National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Students in years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN next week. The timetable that schools have been directed to follow is as follows:-

Tuesday 14th May -
Students participate in the Language Conventions and Writing tests

Wednesday 15th May -
Students participate in the Reading Test

Thursday 16th May -
NAPLAN Numeracy Test

As indicated in previous Newsletters these tests provide one snapshot of student achievement. Teachers use aspects of the tests to help inform planning. The results of these tests are also used by DEECD in various ways. Completed tests are not marked at school; instead they are collected and marked by external NAPLAN assessors. A copy of the individual student results are forwarded to the school and may take up to 6-8 weeks after students have sat the NAPLAN tests.

During the year teachers have been working with all students at each year level on curriculum content and learning levels consistent with student ability and Australian Curriculum. Therefore all students will have covered the content likely to be covered during the NAPLAN tests. Teachers have every confidence that students at WPS will do their best and sit the NAPLAN program in a safe and calm environment.

Principals and staff are bound by specific security measures stipulated in the “NAPLAN – Handbook for Principals”. There are further protocols outlined in the booklet “National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy-Protocols for Test Administration”. Apart from a formal "Exemption", parents may request a "Withdrawal" based on philosophical/other reasons. Page 10/11 of the Protocols Booklet states...
"Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with their child’s school. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. 5.4.2 A formal notification in the manner specified by the Test Administration Authority (TAA) must be received by the principal prior to the testing."

Should you wish to withdraw your child based on the reasons above please contact the school prior to 3.30 p.m. Friday 10th May to discuss.

On behalf of the staff we wish the year 3 and year 5 students sitting the NAPLAN test all the best.

Grace Conway
Principal