



National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Purpose

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide updated information regarding the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy.

NAPLAN 2011 Dates

In 2011, schools will be required to schedule NAPLAN tests for the 10, 11 and 12 May. Friday 13 May will be a catch-up day if required. Please ensure these dates are placed in 2011 school calendars.

The NAPLAN 2011 trials will be conducted from 2 – 10 August 2010. Schools involved are working closely with the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) who have been contracted to deliver the trial. Information about ACER can be found at www.acer.edu.au.

Student reports

It is anticipated that schools should receive student reports in week 8 of term 3 for distribution to parents in week 9 of term 3. Schools and parents should check that the information provided in the student reports and advise Educational Performance and Reporting of any anomalies by Friday 24 September.

SMART 2

Schools will also receive their data in the School Management and Reporting Toolkit (SMART2) at the same time as the student reports. The Department will be offering professional development workshops to assist with the transition to the online version of SMART.

Venue: Centre for Teaching and Learning
Dates: Week 9 Term 3: 15 & 16 September 2010
Week 10 Term 3: 22 & 23 September 2010

There will be a morning session (9 - 12) and an afternoon session (2 - 5) each day. Details on how to enrol in these workshops will be sent to schools in the near future.

NAPLAN Writing Task

In the 2011 NAPLAN Writing test, students will write a persuasive text. A sample task can be found on the NAPLAN website - www.naplan.edu.au

My School - Student background information for ICSEA

A letter from ACARA to school principals providing an overview of the developments for the *My School* website was distributed on 21 June following the first meeting of the *My School* Working Party. ACARA have indicated that the ICSEA scale will be constructed using student-level socio-economic status (SES) including parents' or carers' education and occupation status, language background and indigenous status.

The Department will be providing an update of this information to ACARA on Friday 1 October. All schools should ensure that their data (especially parent education and occupation status) is complete and up to date.

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