



7th May 2021

POORAKA PRIMARY SCHOOL R - 7, SOUTH TERRACE, POORAKA 5095

Cooperation

Respect

Caring

Trust

Responsibility



## Whole school health hustle

We started the week with a whole school health hustle, the same hustle from sports day!

Everyone participated and enjoyed the physical activity before starting the day. Our student senior leaders were very encouraging as they facilitated the health hustle routine.

Student feedback :

"Let's do this again, every week!"



### Diary Dates:

**Week 3 and 4 NAPLAN**

**Week 3—Tuesday 11th May:**

the Chief Executive for Education will be visiting the school.

**Week 5—  
Reconciliation Week**



**Week 5—26th May 9:00am—10:00am  
Governing Council meeting**

**Week 6—Child Protection Week**

**Week 8—15th June - Pupil Free Day**

**Week 8—17th June—School Photos**

**Week 10—2nd July—End of term 2  
2p.m early dismissal.**

## Literacy Learning

Independent reading



Individual Teacher support



Writing a report , collaboratively

Spelling support with Mrs Foreman—phoneme and grapheme mapping.



## NAPLAN 2021

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests skills in writing, reading, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy. The NAPLAN tests are administered in schools across Australia in May every year. This year our students will be doing NAPLAN online.

In advance of taking NAPLAN Online, students, teachers and parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment. You can access the tests via the link :

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>



**Thank you to all our Pooraka families** for participating in parent/teacher interview sessions. Interviews are a time to talk with your child's teacher about how your child is tracking with their learning, their learning goals and their future learning focus. It is also a time where parents/caregivers can add value to their child's school learning by asking questions and seeking clarification.

If you were unable to make a time to meet with your child's teacher do not hesitate to make a time. Teachers are always willing to catch up with you - so make a time using SeeSaw or phoning the school.



### Parent engagement in children's learning

As a parent you have a strong influence on your child's learning and development from their early years and through school.

You are your child's first teacher and how you support your child's learning matters. You have a key role in shaping your child's values, attitudes and approaches to learning at home, at school, and beyond.

Research has shown that when parents are engaged in their children's learning and build strong connections with their children's school, there can be significant benefits for children:

- They are more likely to enjoy learning and be motivated to do well
- They have stronger relationships with other children
- They have greater confidence and social skills
- They do better at school and have increased wellbeing
- They are less likely to miss days at school.



### What do we mean when we say parent engagement?

Parent engagement in children's learning is about working closely with your child's teachers to help your child to succeed. Parent engagement means knowing what they are learning at school, finding ways to bring school learning into the home, and helping teachers to know and understand your child so that they can help your child to thrive at school. Strong partnerships between schools, parents and families are essential for children to be successful in their learning.