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**What’s On Week 2 and Week 3**

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|      | 31/7 3:30pm Aboriginal Education Meeting in Community Room |
|      | 1/8 9:00am AECG Meeting at RTHS |

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| P&C | 1/8 6:00pm P&C Fundraising Meeting in the Community Room |

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**This week’s PBL Focus:**

**SCHOOL HATS**

Stop, you need a hat, please move undercover!
Welcome Back!
Welcome to the new families and students who join us this week at Rutherford Public School. The students returned to some very clean and well-maintained grounds, thanks to the hard work of our General Assistant Mrs Deb Riches and some community members. Students this term will be able to join the ‘Gardening Group’ at lunchtimes if they wish to help keep our gardens looking in tip top shape.

New Faces
This Semester we welcome a few new faces to our staff. Mr Thomas Bourke will take over from Mr Chris Taylor on 5/6C. Mrs Deni Williams replaces Miss Lara Bernardine on KB, and Mrs Jana Hansen replaces Miss Trudy Burns on 2B. Miss Bernardine and Miss Burns will move to specialist literacy and numeracy support teacher roles.

Further Staff Changes
Mrs Barnett will be on leave from this week. Mr Gillard will be on leave from this week. Mr Bourke-Smith will relieve as Stage 2 Assistant Principal.

Interns from University
This term we welcome two new interns, Nikola Moore and Katrina Wirth who will complete their teacher training with a final ten-week internship. The internship is an opportunity to practice and demonstrate their skills and understandings as a young teaching professional.

Crazy Hair Day
Students are encouraged to come along with crazy hair styles next Friday 28th July 2017. Please bring a gold coin donation to help support the Pink Jets aerobics team who will be competing at the National Championships on the Gold Coast in August. Please note that it is NOT an out of uniform day, crazy hair only.

New School Finance System
Our school will transition to the new “LMBR” finance system this week. Parents may encounter some delays in our office as we learn the new systems and software applications. NO MONIES can be accepted until Monday 31st July 2017. Parents are also asked not to use the Parent Online Payment (POP) system until this date. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parents wishing to have an interview with the class teacher to discuss the Semester 1 report can fill in the response slip in this newsletter and return it to the class teacher. The class teacher will contact parents directly to organise a suitable time.

ATSI Homework Club
Students who have registered for the ATSI Homework Club are advised that the afternoon sessions will commence this Monday 24th July 2017 from 3:15pm to 4:00pm. Parents are responsible for ensuring adequate supervision travelling home at 4:00pm.

2018 Kindergarten Enrolments
Planning starts early for next year’s Kindergarten enrolments. Please remind family and friends to contact the school regarding any students who will be enrolling in Kindergarten next year. Enquiries and enrolment forms are available at the office.

Stage 1 Excursion to Civic Theatre
This Tuesday 25th July 2017, Stage 1 students will travel by bus to the Civic Theatre in Newcastle to see a performance of “Mr Stink”. Students will be leaving school promptly at 10:00am. Please ensure your child has enough water to last the day, a packed lunch, afternoon tea and fruit in their school bag. All items to be labelled with your child’s name. Full school uniform must be worn. We will depart the Civic Theatre by 2:30pm and hope to arrive back at school by 3:30pm. Our ETA will be updated on our Facebook page on the day as details become available.

School Disco
Save the date…… Our next school disco will be held in the school hall on Monday 7th August from 5:00pm. The theme for the disco will be “Glow Disco”. The Student Representative Council (SRC) will help run the night with the support of the schools P&C and staff. Glow products will be available on the night.
School Upgrade
The Project Reference Group (PRG) for the announced school upgrade met last week to continue the consultation and planning process. The school will benefit from a major upgrade to existing facilities of up to 20 new classrooms. Plans and details of the proposed works will hopefully be on display soon for community consultation and comments.

Education Week
Education Week (31st July to 4th August) celebrates the importance of a strong and successful public education system in New South Wales. Rutherford Public School will celebrate Education Week with the following planned activities:

Monday 31st August 2017
9:30am Whole School Assembly in the Primary Quadrangle (performances by School Dance Ensembles and Choir)
10:00am Open Classrooms - Literacy and Numeracy Sessions
11:15am Picnic Lunch in the playground

Wednesday 2nd August 2017
6:00pm Rutherford Learning Community (RLC) Education Week Assembly at Rutherford High School
Selected students and staff will be recognised for their outstanding contribution to Public Education.
Selected members of the school choir will perform in a combined choir performance.

