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Cross Country

What a great day we had on Tuesday 5th May with our Cross Country. The weather was perfect and the friendly competitive spirit throughout the day was just lovely. Well done to all of those who participated so enthusiastically in the school's cross country and I wish 'good luck' to those runners who are now competing in the zone cross country on Monday, 25th May. Special thanks to Mr Jones for his superb organisation of the event ... this doesn't just happen and I am sure that many do not know that many teachers arrived at school very early in the morning to have things just right for the day. Thanks too for the number of parents who jumped in to lend a hand during the day as your help and support is very much appreciated.

Hornsby Zone Cross Country

Monday 25th May (wet weather date – 1st June), 10:30 – 2:30, Rofo Park, Hornsby Heights.

10:30am: Entrants walk the course 10:45am: Events begin

Order of events:

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|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) 10 yr boys 2000m | 2) 10 yr girls 2000m | 3) 8/9 yr boys 2000m | 4) 8/9 yr girls 2000m |
| 5) 11 yr boys 3000m | 6) 11 yr girls 3000m | 7) 12/13 yr boys 3000m | 8) 12/13 yr girls 3000m |

Happy Mothers' Day

I hope all mums had a lovely day on Sunday. Children were able to shop for mum here at school last Tuesday and hopefully purchased a treasure to keep for future years. Thank you to our hardworking **School Support Group** for assisting the children to make some hard choices as to what to buy for that most significant person in their lives.

Nepalese Mufti Day/Breakfast

Many thanks to all families who supported the Student Parliament run mufti day and BOOSH breakfast on Monday to support Nepal. The mufti day raised \$596 and the breakfast raised \$365. A great joint effort. Many thanks to our Student Parliament Ministers - Josie 6B (Prime Minister), Eddie 6K (Prime Minister) and Chelsea 6K (Minister for Social Services and Functions) for their organisation of the event.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing is underway and the students and teachers of Years 3 and 5 are happy with the papers so far and the dedicated efforts of all. Congratulations to all students on your work habits. I know everyone did their best and aimed for personal bests. I have included in The Crest a letter that has been circulating on Facebook. This letter explains that children are 'so much more' than NAPLAN and I think we have to keep focussing on this. Children and parents should not be stressed out about this assessment as it is only one piece of 'evidence' about your child and their abilities.

Our children are so much more than a NAPLAN result.

2014 Annual School Report

The annual school report is now available for your perusal on our website. You will find it under the 'Our School' tab.

Strategic Direction 2015-2017: The development of the new strategic plan has been a consultative process, involving all staff as well as parents and students. Through this process we have identified a school vision

statement, which articulates clearly what we strive to achieve at Berowra Public School. A complete copy of this plan can be viewed on our website under the 'Our School' tab.

Come along to our ...



Big Writing Parent Information Evening
Wednesday, 20th May 6:30pm
Year 6 rooms - next to the staffroom

Mrs Krull will 'introduce' you to our new initiative to improve children's literacy skills.

Find out what your children are talking about when they mention - VCOP, wow words, 'punchy' openers, etc.
Find out ways to support and assist your children at home with their literacy and Big Writing.

Winter Uniform

Just a reminder:

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
WINTER UNIFORM	
Gold shirt (long or short sleeve) Mid grey trousers or shorts Grey socks Black shoes Grey fleecy jacket/'sloppy joe'-school crest Fleecy 'sloppy joe' - Year 6 only	Gold shirt (long or short sleeve) Grey plaid tunic with gold thread Grey socks or stockings Black shoes Grey fleecy jacket/'sloppy joe' - school crest Fleecy 'sloppy joe' - Year 6 only
OPTIONAL EXTRAS	
Black windcheater &/or polar fleece jacket Black scarf	Black windcheater &/or polar fleece jacket Black scarf
SPORTS UNIFORM Grades K-6	
'Grand Slam' style shirt in appropriate house colour Black shorts White socks Joggers or sandshoes	Black skort, shorts or jazz pants White socks Joggers or sandshoes
Black tracksuits can be worn in winter on sports days ONLY Leggings are not part of the winter or sports uniform	

Di Bower
Principal

PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA - We are all busily practicing for our auditions for the Drama Festival on Monday 25th May at 9.30am in two weeks time! The children are doing their best with their plays "Magic Drums" for the juniors and "Travels Through Time" for the seniors.

