

7th May, 2009.

National testing for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

On 12, 13 and 14 May our Yr 3, 5 and 7 students will take part in the national literacy and numeracy tests. The tests will see all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sitting the same tests as their interstate counterparts.

The test results provide useful information about how all state and non-state school students are performing in literacy and numeracy at their year level in comparison to their peers across Australia.

The literacy assessment will focus on areas of reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar while the numeracy testing will cover measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern.

Results from the tests will be used for reports to parents, school reporting to their communities, and reporting by states and territories to form a national overview.

The tests will also help teachers identify key areas for learning during the rest of the school year.

While it's important that students perform at their best, it's also important that students are not unduly stressed. Here are some general tips for beating test nerves:

- Get at least eight hours sleep
- Take time out from test preparation to do something relaxing and enjoyable
- Exercise and eat healthy meals regularly
- Develop a time management plan for studying
- Ask an older sibling or friend who has been through tests to give some tips on how to study
- If feeling anxious, take a few moments to breathe deeply.

For more information on the national testing, visit www.qsa.qld.edu.au

Shorncliffe's Results from the 2008 National Yr 3, 5 and 7 Testing

Percentage of Students at or above the National Minimum Standard *

	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy
Yr 3	96%	94%	94%	98%	96%
Yr 5	96%	100%	93%	100%	100%
Yr 7	100%	84%	89%	84%	100%

STRINGS NEWS

Junior String Ensemble will commence rehearsals as from next Tuesday 12th May. These rehearsals involve all year 4 string players and will take place during second break. Students are to come straight to the OSHC building and eat their lunch just outside the door. We will start playing at 1:10pm. It would be great if there were some Senior String players who could come and assist the junior players especially cellists. Well done to the string players who worked on the Honours camp audition music and scales.

Ms Keenan.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jesse Moss who qualified for the Queensland Trampoline Team on the weekend. Jesse came third in Double mini in the State Age Championships qualifying her for this apparatus. Jesse will represent Queensland at the National titles in Adelaide in September ... best of luck, Jesse!

BRACKEN RIDGE SHS EXPO 2009

You are invited to attend our OPEN Night on Tuesday 19th May at 5:30pm
Time: 5:30pm - free sausage sizzle
6:00pm - Principal's address
6:30pm - Tour of School

Come along and experience faculty displays, see our facilities, discuss *Life at Bracken Ridge* with current students and meet members of our teaching staff.

We look forward to seeing you.

P & C Pieces

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next meeting: May 13, 7:30pm



LOVE ON A PLATE!!

Enclosed in this week's newsletter is a flyer & pricelist from The Plate Company. This is a completely optional fundraising activity (that most Mum's will jump at!) that produces your child's personalized plates/cups/bowls etc.

There are 2 types of artwork that can be applied to the range of items available : straight felt pen drawing or collage. The info on the flyer is quite limited so go to the website if you require more: www.theplatecompany.com.au

You are welcome to place orders for siblings and/or friends who are interested. We will be having a drawing session on Thurs 4 June at big lunch. This can be used to complete the artwork for your order or as a practice for artwork to be completed at home.

Orders and payment are due by **Wed 20 May**. Please make cheques payable to Shorncliffe State School P & C.

For more info please contact me on nyreecooper@netspace.net.au

Thanks,
Nyree Cooper

BRACKEN RIDGE KINDERGARTEN

Bracken Ridge Kindergarten and Preschool (221 Barrett Street, Bracken Ridge) will be holding their enrolment week from 11th – 15th May between 3.00-4.00pm each day. Enrolments will be taken for children born from 1st July 2007 to 30th June 2008 to attend pre-prep in 2012. A \$15.00 enrolment fee will apply. Ph: 32698126