

# Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School

Small School, Big Opportunities

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Newsletter No. 3

**Please Note – supervision is from 8.45-9.00am before school and 3.20-3.30pm after school.**

Dear Families,

We are nearing the end of week 6 out of 9 for the term and things have been flying along with more great opportunities to come.

NAPLAN starts next week for our grade 3 and 5 students. You will find a sheet attached to the newsletter that has information about NAPLAN. However, if you have any questions, please reach out to myself or Renee.

The Waratah Cluster Athletics Carnival is coming up on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March for students in grade 3 and up. On this day parents/carers are asked to transport their children to Foster Secondary College for a 9am start. Students will need to come wearing their school polo shirt and appropriate clothing and footwear for running, jumping and throwing. Our staff will already be there to meet you on arrival.

The love of reading and being read to has such positive impact in children's lives that goes beyond just hearing about stories. Books for kids actually contain 50% more words than what children will encounter frequently with regular conversation, TV or radio. What a great way to build their vocabulary!

Following a discussion amongst staff and with School Council we have decided to reward one student from each class with a \$20.00 Book Club voucher for reading the most nights in

their class for the term. So please encourage your children to read every night and don't forget to record it in their reading diaries.

We are currently running our Breakfast Club only once a week when Sue is here on a Thursday. We would love to offer this to our students more often. To do this, we need some volunteers who could come in before school and run the breakfast program. This will only take up about 30 -45 minutes of your time. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer.

Remember that a Working With Children Check is mandatory for any work in schools.

**Working BEE at school**

**Tuesday 26th March**

**3.20pm - 4.20pm**

**Afternoon Tea will be provided**



Warm Regards,

Ashton Webster

Acting Principal



**IT'S GREAT IF  
YOU'RE NOT LATE**

**IT'S NOT OK  
TO BE AWAY**

 Follow our Facebook page for photos and the most up to date information of the learning happening at school.

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## Swimming

Due to the recent power outage which affected most of South Gippsland, we have rescheduled our missed swimming lesson to Tuesday 12th March. As the booking is earlier, students will leave on the bus as soon as the bell goes at 9.00am. Please ensure that your child arrives for school on time. We cannot wait for latecomers.



## Grade 6 Polo Shirts

Students in Grade 6 can order a special Grade 6 polo shirt. These are \$45.00 each and available at the office.

## School Photos

Our school photos are available through the photographers website now. Please order soon so that your photos can be delivered to school. If you order later, you will need to pay postage to have the photos sent to your home.

## Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

If you have a Centrelink card and have not already done so, you will need to fill in an application form for CSEF. Please see Lindy in the office.

## Parent Payments

Thank you to the parents who have already paid Curriculum Contributions for this school year.

The 2024 Parent Payment Policy has been published on Compass and can also be found on our school website: [www.tarwinlowerps.vic.edu.au](http://www.tarwinlowerps.vic.edu.au).

Please note that payments can be made via :

- Compass
- Cash
- Direct debit into the school account (see details on following page)
- Credit Card payment at the office via Compass

## School Council Elections

At our first School Council Meeting 4 positions were declared vacant and nominations were called.

Nomination forms are available at the office and close yesterday.

The successful nominates will be notified and

welcomed into the next school council meeting on Tuesday 19th March.

## Book Club

Book Club No 2 brochures were distributed last week. Orders close on Friday. You can order through LOOP (instructions in the brochure) or send in your order and correct money to the office.

## Auslan

Last week in Auslan we learnt to sign the alphabet. We also learnt to finger spell our names. Finger spelling can be tricky, and I have encouraged the students to practice, practice, practice!

This week we talked about Hearing Awareness week and explored some lipreading. (senior class). I also introduced numbers 1-20 and the junior class linked them to family members.... 2 brothers, 3 sisters etc.

Ask your child to teach you the signs that they have been taught. This helps them to remember the signs.

FACT- There are 2 dialects in Auslan. Northern and Southern. Here in Victoria, we use the Southern dialect. The most noticeable dialects will be colours and numbers. It is common to see north signs used down south and vice versa.

Nicki Robson



Yes



No



Maybe



Sister



Brother



**2024- DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wednesday 6th March	Prep rest day
Wednesday 6th March	Closing date for nominations for School Council
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Holiday
Monday 12th March	Swimming No 5 (extra day to due to power outage) Note: Bus leaves at 9.00am
Wednesday 13th March	First Wednesday attendance for Prep students
Wednesday 13th - Wednesday 27th March	Naplan Testing
Tuesday 19th March	School Council
Friday 22nd March	Waratah Athletics @ Foster Grades 3 - 6
Tuesday 26th March	Working bee from 3.20pm Afternoon Tea Provided
Thursday 28th March	Foodbank Food Fight !!
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 15th April	First Day of Term 2
Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd May	Melbourne Camp Grades 5 & 6

# Happy Birthday

We hope you had a great time on your special day.

