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To the Principal

Dear Colleague

Teacher Professional Learning: *Assessment for Better Learning using NAPLAN Data*

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the Teacher Professional Learning program that the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) is providing to support you in using your NAPLAN 2011 data. The program, called *Assessment for Better Learning using NAPLAN Data*, will focus on two main themes:

- How curriculum leaders and classroom teachers can use their school-level data to analyse the impact of their school's learning programs.
- How classroom teachers can use the responses to questions on the NAPLAN 2011 tests as a diagnostic tool to inform future teaching.

This program will be offered as a **two-hour workshop** to be delivered during October and November. These workshops are suitable for principals, NAPLAN co-ordinators and classroom teachers and are provided free-of-charge to participants. The workshops will be presented on behalf of the VCAA by Peter Congdon from Kmetrics at venues across Victoria (see attachment). Tea and coffee will be available on arrival.

Workshops will commence with a 'live' demonstration on how to access school data through the NAPLAN Data Service website¹ and will include a demonstration of the new features included in this year's NAPLAN Data Service. The central component of each workshop is designed to assist teachers to interpret their school's data to inform classroom practice to improve student achievement. This component focuses on the diagnostic elements of the NAPLAN 2011 tests. The final segment of the workshop will have a 'whole school' focus concentrating on the interpretation of data to inform curriculum and school-wide. There will be opportunities for participants to reflect on their own school's data and to seek clarification regarding interpretation of the data. To support this activity, schools are asked to **bring hard**

¹ In 2011 your school's NAPLAN Data Reports will again be delivered via the NAPLAN Data Service, accessible through the VCAA's secure website. Note that your User ID is the same as that for 2010. If you have mislaid your User ID or are the principal of a new school, please send an email to: vcaa.naplan.help@edumail.vic.gov.au and include 'User ID Request' in the subject line but note that passwords for 2011 will again be included in the covering letter which will accompany the delivery of reporting packages in the week beginning 13 September 2011.

copies of one of each of their NAPLAN 2011 Data Reports². Please bring examples only, not every page of every report.

To register for a workshop please follow the instructions below.

Registration Instructions

Enclosed is a list of locations, venues, dates and times for the two-hour workshops. Schools may elect to send up to four members of staff to any one of the workshops. Please select the time and location most suitable to you and lodge your online registration at:

www.kmetrics.com.au

Follow the menu to Schools/NAPLAN Workshops 2011. Registrations are **now open**.

Please note that places are limited at some of the workshop venues, so **bookings are essential**.

If you have any queries please contact Peter Congdon by email (peter@kmetrics.com.au) or telephone (0434 000 561)

On completion of your online registration, you will receive confirmation of your booking and a ticket by email. **Please bring your ticket to the workshop.**

Workshop details are also available on the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au.

I urge you to encourage your staff, particularly any new staff members who are less familiar with large scale testing, to participate in this valuable Teacher Professional Learning activity.

Yours sincerely



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² Provision for on-line access is **not** being made for these workshops. Please access and save/print any reports you want to bring prior to the workshop.