- Mrs Jennie Smith

DANCE - This week and next week we have a number of students representing our school at the State Dance Workshops at Sydney Dance Company studios. They will be experiencing a range of dance styles including hip hop, contemporary, jazz, musical theatre and Aboriginal dance. The following students were selected from Years 2 and 3 - Caitlin J, Sophia H, Isabella C and Ava A. India H and Imogen L will represent Year 4. Marco D, Dan W, Will P and Zac B will be participating in the boys only workshops. Congratulations to all of these students. I'm sure you will really enjoy this experience.

Earlier this year Grace, Layla, Annika, Amy and Aleisha loved their dance workshops days at Sydney Dance Company. The studios are so close to the Harbour Bridge. It was a fabulous experience for them all. We loved watching the dances they had been taught when they returned to dance group rehearsals the following week.

- Mrs Kelly Lukic



LIBRARY NEWS - May is 'Good Reading Month'. Our author of the month is Richard Tulloch. He has visited our school twice and entertained us with his wonderful stories and literary style. He is most famous for writing the early "Bananas in Pyjamas" TV series, but also is an accomplished author of such stories as 'Weird Stuff', 'Cocky Colin', 'Stories from Our House' and more.

Encourage your children to read as much as they can in May. Australia is blessed with so many gifted and talented authors and illustrators.



PERSONAL BEST

Be Resilient

Congratulations to Annabelle H our first recipient of the "Purple Gumleaf Gotcha"



Term 2 – Weeks 5-7

- ✓ **Three Steps to be Resilient**
Say **"STOP!** I don't like what you said or did"
If they continue, **WALK AWAY**
Finally, if it continues, **TELL A TEACHER**
- ✓ Look people in the eye, shoulders back.
- ✓ Be a Cobber, not a Dobber. Stand up for your friends or someone being bullied.

CANTEEN - Lunchtime special this term is PIZZA. Tuesday 19th May is Pizza Day. If you would like to order, Friday 15th May is the last day to have order form and payment to class teacher or the canteen. Additional order forms available at the canteen.

Check out BPS Canteen News on Facebook. It contains new items on the menu, events, happening and special day reminders.

Our school canteen is open three days a week:- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Don't forget you can order lunches online at flexischool.com.au.

P&C NEWS - The first P&C Meeting for this term is next Wednesday 20th May at 7:30 in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda will be on the Facebook page by the end of the week—

<https://www.facebook.com/BerowraPublicSchoolPandC>

SSG NEWS - School Support Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 9.30am in the staff room. The next meeting will be Tuesday 26th May. We would love to see you there. Babies/toddlers/pre-schoolers are welcome to come along as well.

The Support Group runs fundraisers throughout the year. In the past, money has been provided to the classrooms for resources, electric sharpeners, Presentation Day book vouchers and more recently some funds were given to provide education to one of our teachers for the Mini-Lit Program.

The Mothers' Day stall last week raised just over \$1200 which will ensure we can continue to support our school. A big thankyou to all the wonderful volunteers who gave their time to work on the Mothers' Day stall. We couldn't do it without you. A special thankyou to Jo Hooworth who spent countless hours organising the gifts and setting up the stalls to make everything run smoothly, thank you Jo. I am sure many mothers will have had a lovely gift to open on Sunday morning.

We look forward to seeing some new faces at our next meeting on Tuesday, 26th May.

UNIFORM SHOP - Winter Uniform. We have had a huge couple of weeks in the shop getting everyone organised with the winter uniform. We have a large amount of stock that has arrived but we are still waiting on some. We're getting through it but bare with us while the shop is a little disorganised. It's not the biggest of spaces.

We now stock raincoats that go over the kids backpacks to keep everything dry.

Roster

Week 5

J Greenwood / S Manns
T Hogarth / N Steele

Week 6

J Schonfield / L Plumridge
S Drake / H Magalhaes

Just a general reminder. Please remember to bring your patience with you. We are all mums trying to do our best for the kids of our school. Being rude will not do you any favours nor will it be tolerated.

