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Welcome to
WEEK 8!

Reminder:

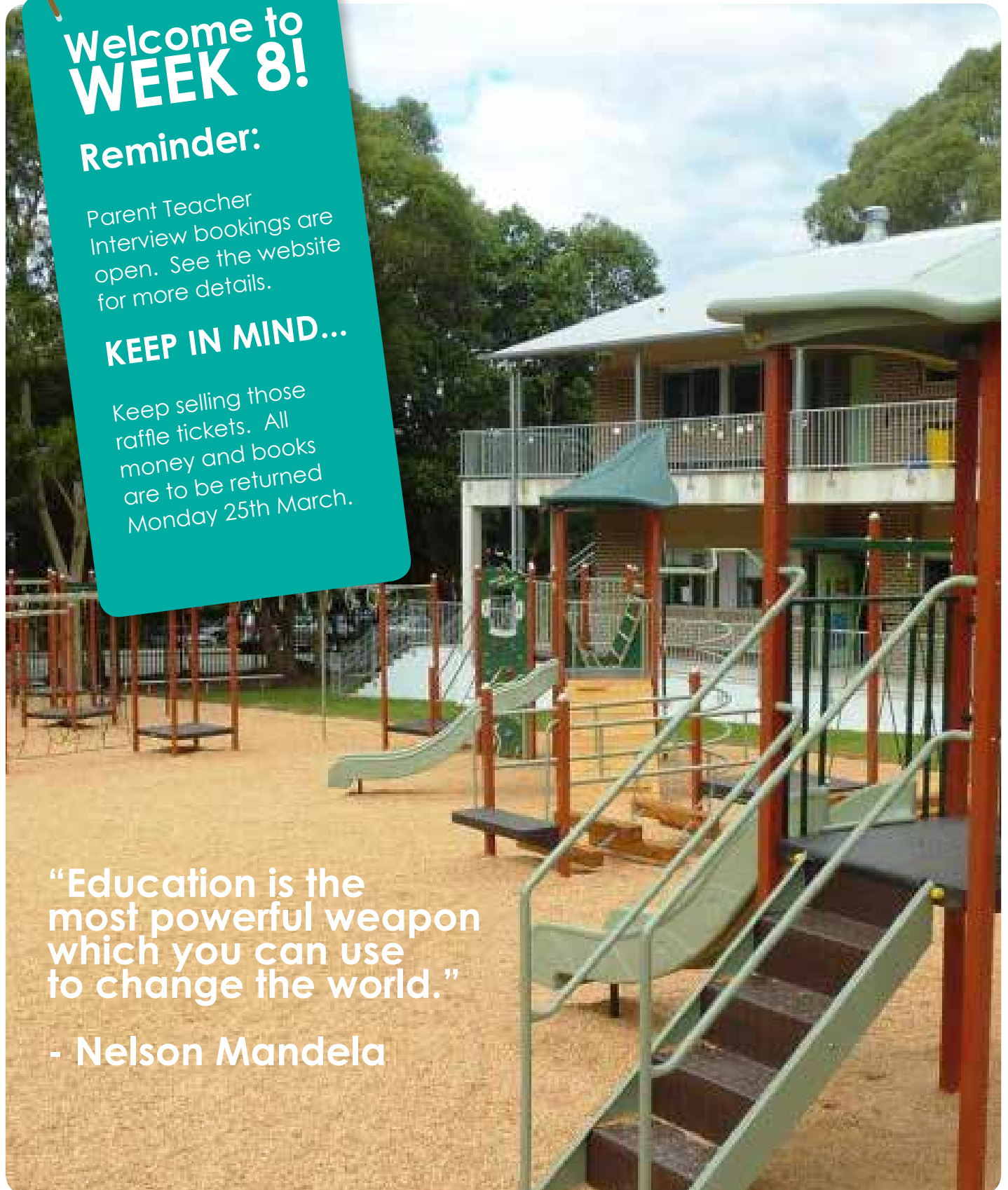
Parent Teacher
Interview bookings are
open. See the website
for more details.

KEEP IN MIND...

Keep selling those
raffle tickets. All
money and books
are to be returned
Monday 25th March.