OC Class Test
Good Luck to the Year 4 students who have elected to sit the 2018 Year 5 Opportunity Class Test. Students who registered should have received information detailing the test details and conditions. Students will sit the test next Wednesday 26th July at Maitland Grossman High School. Results of the examinations should be announced in Term 4. The Opportunity Class Placement Test is a secure test and papers are unavailable for scrutiny before or after the test session. The Department does not endorse coaching for the Opportunity Class Placement Test as it is designed as a measure of academic ability or potential. It would be helpful to both the test administrator and the candidates if students were familiar with the practical aspects of the test.
Sample test papers are located at: https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5/the-test

Kindergarten Chickens
Chickens at Rutherford Public School! 😊 The chicks arrived at 8:20am on Monday morning and are all set up so they can spend the first two weeks of the term with us. Miss Collins and Mrs Lee are very excited and we look forward to providing some great learning opportunities to all students in the school.
Please remember that no one is to remove the chicks from the pen without Kindergarten staff permission. Also please don’t hit or tap on the plastic pen as this will scare our chicks. 🐔

TERM 3 Dates
Term 3 is shaping up to be just as busy as the first two! Some important dates for your calendar include:
18/7/17 Term 3 commences for all grades
31/7/17 Education Week Open Day
7/8/17 School Disco
15/8/17 Fundraiser for Ava Jankovic
30/8/17 School Photos

2018 Kindergarten Transition Program
Have you heard about our innovative transition to school program?
Children in our school zoning area, enrolling into Kindergarten in 2018, are eligible to come along to our “P-K Little Dragons” program every Thursday for a two-hour school readiness program. The program is run by the school and fully staffed by teachers and support staff. Children learn school routines and get to know some of the children that they will enrol with in the new year.
Cost each week is only $1. Parents can enrol their child by registering at the front office (in person). The program runs for all of Term 2 and 3 and the first five weeks of Term 4.

Interested in joining our School Band?
Band recruitment notes have been handed out to any students who are interested in joining our band for Terms 3 and 4, 2017. There are places still available, so if your primary student is interested (Years 3, 4, 5, 6), please see Miss Ward 5/6W or Mr Ward on Wednesday for a note.

Kirsty Ward, Band Director

Donation of Roald Dahl Book Sets
We would like to thank Jim Swan, grandfather of Trystan, who has donated a number of Roald Dahl book sets to the school. The books are a wonderful addition to our classroom resources.

Crazy Hair Day - Friday 28th July 2017
Please bring a gold coin donation to help support the Pink Jets aerobics team who will be competing at the National Championships in Queensland in August. Please note that it is NOT an out-of-uniform day. Crazy hair only please.

NAPLAN Online
Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit an additional online NAPLAN test this term, as part of the move to have the testing program on an electronic platform by 2019. An information sheet is included in the newsletter for parents.

**Collecting Children in School Hours**
Parents, carers and visitors are reminded that ALL children must be signed out of school through the school office during the hours of 9:10am and 3:10pm. Parents are not permitted to go to the classrooms directly. This ensures that interruptions are kept to a minimum, and that the adults collecting the students are registered and identified as an authorised parent or guardian. Students will come to the office after the office has processed the early departure through our computer system. It is also important the parents and carers do not collect the students for trivial reasons. The Education Act states that all students must attend school regularly and that appointments and time away from school should be minimised and avoided. Thank you to all parents who follow these procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students.

**Family Court Orders**
Any families who are subject to family court orders MUST provide the school with current papers and documentation. Having the correct and latest information ensures there is no confusion or potential breaches of the orders. Thank you for your consideration.

**Parenting Course**
An opportunity for parents to learn more about parenting teens will be offered at the school every Friday morning for six weeks. Mary Ferguson, a teacher from RTHS will present the course, and it is sure to be useful for any families who have children about to enter their teenage years. There is NO COST for the course and morning tea will be supplied each week. Numbers are strictly limited. Parents are encouraged to come along, meet other parents and learn some new strategies for ensuring the teenage years are positive and happy!

**Medication at School**
If children require medication during school hours, please do not send it with them to keep in their school bag. This presents a serious safety concern to your child and also to other children. If medical support is required at school, please contact the front office to discuss your child’s needs, and what process will need to be followed.

**Stage 3 News**
Rutherford Technology High School will start their Enrichment programs for Year 5 and Year 6 students, commencing in Week 3 of this term. The program will run on Thursday 3rd August, 10th August, 17th August and 24th August 2017. The Enrichment program is designed for students who are highly motivated learners and are showing talent in a particular subject area. The subjects offered for Enrichment are:
- **CAPA** - Drama, Music and two Visual arts
- **Agriculture and Food Technology** (2 agriculture and 2 food technology lessons)
- **iSTEM** which includes robotics and woodwork
- **Forensics Case Studies** which will incorporate history, geography and science.

