Dear Parents, Carers & Community Members,

Welcome,

Our students in Years 3 and 5 have participated in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

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 Adults who show respect for others and for children in their care have set sensible limits that are in line with the child’s age and stage of development.
 Talking with children and listening to their joy and problems is a good way to show children we care.
 Parents showing affection for each other provides a good lesson in living.
 Sharing our thoughts with our children makes them feel needed, but be cautious of exposing your school-aged children to your problems - they do not necessarily have the capacity nor resources to cope with another’s problems.
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EVERY CHILD has the right to be loved and cared for and to feel safe in and out of the home environment.

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