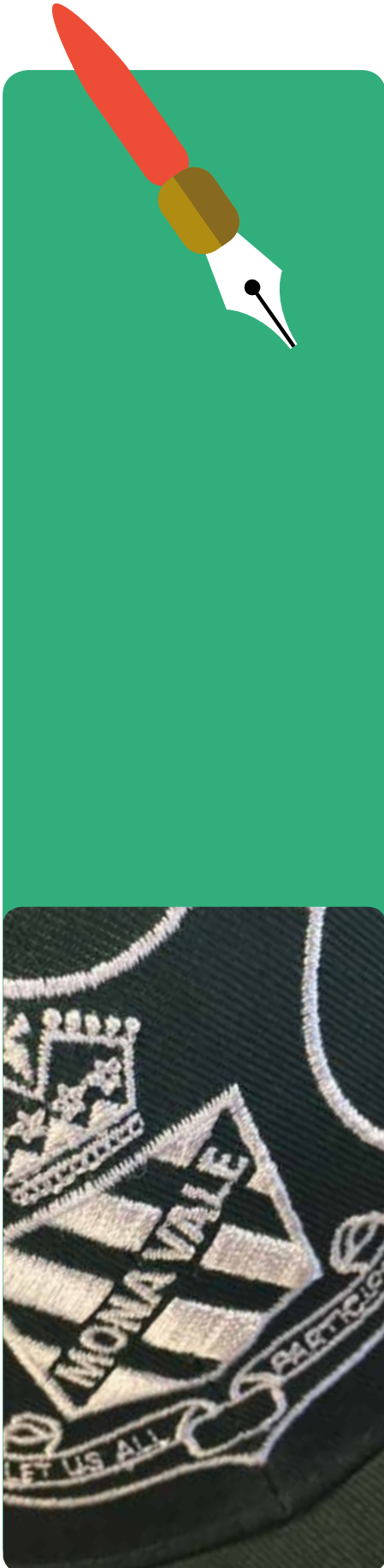
“Education is the
most powerful weapon
which you can use
to change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela





From the Principal



Dear Parents

The wild weather caused some disruption to the school with a number of classrooms flooded, the hall roof leaking and significant subsidence to parts of our play ground.

We have contacted the department and are working as quickly as we can to minimise disruption.

Mona Re Build

The Senior Executive team and I met with the Department on Tuesday to start the planning for the refurbishment and building program the Minister announced for the school. The school will have its demountables replaced with new classrooms, our Administration building will be replaced and an 800 -1000 seat Performance Space will be built.

I'm looking forward to this exciting new chapter in our schools' proud history of providing a quality education to the young people of the area.

Regards

Greg Jones
Principal



From the Office

Administration Hours:

8:30am - 3:15am

Notes On The Website

Please check the notes on the website regularly.

Have You Booked Your Parent Teacher Interview?

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April.

Your child's progress in Term 1 and expectations for the remainder of the school year will be discussed, together with aspects of development in physical and cultural areas and personal and social relationships. You may wish to notify your child's teacher prior to the interview date if you have any specific issues you wish to address. All interviews will be held in your **child's classroom** and will be **10 minutes in duration**.

Please note: support classes K-2P, K-6C and 3-6S will not be having interviews as they have just completed IEP Planning meetings.

Appointments for Parent/Teacher interviews are to be made online. **Online bookings will close on Monday 1st April at 9am, please make sure you book prior to this time.** Instructions on how to book your appointment are listed below:

Go to website **www.schoolinterviews.com.au**.

Click "make a booking" in the top right hand corner.

Enter event code: **7wbvg** in the green box.

From here enter your name, email, number of students you are booking for (i.e. if you have two children you enter them both) and student name/s.

Click GO.

Choose your teacher from the drop down box, then select the time you would like.

You will receive a confirmation email for you to keep as a reminder of your appointment time.

If you do not have access to a computer to make your booking, or experience any issues making an appointment please contact the school office before Monday 1st April, so that we can book online on your behalf.



From the Office

Administration Hours:

8:30am - 3:15am

Term 2 Sport For Years 3-6

Stay tuned for information regarding PSSA Winter trials for Rugby League, Netball, Soccer or AFL.

There will be several trials for each sport to allow teachers to get a chance to see every child trial. Please note a lot of children turn up for trials with limited spaces available. Later this term an app message and a draft timetable will be put on the website as soon as it is available.

User Pay Sport will be offered once PSSA trials have finished.

The following is for your information only, bookings are not open as yet. Please discuss options with your child (and friends) so that you know what options you would like to consider when bookings open for your grade. Make sure you have a second and third option in mind.

Sports on offer for Term 2 will be:

Tennis at school
Gymnastics
Sports Academy
Fitness/Bootcamp
Dancefit
Futsal
Skateboarding/Scootering
Golf
AFL
Yoga

User Pay Sport will be offered via an online booking system. More details regarding the sports on offer and full instructions on how to book and pay will be sent out via the app and put on the website.

Students not participating in PSSA or User Pay Sport will be involved in school sport. School sport **is fun and free!** It is a rotational program featuring a variety of sports, including games, activities and learning new skills.