Unfortunately not all students will get the opportunity to participate in this program, as numbers are strictly limited. Classroom teachers will nominate students from their class to participate in this program. Permission notes for the Enrichment program will be sent home in Week 2.

**Year 6 Canberra Camp**
We are no longer able to accept any more students to attend our four-day Canberra Camp, held in Week 9, September 11th to September 14th 2017. All dietary requirements have now also been submitted and our numbers finalised. Students attending our Canberra excursion will receive an information pack in Week 2 outlining our itinerary and the items that students will need to pack. After receiving an itinerary in Week 2, if you have any further questions about our Canberra Camp, a parent Q&A session will be held in the school hall on Monday 31st July from 3:30pm to 4:00pm. Please continue to make sure that payments are being made as the final date for payment is 4th September 2017.

**Great Aussie Bush Camp**
We still have spaces left for students who may wish to attend our Great Aussie Bush Camp in Term 4. For a permission note or further details regarding the Great Aussie Bush Camp, please see Ms Morphett. A parent Q&A session for the Great Aussie Bush Camp will be held on Monday 18th September 2017 in the school hall, after all final details have been submitted to the camp and our itinerary finalised.

**Year 6 Farewell Fundraiser**
Our next Year 6 Farewell fundraiser will be held during the school disco on Monday 7th August 2017 in the school hall. Year 6 SRC students will be selling glow products including bracelets, rings and glasses. We have been very lucky to have received a donation of 200 glow bracelets, 30 rings and 20 pairs of glasses which will help greatly with our fundraising. Further information regarding the Year 6 Farewell will be available later in the term, however if you wish to 'save the date', keep the evening of Tuesday 12th December 2017 free.
CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK 2017


Each year a theme is chosen to help children and teachers engage with books, learn, create, think and have fun exploring all the books. This year’s theme is “Escape to Everywhere.”

Each Stage will be working on an activity related to one of the shortlisted books, or the book week theme in the lead up to Book Week.

To celebrate books and reading, we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th August. Book sales will be from 8:40 am until 4:00pm each day.

On Thursday 17th August, it will be a Dress Up Day and Book Week Parade. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We will be holding a parade around the school from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

Start thinking about your costumes now, and come along to support the school by purchasing something from the Book Fair. The school receives a commission from the total sales made, which allows us to purchase new books for our library and classrooms!

“Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are” Mason Cooley

MRS KIM BEESLEY
Teacher Librarian
PSSA Softball
The girls unfortunately lost their game against Hallidays Point 17-3 in the last week of Term 2. Our girls put in a good effort with things just not going their way at times. Thank you to Elisha (Sam's Mum) and Scott (Mrs Clark's husband) for helping with transport. Sebastian Richard and Darcy Spalding tried out for the boys Hunter PSSA side last term. Sebastian made it to round 2 of the trials, but unfortunately neither made it through to the final team selection. It was a tough trial with 25 boys vying for the 12-player side. Eddie Thomas put in a fantastic effort at the Girls PSSA trials on Friday, and was rewarded with a place in the team. Eddie will travel with Mrs Clark to Lismore in September to play in the PSSA State Championships. Well done Eddie!

PSSA Basketball
Last Wednesday the boys and girls basketball teams took on the best teams from all over the Hunter Valley at the Maitland Basketball Stadium. The competition was fierce and the Rutherford Public School kids brought their ‘A’ games. The boys won two games and lost a third, narrowly missing the finals. The girls blitzed the field, winning all pool games before finally going down in the grand final to Ashtonfield Public School. Mr Burke-Smith commented about the super skills, excellent sportsmanship and the positive attitude exhibited all day by our students. Thanks go out to the parents that helped with transport, cheering on the team and Mr Cochrane for training.

REQUEST FOR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW

Student Name: _____________________________ Class: ________

Parent/Carer Name: _______________________________

Phone Number: _________________________________

Please return this slip to the class teacher with your child.
Proposed Uniform Changes
The Uniform Committee will meet this Wednesday 26th July 2017 to further discuss proposed changes to the school uniform. The meeting will look at two options for the unisex polo and make final recommendations to the school P&C for final endorsement.

Below, Leo is modelling the two options for the potential new unisex polo, and Maddison is modelling the potential update to the tunic.

