NAPLAN for Years 7 & 9, Week 3

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, Year 7 & 9 students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests. Students need to bring an eraser, pencil sharpener and calculator. We will supply the pencil.


NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: [http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html)

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

**CAR BOOT SALE - Saturday 25 May**

The P&C Fundraising Committee has been hard at work, to ensure the Car Boot Sale is a success. I have placed the flyer overleaf. There are limited places left, so if you are interested in booking a space, please let Karin know. If you don’t want a site but have good quality items to donate, the P&C will be taking donations for their stall.

I hope to see many of you there for what should be a fun day.

**School Funding**

I am thrilled that the Premier Barry O’Farrell has led the Australian States by being the first leader to sign up the Gonski education funding reform package. While a change of Commonwealth Government may not lead to this agreement being honoured, I hope that other states sign up and that the Federal Leader of the Opposition follow Mr O’Farrell’s and Minister Piccoli’s lead and endorses the Gonski funding model.

I have included a letter from the Premier about the funding reform.
Car Boot Sale

Saturday 25th May, 2013
8.30am-2.30pm
muirfieldhspandcfundraising@gmail.com

Do you have things to sell but can’t be bothered to put them on eBay?
Have you thought about a garage sale but don’t want people traipsing through your property?
We have the answer! Book a spot at the Muirfield P&C’s Car Boot Sale, Saturday 25 May. There are four spaces still available.

You can simply sell your items from the boot of your car with a table set up in front. As the sale will be under our large Covered Outdoor Learning Area, you will be undercover and protected from the weather the whole time.

Attractions
- BBQ and Drinks
- Lolly Stall
- Cake Stall
- Fresh Coffee
- Scout Groups
- Adventure Activity
- North Rocks Rural Fire Brigade Display
- Entertainment by CAPA groups

No time to book a stall
Not wanting to book a stall but you have things you no longer need? If you have unwanted toys, homewares or books we can use them on the P&C stall. These items need to be in reasonable condition or we won’t be able to sell them. No electrical goods or clothes, please.

Drop off point: Please leave your items outside the canteen side door on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday afternoons.

We are in need of someone who can co-ordinate our BBQ

To Book a space call Karin on 0425 354 924
Cost for a car space is only $35. If you just require a table it can be arranged for $15.
Set up from 7am on the day.

As we are approaching the big day we would really appreciate some volunteers to help on the day.

If you are able to help please add your name to the roster at http://www.editgrid.com/user/mhspandc/CarBoot_Stall_Helpers_Register

We want to make this event successful, but to do this we need manpower, even for a short while. If you could help spread the word, it would also be greatly appreciated.