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11 MAY 2018 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 2 2018

Friday 11 May Chess competition

MONDAY 14 MAY—FRIDAY 25 MAY

**HALF YEARLY EXAMS & NAPLAN
ONLINE**

Monday 14 May P&C Meeting

Friday 18 May Chess Competition

Wednesday 23 May Australian History
competition

Friday 25 May Chess competition
HYPE Program

Monday 28 May Geography
competition

Tuesday 29 May ICAS Science
Year 6 diagnostic
testing 3.45-5pm

Thursday 31 May Reconciliation Day
Year 10 Subject
Taster Day

Friday 1 June Chess competition

HYPE Program

Friday 8 June Year 10 History
Incursion

Chess Competition

HYPE Program

Monday 11 June Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday

Wednesday 13 June ICAS Spelling

Thursday 14 June ICAS Writing

Friday 15 June Year 9 History
Incursion

Food Technology
Taste excursion

HYPE Program

Chess Competition

Monday 18 June P&C Meeting

Wyndham MADD
Night rehearsal

SRC Camp

Tuesday 19 June SRC Camp

Wyndham MADD
matinee

SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday 11 May—Blacktown Zone Cross Country

Thursday 31 May—Girls Schools Cup Netball

Thursday 7 & Friday 8 June—Zone Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 13 June—Sydney West Cross Country



SMART FOCUS FOR WEEKS 3 & 4: TRYING MY BEST

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Most parents would be aware that over the next couple of years NAPLAN will be moving from paper-based tests to computer based online assessments. QHHS was offered the option to move to online testing after we engaged in significant practice in online testing last year and we chose to do so.

Moving NAPLAN online allows many new opportunities for students and teachers that are limited or not possible with paper-based tests. According to the ACARA website the key benefits are as follows:

- **Better assessment – and more precise results.** NAPLAN Online uses a tailored test or adaptive design, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match the student achievement level, allowing the student to demonstrate their knowledge. This provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance on the tests. Tailored testing also provides an opportunity to broaden the scope of the assessments.
- **Faster turnaround of results.** Delivery of assessments online significantly reduces the time it takes to provide feedback to schools, students and parents, so teachers can respond more quickly to learning needs.
- **More engaging.** ACARA research into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

As per our advice in previous years, we encourage all students to attend each day. Although there will be catch up opportunities, it is better for all NAPLAN examinations as scheduled. We also remind parents and students that NAPLAN should never be a cause for concern. As a diagnostic test, it is of great benefit to teaching staff in planning future teaching and learning and this is why attendance, completion and doing your best are important.

Over the next two weeks we will have over 500 students undertaking NAPLAN online and organising this has been a labour intensive task. I would like to recognise Mrs Karen Critchley, Mr Melhem Daghel and Ms Frances Lawson-Cohen for the enormous amount of work they have done in testing the platforms, organising the rooms, the computer access and the painstaking timetabling that this test has required.

STUDENTS: DON'T FORGET YOUR HEADPHONES (for NAPLAN) or your ruler/ calculator, pens and pencils for other exams.

OUTLINE FOR WEEK 3 NAPLAN

Tuesday - Writing

Wednesday - Reading

Thursday - Language Conventions (some Year 9 will also do reading)

Friday - Year 9 Numeracy

Monday - Year 7 Numeracy

Catch up is available for Writing until Friday Week 3. All other exams are available for catch up until the Friday of Week 4.

Congratulations on the following students for receiving their Gold Principal's Award:

Year 8—Casey Arena, Ramya Krishnan, Erika Ukkonen

Year 10—Dylan Sharma

Ms Rebecca Mahon
Principal (Relieving)



2nd Kings Langley Scouts
ADULTS GONE WILD
TRIVIA NIGHT

When? Saturday 23 June 2018
6.30pm – 10.30pm

Where? 2nd Kings Langley Scout Hall
20 Venn Avenue, Lalor Park

Cost? \$20 per person
(bookings essential as no ticket sold at the door)

BYO: Nibbles, Drinks and Snacks

Great Prizes!
Silent Auction
Games & Raffle

Tables of 8 or we can place
you on the night

To purchase tickets deposit your
\$20 to 2nd Kings Langley Account
BSB 062 121 Account 1006 8684
Email receipt to
treasurer@2ndkingslangley.com.au

**All funds raised on the
night go towards
sending our
Scouts to AJ2019**

SCOUTS
for youth for life
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This is a **FREE** Course for Parents & Carers

Topics include :

- ▶ Depression
- ▶ Anxiety problems
- ▶ Psychosis
- ▶ Substance use problems
- ▶ Eating disorders

Who:

This 14-hour Youth Mental Health First Aid Course teaches Parents / Carers (18 years & over) how to provide initial support to adolescents (12 years+) who are developing a mental illness or experiencing a mental health crisis.

When: 9th -30th May

Time: 10am-12:30

Duration: 4 Weeks

Where: Venue to be advised on registration.

Childcare: not available.

- ▶ **Mental Health First Aid** is the help provided to a person who is developing a mental health problem, or who is in a mental health crisis (e.g.the person is suicidal or has had a traumatic experience).
- ▶ Like physical first aid, mental health first aid is given until the person receives professional help or until the crisis resolves.
- ▶ MHFA Strategies are taught in evidence based training courses authored by Mental Health First Aid Australia & delivered by accredited MHFA instructors across the country.
- ▶ JFDS offers MHFA Courses as authored by MHFA Australia & delivered by accredited MHFA instructors.



Youth Mental Health First Aid

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For further information, expressions of interest & to make bookings

Please phone 9621 3922



Speech, movement, mime, scripts,
theatre games, improvisation, play building,
musical theatre and performance
techniques.

Ages from 5-17 years old

Weekly classes:

**Bella Vista, Castle Hill,
Baulkham Hills, Dural, Rouse Hill,
Quakers Hill, Oakhill Drive, Kellyville.
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