



The Buzz

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From the Principal

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Term 3 Wrap Up

This term has been one to remember. I would like to congratulate our students, for their management and dedication to 'Home Learning'. We understand that learning from home is very different to school but the majority of children have adapted to the change and are doing their best under the current circumstances. It just highlights the resiliency that our children display.

I would also like to acknowledge our wonderful staff (both teaching and SASS) for the effort, time and dedication, providing learning opportunities and activities for their classes and/or target groups. The feedback that we have received from the community has been extremely positive. I particularly know the strength and professionalism of my staff, however, it is times such as these, that really highlight the collegiality and expertise of our team.

Also, a special acknowledgment and thank you to our parents for following the lock down orders, keeping your children at home where able and monitoring the children whilst working. We know it has been a huge task, sometimes overwhelming, especially considering a lot of our parents are working from home also. You truly have done a fabulous job, and never underestimate or think it is not enough because we understand the challenges that are at the forefront.

Lastly, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Mr Blake for his leadership of the school. Not only was I unaware that his leadership time would include the lockdown period, but he has also expertly managed whole school events at the beginning of the term. It is an absolute pleasure to work alongside Chris Blake and know that the school is in good hands when or if I'm away. Chris and I will continue to share the Principalship, with Chris sitting in the 'hotseat' on Wednesdays.

I hope everyone enjoys a break over the holidays and is looking forward to the COVID-safe return to school that is planned for Term 4. Please read through the following updates before the start of the school holidays and don't hesitate to reach out for support or with any questions.

Students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe Level 3 plus settings on school sites in the following order:

- From 25 October 2021: Kindergarten and Year 1
- From 1 November 2021: Years 2, 6 and 11
- From 8 November 2021: Years 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on new information expected through the Public Health Order and additional advice from NSW Health. You can stay up to date with the most recent advice on the Department of Education's Advice for families page at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

TERM 3	IPS Calendar
12 Oct	Orientation Parent Info Night via Zoom
20 Oct	P&C Meeting via Zoom
25 Oct	Staggered Return Date: Kindy & Yr 1
1 Nov	Staggered Return Date: Yr 2 & Yr 6
8 Nov	Staggered Return Date: Yr 3, 4 & 5



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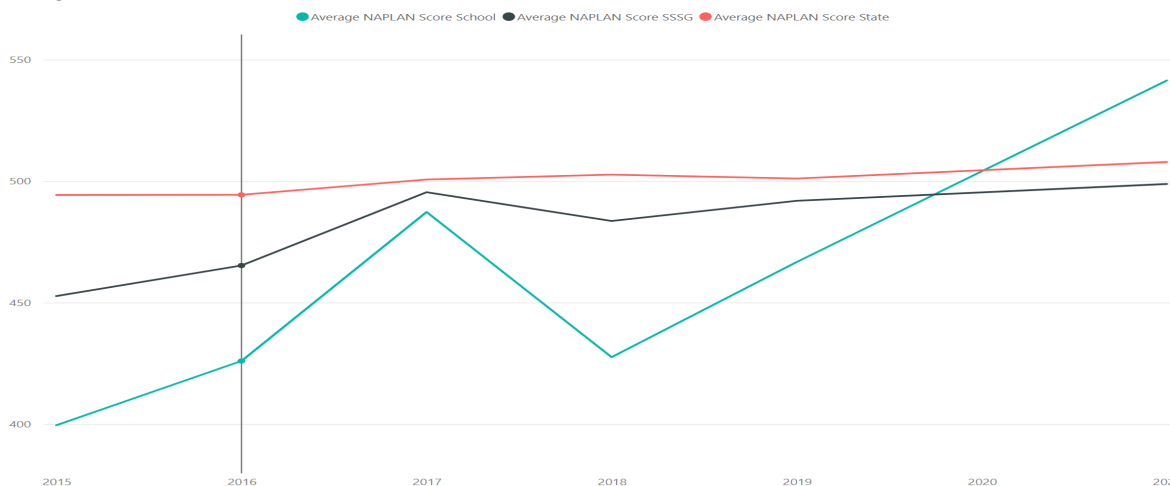
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NAPLAN News

Our children have achieved incredible results this year, with a marked improvement in every area tested. Over Term 4, more results will be shared via our Newsletters. Below is a line graph of our results for Year 5 and Year 3 NAPLAN Reading. The green/blue line represents Islington Public School, the black line Statistically Similar School Groups and the red line State averages. Both of our Yr 5 & 3 Reading results show that we are well above state and statistically similar schools. In fact, it is the highest result for the past 7 years. NAPLAN is a small snapshot of a 3-week period in time, however these results are undeniable. Students and staff should be congratulated for their hard work and excellent results.