Unisex Polos are on display in the school foyer. All parents and carers are most welcome to come along to the meeting in the community room. Any changes to the uniform must be ratified by the school P&C and will be phased in over several years to ensure no families are put under financial pressure or burden. Thank you to the parents who have helped the process so far.

Upcoming Events
We have a number of events coming up, and we would love to see you there. With such a large school, we can always use a hand!

Please let us know which of the following coming events you could help out at, even if only for a short time…

- **Monday 31st August** - Education Week Open Day - Some assistance is needed in the canteen with Sausage Roll and Pie Lunch Orders
- **Monday 7th August** - P&C Disco from 5:00pm - Canteen Volunteers most welcome!
- **Tuesday 15th August** - Ava Jankovic Fundraising BBQ Day - Help with cooking sausages and preparing orders
- **Date to be confirmed** - Father’s Day Stall - Volunteers needed to help serve students

Parent/Volunteer Name ____________________________________________ Phone ________________
Please see below a letter from the P&C regarding risk assessing events...

Rutherford Public School P&C Association

26/6/17

To all 2017 RPS P&C Financial Members,

An issue was raised at the June 2017 P&C meeting and the P&C Executive met and have decided that from now on we will conduct risk assessments on each event we hold. During these risk assessments we will look at all aspects i.e. Size, venue, location, time frame, volunteers etc.

After making enquiries with P&C Federation as to what our insurance covers us for, we have discovered that if children of school siblings (i.e. baby, toddler, child) are injured whilst their parent/s are volunteering, they are not covered by our Voluntary Worker Accident Cover.

Many of our wonderful P&C members and volunteer parents have been bringing younger children to our events and whilst it is fantastic that they are volunteering (and we can’t raise funds without our wonderful volunteers) we have unfortunately had a couple of near misses/incidents. This has forced us to now risk assess events and one aspect will be to look at if an event is suitable for our volunteers to bring babies, toddlers, younger children.

There will be events that siblings can attend, but there will also be some that they won't be able too. Our children’s lives are precious and we would be devastated if a child was injured whilst mum/dad was busy volunteering and unable to give their full attention to their child.

We thank each and every one of our volunteers and we hope you are understanding in this matter.

Rutherford Public School P&C Executive
Events:

Fortnightly Assemblies in even Weeks:
Stage 1  2:30 pm  Monday  School Hall
Stage 3  2:30 pm  Tuesday  School Hall
Kindergarten  2:30 pm  Thursday  School Hall
Even weeks only (Week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10)

Fortnightly Assemblies in odd Weeks:
Stage 2  2:30 pm  Tuesday  School Hall
Odd weeks only (Week 3, 5, 7, 9)

Second Hand Uniform Stall
Every Monday 2:30pm to 3:00pm
P&C Shed behind the hall

School Band
Every Wednesday 8:30am
Community Room

P-K Program for Kindergarten 2018
Every Thursday  9:00am and 12:45pm
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR TERM 3 WEEK 6 INTAKE!

Click the picture below to go to the Learning Potential website

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
...to keep all the nutrients and minerals.

Here are some useful tips to help keep the nutrients and minerals in your fruit and veg during preparation and cooking.

- Follow storage tips. Not only will your fruit and veg last longer, it will retain more nutrients and taste better too.
- Try not to peel your fruit and vegetables if you can avoid it. The skin is packed with fibre and other nutrients such as vitamins lie close to the skin surface.
- When cooking fruit and veg try not to chop it up too much.
- Heating fruit and boiling veggies loses many of the wonderful vitamins and minerals inside. Fruit and vegies are great fresh and raw. If you prefer them cooked, steaming, blanching, grilling, roasting, stir frying or microwaving retain more nutrients.
- Fresh is great but the nutrient value of food is also retained when snap frozen.
- Use the outer leaves of vegetables unless they are wilted or unpalatable.
- Keep it simple and do what works for you. We agree that eating fruit and veg any way you can is still a win!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit
FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL FEES
All students have been invoiced for our 2017 school fees. The fee covers some of the costs associated with exercise books, copying costs and online Matific subscriptions.

2017 fees are:
$45 per student or $90 per family.

Thank you for paying your fees promptly and contributing to our school operations.

OFFICE HOURS:
8:30am - 3:30pm Monday to Friday

VISITING PARENTS:
Reminder to parents to report to the office when visiting the school.

PAYMENTS: NO PAYMENTS FROM 23/6 TO 31/7 PLEASE
PARENTS ONLINE PAYMENTS (POP) - POP can be made to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card.

The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment. Minimum payment is $10, and you can only pay for one child on each transaction.

