Dear Parents and Carers,

At this time of the year there is always hype in the newspapers or television focusing on NAPLAN testing results that were conducted in May; comparing Tasmania to other Australian states, as well as like schools. NAPLAN tests are a useful form of assessment, to gauge where our collective school strengths lie as well as to pinpoint areas that need additional focus, but they are not the be all and end all of student or school assessment. In relation to your child, it is important to remember that NAPLAN is one of many forms of progressive assessment throughout their Grade 3 and Grade 5 year to track their educational and social progress. Individual results will be sent to parents as soon as they arrive in schools, which should be within the next 2 weeks.

I always enjoy working with individual students and groups throughout the school and the past 2 weeks have been no exception. Our Super Spellers Group from Grade 3/4 Pike have made fantastic improvements in their literacy skills and knowledge. It is obvious that the additional support both at home and at school has contributed greatly to their improved self confidence and determination to persevere with their literacy learning. Kindergarten students enjoyed the science discovery activity of creating “Fireworks Underwater”, observing and recording the reactions of red, blue and yellow food colouring, oil and water. Their scientific drawings and descriptive language throughout the activity was amazing.

Today Evandale Primary comprised of various dress up characters for our Book Week Parade. It was particularly pleasing to see so many Grade 5 and 6 students make the effort to represent their favourite book characters. A big thank you to Mrs Davson-Galle and Mrs Waterhouse for organising the event.

Regards

Mrs Guilbert was explaining “Underwater Fireworks” to the Kindergarten children. They loved the experiment and learning how primary colours change when one colour is added to another.