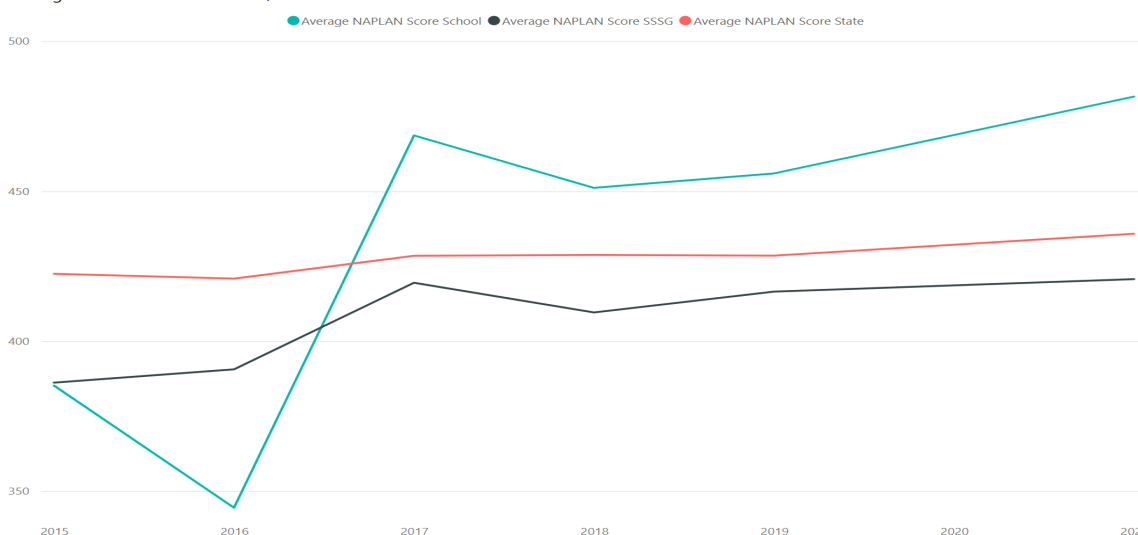
YEAR 5

Average NAPLAN Score - School, SSSG and State



YEAR 3

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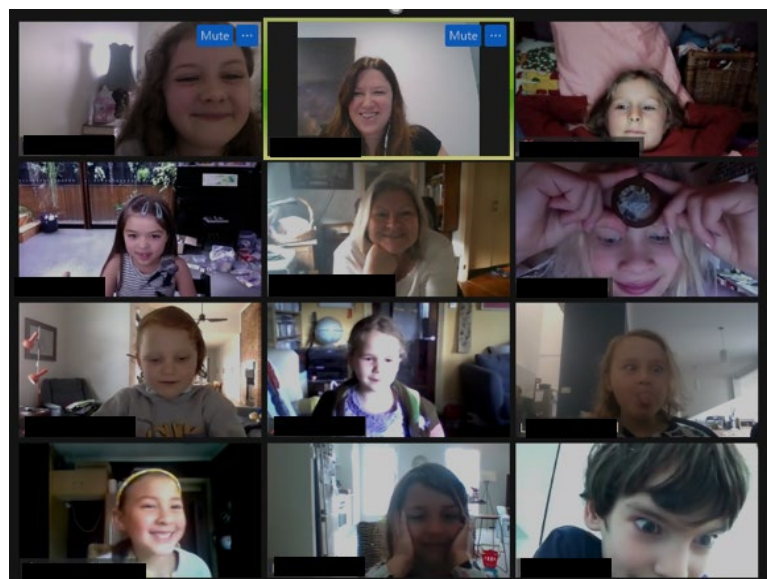
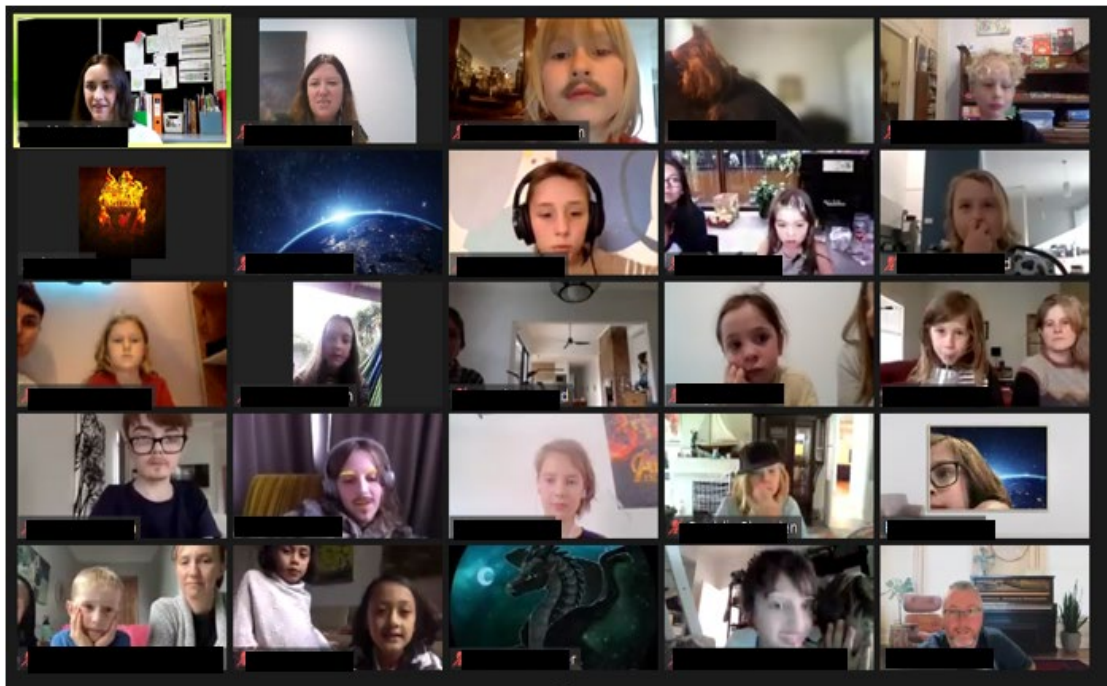


