

WHYALLA STUART PRIMARY SCHOOL R-6



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Dates To Remember

Thursday 2nd August
Girls Basketball Carnival

Monday 5th August
Tennis Carnival

Friday 9th August
Jam Band Performance

Monday 12th August
Student Free Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

It has definitely been a chilly start to the term. Whilst it has been beautiful to see the frost in the mornings, it is very cold in the yard when we are on before school duty. Please make sure that your children are suitably dressed for the cold mornings. Classrooms are heated, but students still need to make sure they have appropriate clothing for when they are out in the weather.

We have also had a number of students arriving at school in the morning before the 8:30am bell. If you need to drop your child at school earlier in the mornings, please contact the school to let us know.

Students in B3 and B4 have been getting in to the spirit of the Olympic Games by holding their very own Potato Olympics. This has required them to use a variety of mathematical skills and processes. We have been sharing Australia's medal results on Zoom each morning. It also allows students to watch sports at a professional level that they may not normally get a chance to see, such as BMX riding, kayaking and canoeing, fencing, equestrian, to name but a few.

Thank you to the parents who attended Parent Teacher Interviews. It is a great opportunity to discuss your child's report and progress in more detail. If you missed the chance to make an appointment and would like to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the school to make an appointment as our door is always open.

NAPLAN results will be sent home tomorrow with children in Year 3 and 5. They have changed the way they share results and further information is inside the newsletter.

On Monday 12th August we will be having a Student Free Day. All staff will be on site receiving training in Restorative Justice and I look forward to sharing some of the learning in our next newsletter.

At the end of Week 3 we farewell Crystal Stevens who has won a job at Whyalla Town Primary School. We wish Crystal all the best and thank her for all the work she has done supporting our students.

Jenny MacDonald



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Department for Education



NAPLAN Results

How results are reported changed last year, so they may be different to what you remember.

Each student's individual report now shows how they're tracking against 4 levels of achievement, known as proficiency standards:

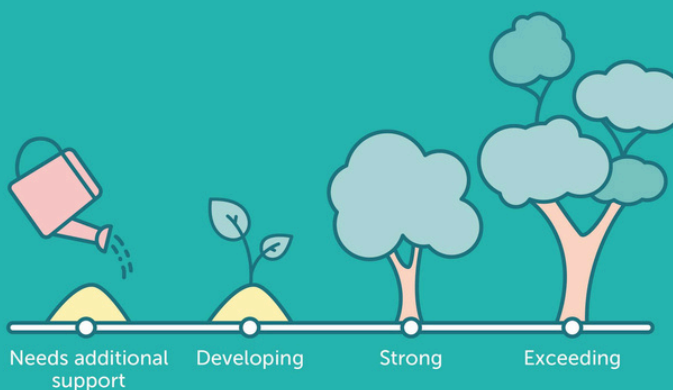
- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support

This means results can't be directly compared to results before 2023.

While the results are reported differently, NAPLAN continues to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

NAPLAN results highlight a specific point in time. They're designed to help identify areas to focus on to support students' development.

The way NAPLAN results are reported has changed



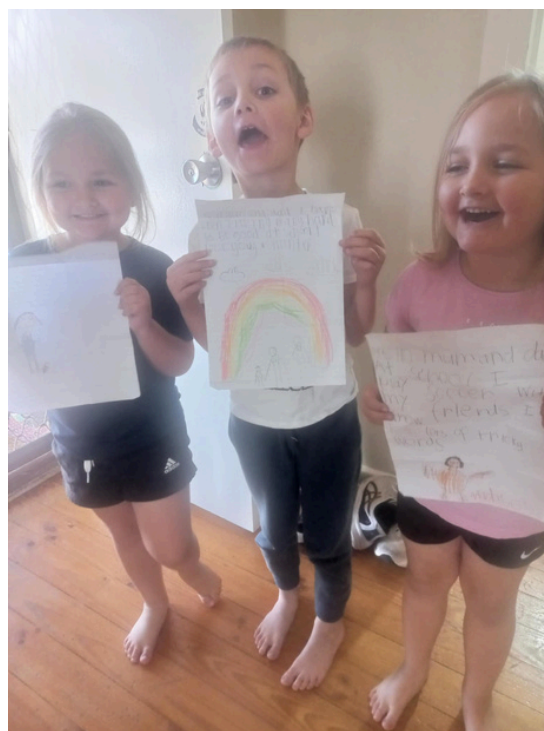
Letters from C7

Students from C7 spent the last week of school writing letters home to their parents and caregivers.

These letters arrived in mailboxes in the holidays and it was great to hear how much the parents appreciated them, with one parent saying they made her day!

This gives the students a purpose for their writing, an opportunity to practice the letter writing genre and also share what they have been learning about in class.

Well done to the students in C7 and their teacher, Mrs Cowan for organising their letters home.



OLYMPICS

MEASUREMENT FUN!

POTATO OLYMPICS

Our class will be participating in Potato Olympics! Students have been busy getting their olympians ready to begin. A weigh in and measurement of the height of the athletes were the first of many tasks and measurements to take place.



Straw Javelin



Long Jump



MODIFIED OLYMPICS AND MATH

During the first week of Term 3, B4 students participated in a number of hands-on, modified olympic events during maths to kick off our measurement unit.



LEARNING TOGETHER

PLAYGROUP

FOR ALL CHILDREN UNDER SCHOOL AGE

WHEN:
MONDAYS (DURING SCHOOL TERM)

TIME:
9AM - 11AM

WHERE:
DAVISON STREET

COST:
FREE

PLEASE BRING A SNACK AND A DRINK FOR YOUR CHILD

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