From the Office

Administration Hours:

8:30am - 3:15am

TLC Mufti Day

On Tuesday 2nd April we are holding a mufti day to raise funds for TLC. See the flyer in this newsletter. Please wear colourful clothes and bring in a gold coin donation for TLC. Thanking you.

ICAS Competitions

Years 3-6 can elect to participate in ICAS assessments for English, Maths and Science. A single fee of \$43.50 for all three subjects. Full details are on our website. Payment must be made on POP by Tuesday 3rd April, 12 noon. No late entries will be accepted. No exceptions.

Regards

Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager



“ We cannot thank you enough for all the incredible support you are giving us. All your support and care is helping us with managing each day in such a huge way. ”
-2019-



Just what's needed



TLC is a volunteer community organisation providing practical support for MVPS families when affected by serious illness, severe injury or bereavement



Calendar

Mona Vale Manners

Week 9

Show respect
to adults when
going through
doorways or
walking along
paths by moving
out of the way.

(begins Monday 25th March)

WEEK 9

MONDAY 25th

Life Education

Year 1 & Support Classes @ School
House Museum

TUESDAY 26th

Life Education

Year 1 & Support Classes @ School
House Museum

WEDNESDAY 27th

Life Education

Year 2 Light & Sound Incursion

THURSDAY 28th

Life Education

Sydney North Swimming Carnival

Kindergarten Animal Day

FRIDAY 29th

Life Education

Band & Strings Camp

WEEK 10

MONDAY 1st

Life Education

TUESDAY 2nd

Life Education

TLC Mufti Day Fund Raiser

3-7pm Parent Teacher Interviews

WEDNESDAY 3rd

Life Education

Year 2 Possum Magic Excursion

Year 5 Police Cyber Safety Visit

3-7pm Parent Teacher Interviews

THURSDAY 4th

Life Education

Honour Assembly

FRIDAY 5th

Life Education

Kindergarten Disco

5B & 6G Great Minds Incursion



Student Bus Passes

Conditions of use – Student Opal Card

I write to request your assistance in promoting the importance of using the Student Opal Card correctly.

It is a condition of use that students tap on at the start and tap off at the end of each trip with their Student Opal Card. This is important to ensure accurate patronage data is recorded. This data is used to plan school special and regular route bus services and assists State Transit in ensuring adequate capacity is provided, so students can travel to and from school safely.

Current statistics indicate that many students have failed to tap on or off the Opal readers when travelling. If students do not tap on and off then school bus services, it may appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

To assist with our future service planning can you please remind parents and students of this important condition of use so State Transit can continue to provide effective bus services in the future.

For more information and to apply for a School Opal card call 131500 or apply online at <https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students>

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Chess Challenge

Northern Beaches Chess Challenge!

Mona Vale hosted ten schools and 160 students on Monday for the Northern Beaches Chess Challenge! It was a great day of thinking and strategy and congratulations to Ben, Gabe and Lucas who took out the overall winners trophy and to our girls team of Molly, Sophie and Ingsel who placed second in the girls competition. Thank-you to all of our students who came and played in barbarian teams so that all our visiting students could be in teams and also to our big team of parent volunteers who were wonderful helping out all day! This is our chess captain's welcome speech:

Good morning everyone and welcome to the Northern Beaches Chess Tournament. My name is Ruby, and I am Mona Vale's chess captain this year. I hope that all of you are here not just to be the best, but to also have a good time doing something you love. It doesn't matter what number you are on your team, as long as you have fun playing chess today nothing else matters. I must add though, getting an award is still a pretty good thing to achieve in any tournament. For some of you, this might be your first year here and yes, it is different to your casual game of chess, but competing in tournaments shows you what you can work on to be a better chess player, I should know. I only started chess last year, but before that I just played at home with my dad, but when I did join I learned that it is fun to come here and play against all kinds of people with all kinds of different skills that help them win. With that, I hope that all of you have a good time here today. Thank you and good luck!

Chess Club is full at present and we have over eighty students enjoying chess, but if you are interested in being on the waiting list, please download a form from the school website under Notes and Forms / Chess. This will give you all the information you need about chess club; please send the form into the office and I will contact you as places arise. In the meantime, Fun Chess is still on every Tuesday lunchtime in the connected classroom by the library and there is no cost or form filling for this.

