

IMPORTANT DATES	
Wednesday 6th March 2024	Senior School Yakult Factory Visit
Friday 8th March 2024	Student Free Day No School
Monday 11th March 2024	Public Holiday Labour Day
Thursday 21st March 2024	Junior School's Teddy Bears Picnic
Tuesday 26th March 2024	Food Fight
Thursday 28th March 2024	Last Day of Term 1 School Finishes 2.30pm
Monday 15th April 2024	Term 2 School starts at 9am



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AWARDS		
Congratulations to the children who have received Awards		
Perseverance		
Jason N		SSA
Liam T		MSB
Getting Along		
Pauline H		MSC
Paige M		JSC
Oscar E		JSA
Doing Your Best		
Adam L		MSA
Nigel I		JSD
Kate R		JSC
Alaney S		JSB
Skyler C		JSB
Ben V		MSC
Pauline H		MSC
Mia M		JSA
Golden H		JSC
Organisation		
Emily L		JSA
Christy E		JSB
Confidence		
Sara M		SSB
Lharkin L		JSB





Heatherhill Highlights

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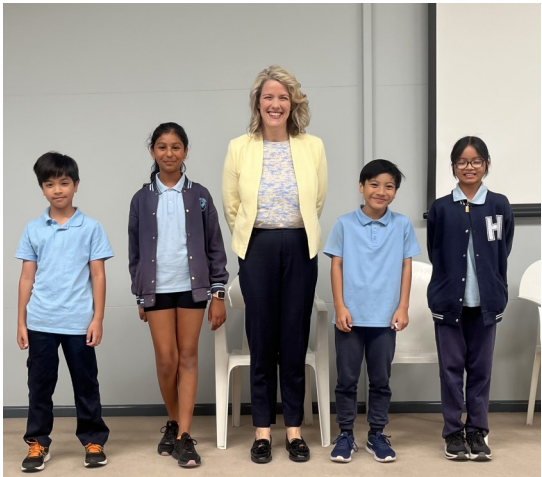
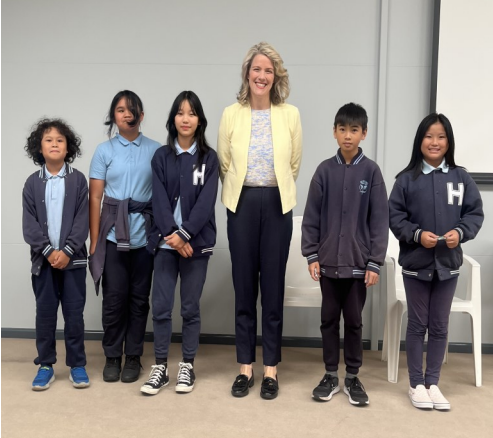
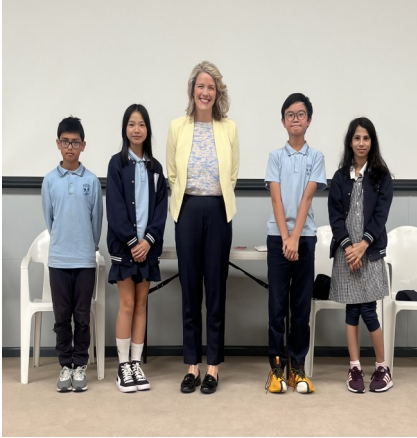
1st March, 2024

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Clare O'Neil, a Member of Hotham and the Minister for Home Affairs and Cyber Security, visited a special assembly on Friday, February 16. During the event, she read and gave our 2024 student leaders badges. Clare spoke to the students about one of her favourite parts of her role: to 'fight' as their advocate in parliament. She also took the time to talk to parents, grandparents, siblings, and carers who were present.

Despite her busy schedule, Clare even offered to take photos with the students and their families. The students were fascinated by Clare and drawn to her warmth, kindness, and genuineness. The Heatherhill Primary School community appreciates and values Clare's support and making time to show kids they are important and that she cares.



NAPLAN 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.

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.

A student’s overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. 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 the content linked to the Victorian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

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 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.

NAPLAN SCHEDULE 2024

DATE	Year 3	Year 5
Wednesday 13 th March	Writing 9:15 to 10:40 pm	Writing 9:15 to 10:40 pm
Thursday 14 th March	Reading 9:15 to 10:40 pm Conventions of Language 11.20 to 12.30 pm	Reading 9:15 to 10:40 pm Conventions of Language 11.20 to 12.30 pm
Friday 15 th March	Numeracy 9:15 to 10:40 am	Numeracy 9:15 to 10:40 am

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 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 ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

How is my child’s performance reported?

NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards. Student achievement is shown against 4 levels of proficiency:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

Your child's school will provide a NAPLAN individual student report later in the year.

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.

Where can I get more information?

- contact your child’s school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA visit nap.edu.au
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- To learn how ACARA manages personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy.

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