

Monday 13th February 2017

Dear Parents of Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6,

Each year the University of NSW Education Testing Centre conducts academic tests known as the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS). These tests provide an opportunity for students to measure their own achievement in an external test situation against high performance benchmarks.

The tests provided are for Years 3 – 6 in Mathematics, English, Writing, Spelling, Science and Digital Technologies.

As the benchmarks are very high and the tests quickly move into more complex levels of understanding, they are recommended for students who have clear strengths in particular subject areas. Please consider the effect sitting these tests may have on your child's self esteem and confidence if they struggle to understand what is being asked of them for much of the test.

The cost for all tests per student is \$8.00 with the exception of the Spelling Test which is \$11.00 and Writing test being \$17.00 this is due to the need for hand marking. The tests are taken at school on the specified dates below and will be held in The Leadership Centre, students will be required to arrive at school no later than 7.50am, meeting at the entrance of the Leadership Centre (covered deck area) for an 8.00am start. All forms and money **must be returned to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 15th March 2017.**

Please make cheques payable to the school. As test copies must be ordered and paid for in advance, unfortunately no late entries can be considered and no refund or alternative sitting date is possible if students are absent on the day. As all tests papers are paid for you will receive the actual test paper if your child is absent.

Please complete the slip below and attach the appropriate money. Please note these tests are completely voluntary.

Regards

David Wells
Principal

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Reply Slip – University of NSW Testing 2017

Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

I wish my child to undertake the following UNSW competitions: (please tick)

TEST	DATE	COST	TICK	TEST	DATE	COST	TICK	COST	TICK
Digital Technologies	Tuesday 23 rd May (7.50am)	\$8.00		Spelling	Wednesday 14 th June (7.50am)	\$11.00		All Tests	
Science	Tuesday 30 th May (7.50am)	\$8.00		English	Tuesday 1 st Aug (7.50am)	\$8.00		\$60.00	
Writing	Tuesday 13 th June (7.50am)	\$17.00		Mathematics	Tuesday 15 th August (7.50am)	\$8.00			

I enclose the total cash/cheques for these tests \$_____ (cheques to be made payable to Canterbury Primary School)

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____