Camden.

Spring Farm Public School students and teachers will march in the parade to honour the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) tradition and all of who served their country in time of war.

Students are asked to meet our teachers on Elizabeth Street (in front of the Royal Hotel) Camden at 10am on Thursday 25 April. All student must wear their full school uniform. Parents and carers are asked to immediately sign in with the teacher and sign out their child once the parade is completed at Bicentennial Park Camden. Parents are then welcome to stay with your child/children for the Commemoration Service which commences at 11.00am.

If you would like your child or children to participate in the parade, please respond through the CareMonkey app by Thursday 11 April 2019.

Please note, your child may have their photos taken and may be published in the various print and electronic media.

Donovan Jance  
Principal

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# NAPLAN gets people talking...

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9  
take the NAPLAN tests in May



NAPLAN is about driving improvement in our schools. Valuable data are used for forward planning, allocating support and resources and tracking the progress and achievements of individual students, as well as an entire group of students, over the course of their educational journey.

The annual publication of these results on the My School website helps schools and jurisdictions to be accountable and transparent to the community.



# NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



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## Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. 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.

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

## What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills.

There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

## How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

## Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests. However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

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## Instrumental and Band Program Survey

To Parents and Carers,

Spring farm Public School is looking towards raising the profile our Creative and Performing Arts program in 2019. We are currently looking for community feedback to enable us to offer an instrumental program targeted at the needs of our community.

We invite you to fill out a music survey to be sent out via CareMonkey by 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

We thank you for your feedback

Regards,

R.Morris