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Fun Zoom Sessions

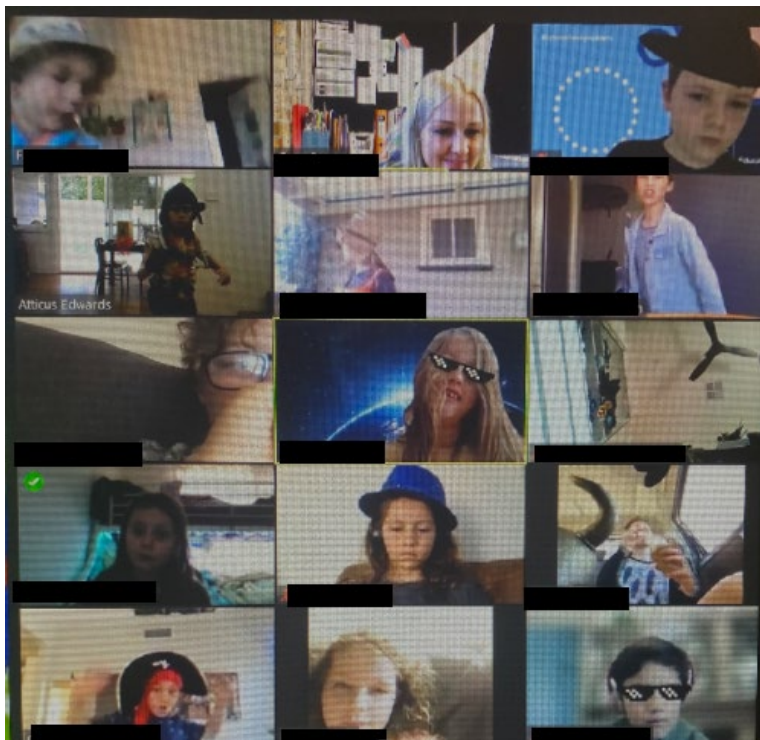
Zoom lessons have become the new 'normal' for teaching and learning. Our teachers have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children during zoom sessions to check in, get any updates, celebrate birthday's and answer questions when students needed assistance. Here's a little collage of our cherubs at their best 😊 We miss them!





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Stay safe and well, happy holidays!
Kim Harris

Vaccination Information

Young people aged 12 years and over are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. You can book in your children for Pfizer now, or Moderna from Monday 20 September.

Vaccination appointments are available at more than 3,000 locations across NSW, including some GPs and pharmacies. More appointments will become available as supply increases, so keep checking for new appointments in coming weeks.