



# 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 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.

## 2010 NAPLAN Student Reports

NAPLAN test results for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 were to be distributed to parents by 24 September 2010. Schools should ensure all reports have been distributed. Please advise of any reporting issues as soon as possible.

To assist parents and members of the school community gain more information about the tests, schools can direct them to the NAPLAN website at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au).

## SMART 2

Schools have received their data in the School Management and Reporting Toolkit (SMART2). Any issues identified should be reported as soon as possible.

## NAPLAN WRITING 2011

The text type for the writing task in 2011 will be persuasive writing. The ACARA website has useful information such as a sample task, facts about the writing task, frequently asked questions, and an overview of the marking guide. This information can be located at [http://www.naplan.edu.au/writing\\_2011\\_-\\_domains.html](http://www.naplan.edu.au/writing_2011_-_domains.html)

Persuasive writing will be marked in a way that closely parallels the marking of narrative writing in 2009 and 2010. Assessment rubrics for both narrative and persuasive writing include common criteria, which will assist in comparing results from the different forms of writing.

The marking guide for persuasive writing has been prepared by ACARA and ACER, the authorised agency for the preparation of NAPLAN test materials. This was done in consultation with representatives from all Australian jurisdictions.

The trialling of persuasive writing and the marking guide was conducted in August.

A workshop, 'Teaching Tips for Persuasive Writing', will be offered on Wednesday 27 October. Spaces are limited and bookings are to be made through the professional learning and events calendar which can be found at: <https://index.det.act.gov.au>. Please contact Kathy Griffiths on 62053695 or [kathy.griffiths@act.gov.au](mailto:kathy.griffiths@act.gov.au) for more information.

## My School Principals' Portal

The principals' portal has opened for registration. This is where principals enter their school profile text for 2010 for the *My School* website. The portal will remain open until 15 October. The text for school profiles may be up to 3000 characters including spaces. More information is available on the ACARA website: <http://www.acara.edu.au>

For public schools, a quality assurance process will commence following the closing date for submission of school profile text. This will be managed through the School Improvement Division.

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