- ◆ Maddie
- ◆ Myla
- ◆ Sue



more confident and enjoying the experience.

Thank you for everyone who has contributed egg carton's, jars and cardboard tubing to the craft club. Much appreciated.

I'm at the school every Thursday and every second Wednesday now. Please contact me via Lindy in the office if you'd like to catch up for a chat. Or else email me at [Susan.Cronk@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Susan.Cronk@education.vic.gov.au)

I am here to support you and your family. Sue



### A Word from our Chaplain

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through first term. How time flies when you're having fun.

We have continued with breakfast club at least once a week and recently, several of our students helped me to make some breakfast bars. It took a lot of cooperation but the finished product was well worth the effort. Two students helped to collect the necessary ingredients and made the mixture. Another student helped to make individual helpings, ready for the oven and a fourth student bagged the bars, ready for distribution the next day.

I have also continued with craft club once a week and I've been swimming with our students several times. The first week I went to swimming, several of our children were a little nervous but now they are







# FOOD FIGHT



## HAS LAUNCHED!



# SAVE THE DATE

Thursday  
28th March  
2024



## Have you created your profile yet?



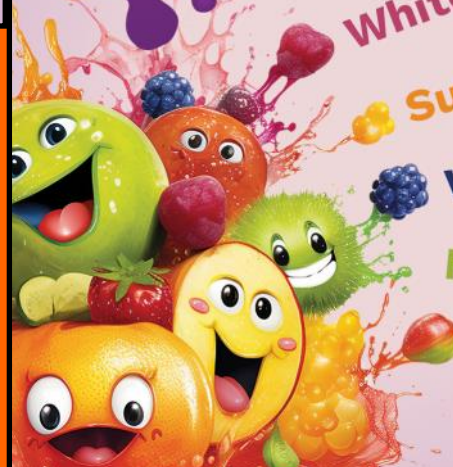
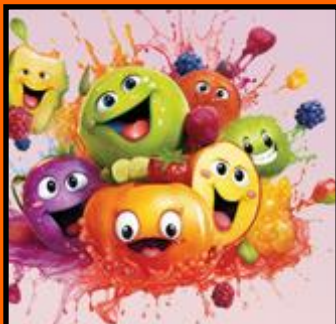
## DRESS CODE

White Shirt

Sunscreen

Water

Hat







### 2024 Calendars

At the end of last year the school was selling 2024 calendars as a fundraiser. These calendars feature the amazing artwork of our students.

We have a few calendars that have not sold and they are now available for the **bar-gain price of \$10.00 each**. Contact the office if you would like to purchase a calendar (or two!!)



Thanks to Flock Stock and Basil Farmgate, we have an abundance of potatoes to work with! First step, scrubbing!



These wonderful students are brim-full of positive attitudes to learning!! Well done.



**Account Name:**  
**Tarwin Lower Primary School Council**  
**Operating Account**

**BSB: 063000**  
**ACC: 14191631**





INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

# Australian Government Mobile Service Centres



If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

## More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit [servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice)

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.



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# Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

**Tuesday, 19 March 2024**

**9 am to 4 pm**

**Opposite the service station, River Drive**

**TARWIN LOWER**

For more information, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice)



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# NAPLAN

## 2024

### Information for parents and carers

#### Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards.

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, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

#### Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Online NAPLAN tests are designed to provide precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive) which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

#### What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).

#### Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. ACARA supports inclusive testing, so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the NAPLAN public demonstration site, the Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN, and our series of videos where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

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

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.



#### What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests; however, it is not necessary for parents/carers to do this. 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.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at [NAP - Public demonstration site](http://NAP - Public demonstration site).

#### How is my child's performance reported?

From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards. There is a standard for each assessment area at each year level. Proficiency standards provide clear information on student achievement. They are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected for the child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based mainly on what has been taught in previous years of schooling. Student achievement is shown against 4 levels of proficiency: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support.

