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National Assessment Program

NAPLAN School Contact Officers nominations

A letter has been sent to all ACT schools requesting nomination of a NAPLAN school contact officer for 2010. The person nominated will be delegated to act in a professional and ethical manner at all times in relation to the security and confidentiality of test materials; ensuring that all staff are informed of the test administration guidelines.

School contact officer information sessions

Information sessions are scheduled for all school contact officers to relay their responsibilities, protocols and timelines for the delivery of NAPLAN in 2010. School contact officers may choose one of the sessions below to attend. Principals are also invited to attend these sessions.

Dates:	Tues 16 and Wed 17 February	Thursday 18 February
Time:	4-6pm	4-6pm
Location:	Centre for Teaching and Learning Fremantle Drive Stirling	Daramalan College Hall Cowper Street Dickson

Schools will be provided with a school administration handbook that will detail the national protocols for the administration of the tests and a specific timeline of actions.

Writing marker employment

The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) is seeking Expressions of Interest from practising teachers and recently retired or casually employed teachers to participate in the marking of student Writing Task responses from the 2010 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). All teachers should have knowledge of grammar. An understanding of criterion-based marking is desirable.

The training and marking will take place in an approximate four-week period bounded by 20 May 2010 and 19 June 2010 with the final dates to be advised. Day or evening sessions will be available, with markers also required to mark on Saturday on a roster system. Marking will not take place on the Queen’s Birthday long weekend. Successful applicants will be required to attend for the full duration of the marking operation.

The marking will take place at the Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling, ACT. Application Forms and Conditions of Employment will be available from the ACER website at www.acer.edu.au/nap/act or by contacting Nina on 02 8338 6806, or Warren on 02 8338 6801.

An advertisement will be placed in the Canberra Times on Saturday 6 February, with applications closing on Friday 12 March 2010.

Changes in staffing

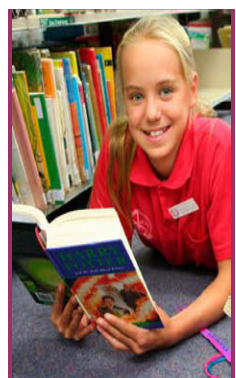
As a result of a reorganisation within the Department Dianne Grantham, the manager of Educational Assessment and Review team and test administration contact officer for the ACT has commenced a new role. Her work over the last nine years in the coordination of system testing has been much appreciated. Dianne’s new challenge will be as leader of the School Improvement Support section of the Department.

Access to NAPLAN Newsletters

Please note that access to previous newsletters can be found at: http://www.det.act.gov.au/teaching_and_learning/assessment_and_reporting/national_assessment_program_nap

Enquiries

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