Mrs Bryce
Chess Club Coordinator

Chess Challenge



Canteen

	MONDAY 25th	TUESDAY 26th	WEDNESDAY 27th	THURSDAY 28th	FRIDAY 29th
9	Danielle R Volunteers Needed	Amy Skye R Bev Anne Marie	Sandy Danielle R Volunteers Needed	Bec S Helen M	Angela I Helen M Rebecca W Volunteers Needed
	MONDAY 1st	TUESDAY 2nd	WEDNESDAY 3rd	THURSDAY 4th	FRIDAY 5th
10	Hanna J Kerri W	Anne W Volunteers Needed	Danielle R Emma K	Marcela H Helen M	Xtina G Helen M Bec P Volunteers Needed
	MONDAY 8th	TUESDAY 9th	WEDNESDAY 10th	THURSDAY 11th	FRIDAY 12th
11	Angus G Danielle R	Donna R Kirstee H	Jack P Danielle R Nikki M Louise M	Helen M Sandy C Brad	Last Day of Term Helen M Volunteers Needed



Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Mondays 2:30pm - 3pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30am - 10:30am

We will start to sell Winter Uniform from next week. New parents, please look out in next week's newsletter for booking appointment times.

If you have lost your name tag from your school backpack and need to replace it, we have blank tags for sale for \$2.00.

2019 Volunteer Portal is active for Term 1. Volunteers are always needed, even if you can only spare a couple of hours once or twice a month.

If you are able to volunteer in the shop, please go to website www.carebookings.com.au

Enter event code: **B7MJN** in the green box.

Profits made during the year in the uniform shop are given back to the P&C to support initiatives.

MONDAY 25th	TUESDAY 26th	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY 28th	FRIDAY
Tracie F	Sandy N			
MONDAY 1st	TUESDAY 2nd	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY 4th	FRIDAY
Tracie F			Claudia S Rachel F	

Regards

Hanna Jones
Uniform Shop Supervisor
uniformshop@monavalepspca.com.au



2019 Term Dates



TERM DATES



1

Students return - Wednesday 30th January (Years 1-6) (Year 3-6 School Swimming Carnival)

Kindergarten Best Start Assessments – Wednesday 30th January, Thursday 31st January & Friday 1st February

Kindergarten starts - Monday 4th February 2019

Last day for students - Friday 12th April 2019

2

Staff Development Day – Monday 29th April 2019

Students return – Tuesday 30th April 2019

Last day for students – Friday 5th July 2019

3

Staff Development Day – Monday 22nd July 2019

Students return – Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Last day for students – Friday 27th September 2019

4

Students and Staff return – Monday 14th October 2019

Last day for students – Wednesday 18th December 2019

Dear Parent or Carer

During May 2019, students at our school in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 (delete as required) will sit the NAPLAN paper assessments. The schedule for tests is as follows:

Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May
Language Conventions test (spelling, grammar and punctuation) Writing test	Reading test	Numeracy test

On Friday 17 May, a 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test.

Students may be exempt from the NAPLAN tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, **or**
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests.

Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are also available to meet the needs of individual students. Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer after consultation with the school principal. To withdraw your child from NAPLAN, a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Please make an appointment with your child's teacher if you need to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Any questions? Contact the NAPLAN team on 1300 119 556 or naplan.nsw@nesa.nsw.edu.au.

For further information about NAPLAN, visit the [NESA website](#).

NAPLAN on paper – information for parents and carers

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, language conventions (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.

See example NAPLAN questions at 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.

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

NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

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

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit NAPLAN paper tests.

However, children in other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN online 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

What if my child is absent from school on assessment 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 testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 17 May 2019.

NAPLAN 2019 timetable

	Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May
Year 3	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 65 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 65 minutes

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

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

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results 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

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN is handled by ACARA, please visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy



Mufti Day!

It's Mufti Day on Tuesday 2nd April!
Wear colourful clothes to school and bring a gold coin donation in support of TLC, MVPS's very own community organisation, which provides practical support to Mona Vale Public School members and families in times of medical crisis.



**Tender Loving
Community**



Services we provide include:

- ♥ basic grocery deliveries
- ♥ organising meal rosters
- ♥ meal deliveries
- ♥ organising school lunches
- ♥ cleaning services
- ♥ garden maintenance
- ♥ laundry services
- ♥ and more...



**FUN NIGHT + GIVE BACK
TO OUR SCHOOL**

KIDS NIGHT AT

Park^{THE} House

PARK ST, MONA VALE

MONA VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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THE LAST THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

**50% OF ALL KIDS MEALS SOLD
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PITTWATER HIGH PRESENTS

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS THE MUSICAL

Book By
Jeffrey Lane

Music and Lyrics By
David Yazbek

Based on the film "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" written by
Dale Launer and Stanley Shapiro & Paul Henning

Matinee Preview: Sunday 31 March 1pm

Thursday 4 April
7:30pm

Friday 5 April
7:30pm

Saturday 6 April
7:30pm

Thursday 11 April
7:30pm

Friday 12 April
7:30pm

Saturday 13 April
7:30pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE: [trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com/BBG6C)

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