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

#### NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may not have the capacity to complete the tests in a shorter time frame.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 13 March 2024 and finishes on Monday 25 March 2024. Schools will schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 students do the writing test on paper and on day 1 only.</li> <li>Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations).</li> </ul>	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with an idea or topic called a "writing stimulus" or "prompt" and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing).
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be completed after the writing test</li> </ul>	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts, and then answer related questions.
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be completed after the reading test</li> </ul>	Year 3: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Students are assessed on spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be completed after the conventions of language test</li> </ul>	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students are assessed on number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability.

#### What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN test 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 school's test schedule.

#### How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at [myschool.edu.au](http://myschool.edu.au).

#### Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

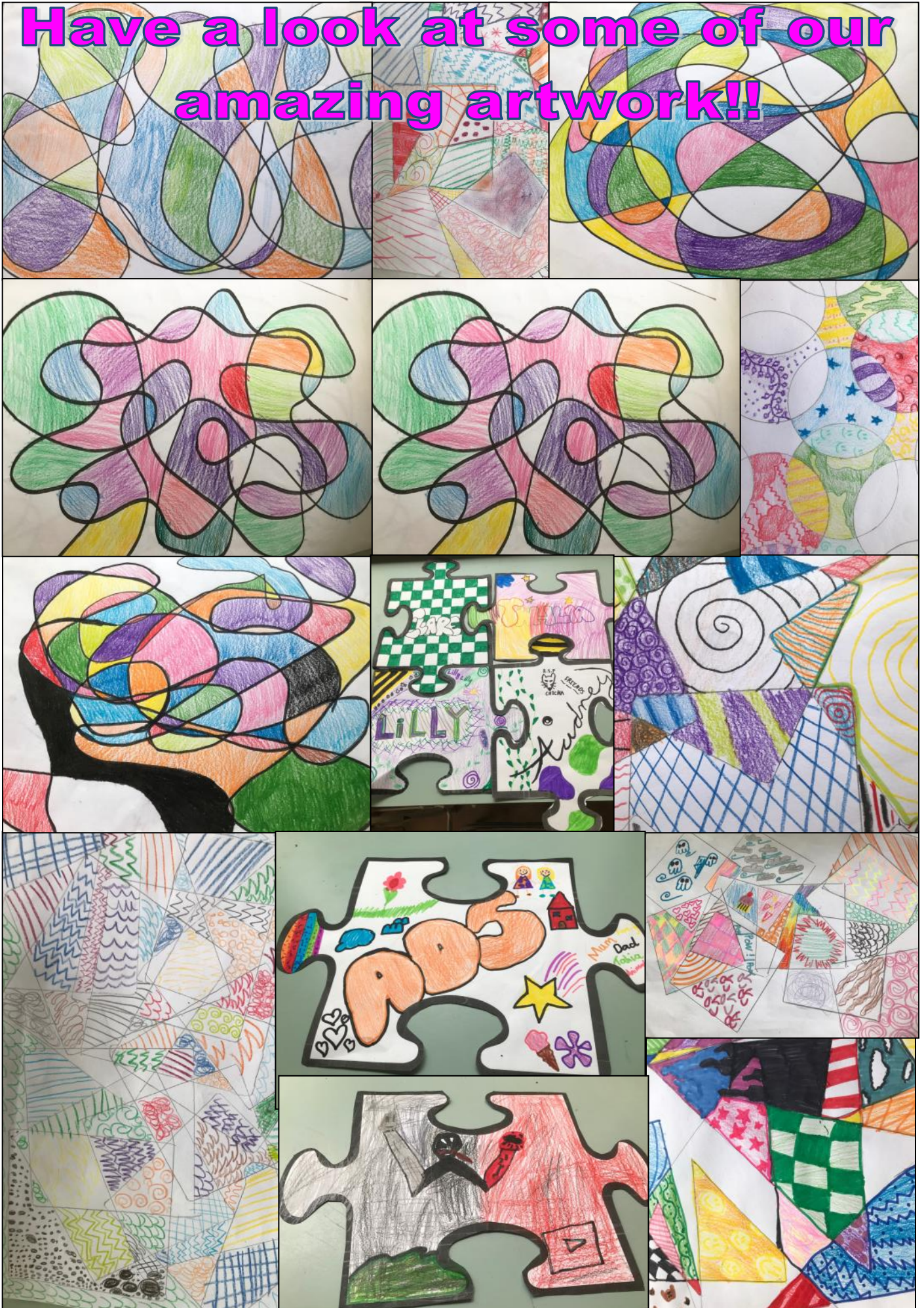
- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at [nap.edu.au/TAA](http://nap.edu.au/TAA)
- visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

To learn how ACARA manages personal information for NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy](http://nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy).





# Have a look at some of our amazing artwork!!



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