EFTPOS:
EFTPOS operational times are 8:00am until 12:00pm.

DO NOT POP!
Learning Management Business Reform

Our school will transition to LMBR, a new software management program, in July. During this time, parents are asked to stop using our online payment system during the transition period, which will be:

Friday 23rd June to Monday 31st July 2017

We will also be unable to accept cash, cheques and EFTPOS payments during this period.

Our current bank account will be closed, therefore any payments made through POP during this time, will not show up on our system. Please ensure you do not pay by POP during the above mentioned dates.
Want to help your child with their learning?


If you're looking for tips and ideas to help you nurture your child's potential, you've come to the right place. Learning Potential has hundreds of articles on all aspects of your child's learning and development, from the early years to the end of high school, with more articles added all the time!

Browse by categories, or enter a topic in the search box. All the content is also available on the free Learning Potential app - download it on the App Store or Google Play.

If your child is in primary school, the complementary Learning Potential Resources website has great ways you can reinforce the skills your child is developing in the classroom.
Dragon’s Nest Breakfast Club

We are looking for parent Volunteers to run our breakfast club from 8:30am to 9:30am (Mon-Fri). If you are interested and able to help out, please contact Mrs Rasna Gandhi (CLO) in the office. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Saxby, Mrs Swetnam, Ms Parkinson, Mrs Vassallo, Mrs Tansley and the Singh family for their donations to the breakfast club.

Please support our Breakfast Club Sponsors:

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PBL Team Expression of Interest

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Team are looking for members of the Rutherford Public School community to join us!

We would love to have a community member available to attend meetings, which are usually held on Mondays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, several times per term, to provide us with valuable feedback.

If you think this is something you are interested in, please fill in the slip below and drop it to the office by Friday 23rd June 2017.

Thank you from The PBL Team

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YES! I am interested in joining the PBL Team.

Parent/Carer Name ________________________________

Contact number ________________________________

Child/ren at Rutherford ________________________________

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Ashneel Singh
Building Designer
Mobile: 0413 206 682
Email: ashneel_b_singh@yahoo.com
MAITLAND RELAY FOR LIFE
MARCELLIN PARK
SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 10AM - 10PM

ARE YOU A PERFORMER?
We are looking for performers for Maitland Relay For Life
On Saturday 9th September
KEEN?
For more info email clint.ekert@nswcc.org.au or call 6572 5405

SuperStrike
Rutherford Superstrike
SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 6.30PM
$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES:
- 2 GAMES OF BOWLING
- SHOE HIRE
- FINGER FOOD

Grab a Team of 6, or come alone all are welcome!

Teams of 6 or come alone
Only $25 Per Person!
Prizes for Winning Team
Prizes for Best Dressed!

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Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

**Results will be faster and more precise**
- Your child’s individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students’ learning needs.

**Tailored tests will provide better assessment**
- The online format allows for ‘tailored testing’, where the test adapts to a student’s performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a ‘practice run’ for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link: [http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site](http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site)

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website: [http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online](http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online)

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information: [http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html)
Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

* Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.
Tuning in to Teens

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- have fewer mental health and substance abuse
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success
- Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.

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Youth on Track is an early intervention scheme for 10-17 year olds that identifies and responds to young people at risk of long-term involvement in the criminal justice system.

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What is the Youth on Track scheme?

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What services does the Youth on Track scheme provide?

- One-on-one case management with experienced caseworkers
- Offence-focused behavioural and family intervention
- Links to education, employment, health and other community support services

What are the benefits for participants?

- Decrease in formal contact with police
- Reduction in risk of reoffending
- Improved engagement with family and education

Referrals and eligibility

Referrals can come from local schools and Police Youth Liaison Officers for young people who are thought to be at high risk of reoffending and who have received at least one caution, conference or charge from NSW Police.

The young person must also:

- Be 10-17 years old;
- Have had at least one formal contact with police (caution, charge or Youth Justice Conference) where the offence occurred in one of the Youth on Track Local Area Commands;
- Have exhibited risk factors of offending (such as truancy, contact with police, child at risk reports, pro-criminal peer association, family history of domestic violence, and substance abuse);
- Must live or go to school within a Local Area Command that is involved in Youth on Track; and
- Not have previously received a supervised court order or spent time in custody on a control order.

The Youth on Track screening officer can also make automatic referrals by screening data contained in the NSW COPS database. Young people who have had at least two formal contacts with police and who are assessed as having a 60% or greater likelihood of offending may be referred. The offence must have occurred in one of the Youth on Track Police Local Area Commands.
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