

NEWSLETTER



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See our calendar at
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Incursions

Scientific Bubble Show
Friday 7th June

Student Sports Carnival
Thursday 20th June

Life Education
Tuesday 2nd July

Gymnastics
Kersbrook Hall
Mondays: 3rd, 17th and
24th June and 1st July

Public Holiday
10th June

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Greetings all,

Mother's Day Stall – A big thank you to our fabulous fundraising committee and in particular to Bec, Fiona, and Kelly for their time. Students enjoyed shopping for their Mums at our school stall and raised \$305.00 for our school.



Playgroup – A wonderful and hardworking team of volunteers from Playgroup organised a Polling Day Barbeque for Saturday 18th May. Many parents donated time and/or goods to make this event a success. Nova donated 300 chicken parmy sausages, Lions club donated sausages, bacon and bread. Total money raised on the day was \$753.70 with only \$31.34 spent, leaving a wonderful profit of \$722.36 some of which will go towards paying the registration and insurance cost that is required for playgroup members.

NBN at Kersbrook Primary School – As mentioned in previous newsletters our fibre optic connection will not be happening until later in the year. To provide the best possible option for our students and their learning we have upgraded to NBN which has dramatically increased the speed to over 25 mega bit.

Dream Big excursion - On Wednesday 22nd May our whole school headed down the hill to Festival Theatre. Classes attended age appropriate events during the day. See our photos in the newsletter.

NAPLAN online update - Our Years 3, 5 and 7 students completed NAPLAN online this year. We had only a few very minor issues that were quickly resolved. Our students agreed that the online format was more efficient and easier to use than the old pencil and paper version. The online format allows students to flag questions to come back to if unsure of the answer and makes it easy for them to check that they have answered all questions before submitting their tests. I have included a diagram to explain the way the tests are targeted to students' achievement levels and response styles. With the content coverage across the three testlets combined to form one test, each student is assessed at a similar level of domain breadth regardless of the test pathway taken.

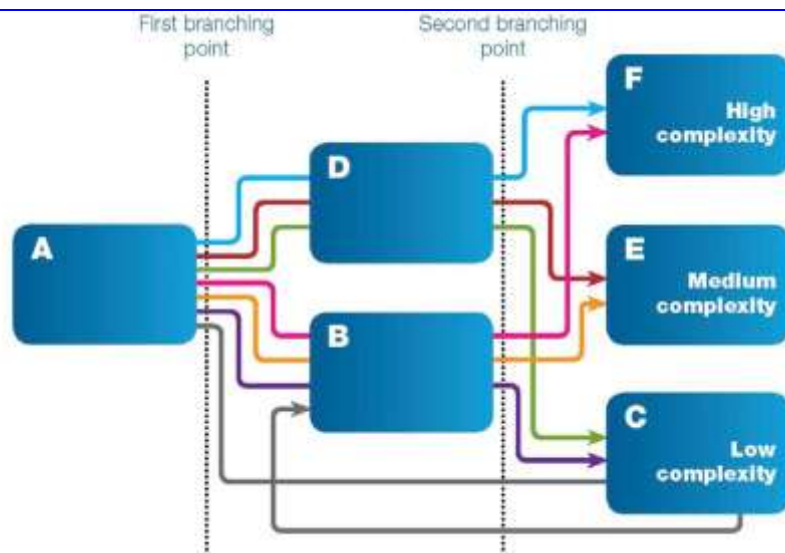


Figure 1 : NAPLAN Online multi-stage computer-adaptive test design – tailored test design - for the reading test and numeracy test for a given year level.

South Korean Homestay – thank you to the three families who have already returned their application forms. We are still seeking homestay families for three more students if possible. Families can host two students if they have the beds for them. If you would like more information please feel free to contact Jill anytime or speak to a family who has hosted previously. It is very exciting to be able to offer the students at our school the experience of having international students at our school for two weeks. We are already planning excursions for our whole school during the two weeks that our South Korean students will be with us. Depending on the number of South Korean students that we host we hope to be able to cover all of the bus and entrance fees for all students.

Incursions for Term 2 - A note has been sent home to advise families of the cost (\$15 ex GST) for 3 incursions this term. Please return the consent form with payment by Wed 5th June.

Jill Gurner
Principal

Hit the link for your Entertainment Book

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1602w06>

We highly recommend the Entertainment Book. It is great value for \$70. You can have a digital copy which is very easy to use, or the traditional book. Great for discounts, to find restaurants in your vicinity and lots of other reasons! If you use it three times you have recouped your money and supported our fundraiser.



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Dream Big



Dream Big was a wonderful excursion for the whole school. The students enjoyed seeing the performances – *Katie's Birthday Party* (Room 3) and *New Owner* (Room 2) and participating in the activities. They also enjoyed singing on the bus and just being in the city and by our River Torrens. We would like to thank Katherine Cottrell, Carly Wildman, Belinda Smith and Glen Bland for accompanying us on the excursion. Firefly Forest was a big hit with all students. Images above are: Playable Cubby Town - Room 1 students were able to compose music by touching the paintings and (middle image) Imaginary Architecture.

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Student Representative Council

In recent weeks classes have undertaken their democratic voting rights to elect their class Student Representatives and their proxies. We are pleased to announce and congratulate our new Student Representative Council.

Room 1: Isabel and Sebastian; Proxies are Emily and Finn

Room 2: Jayden and Ruby; Proxies are Madison and Connor

Room 3: Daniel and Georgia T; Proxies are Jett and Zoe



Public schools are outperforming private schools with less funds

By [EducationHQ News Team](#) Published May 10, 2019

Private schools may be dumbing down Australia's international PISA ranking, while public schools outperform them with less money, an education expert has said.

Southern Cross University's Adjunct Associate Professor David Zyngier made the claim after analysing MySchool data and the Victorian Certificate of Education results between 2014 and 2018.

He found public schools had "similar, or even better, VCE results than private schools with similar rankings of socioeconomic status". "And these public schools achieve the results with far less funding per student," Zyngier, a former public school teacher, principal and Monash University academic in education, said. For complete article click [Link Here](#)

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Local Native Plant Sale

Sat 1st & Sun 2nd June
10am-2pm

Sun 7th July
Sat 3rd Aug
Sun 1st Sep

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