The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays 9-10am and Thursdays 3-3.45pm. Cash, cheque and EFTPOS is available (minimum purchase \$20). If you would like to volunteer in the shop, please leave your name and contact details with the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Positive Partnerships are offering a free two day workshop and information session for parents and carers of school age children on the autism spectrum. The workshops are on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th May at the Epping Club. If you are interested in attending these workshops you can register on line at: www.positivepartnerships.com.au



**Assembly on
6th May**





Blue sparks burst out of Willow's hands as if they were broken electric cords. Zip Zap!!! Willow was petrified with fear. Her hands trembling, she backed away making sure she wasn't zapped. She heard a slight tear as she tripped over her long, silk, blue dress and collapsed to the ground. Willow was trapped in a humongous jar. She tried to pull herself up to stand but her soft hands slipped down the side of the glass jar like rain sliding down a window pane. She started to sulk as more terrifying sparks lashed out of her hands. She was trapped in a jar, no way to escape. She was deep in a rainforest and as cold as a snowman. How was she going to get home to Sydney?

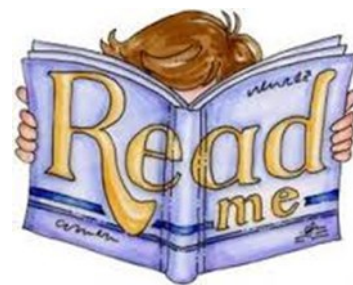
Grace B 5K



REFLECTIONS ON ANZAC DAY by 3A

<p>Today the school had the ANZAC ceremony and it is the 100th year anniversary of ANZAC.</p> <p>Some of the army cadets came to our school to stand around the flags. The RSL man spoke about ANZAC day and what it is all about.</p> <p>We also listened to 'The Last Post' and then we had a minute's silence. We commemorate ANZAC Day for the people that fought in the war for Australia and so we don't forget those people.</p> <p>I felt proud for them and that we have a safe country.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">By Mac 3A</p>	<p>Today we had our ceremony at Berowra Public School.</p> <p>ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corp. Anzac Day is when we think of the people who died in all wars.</p> <p>At the ceremony I felt sad because my great, great grandfather fought in the army and he died.</p> <p>At the end of the ceremony we got a medallion. The medallion was gold and brown, with lots of words on it. It is real and my brother wants one too. I love my medallion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">By Maddy 3A</p> 
<p>Today we went down to the hall for our ANZAC Ceremony. We had a Catafalque Party, but it is not a party like when you turn 8 or 9. It is part of a ceremony.</p> <p>First we stood listening to the Australian song. I thought about the men in the army in the war. They must have been scared.</p> <p>We should be proud of those who fought in the war because they saved our country.</p> <p>Some boys were only 14 and they went to the war and died for our country too when they weren't meant too.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">By Liam C 3A</p> 	<p>Today we had the ANZAC Ceremony. The army cadets came and marched. There was an important speech, the choir sang a song called 'The Last ANZAC'. (I was in the choir) Then somebody came up and said 'Lest we forget.' We said it too. 'We will remember.'</p> <p>The bugle played a beautiful tune. We had a minute's silence after. I felt the sadness, anger, hurt and scariness. It was sad because lots of soldiers died. It was angry because of the bombs and guns. It hurt because of the sadness and anger. And it was scary because of the wars.</p> <p>That is why I believe ANZAC Day is important.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">By Freyja 3A</p>
<p>Today we commemorated the ANZACs that were fighting in the war. They gave their lives for us to make our country free. It must have been a very hard job. We also got a medallion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">By Mitchell 3A</p>	<p>Today we had an ANZAC Ceremony and I felt sad. It has been 100 years since World War One. I bet the soldiers would have been scared and I think they would have been sad when their friends died. I am proud of them. We commemorate Anzac Day because they risked their lives for us.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">By Tim 3A</p>

K-2 Snippets



At Berowra PS, we seem to be on a rollercoaster of events. Our Cross Country Carnival was finally held with great team spirit and perfect weather. The assembly items were superb, now we all want to "...go fly a kite"; and I do wonder why, "...an old lady swallowed a mosquito?" Some sensational "Snippets" this fortnight in K-2 are:

Kindergarten- The Happening Year!

Berowra Public School celebrated ANZAC Day with a very respectful and meaningful ceremony. All the children in the school received a medal from Berowra RSL as a special memento of the centenary of ANZAC Day.



Year 1 - The Movers and Shakers

1T Literacy Groups

"Literacy groups are fun because you can play games and work." James F.



1T participate in literacy groups 4-5 times a week. We rotate between a variety of activities each day. This term some parents have also started to come in and read individually with students out on our verandah.

Some students reading with the teacher.



Roll-a-sight work

Working on Reading Eggs



Year 2 – The Big Mob

Year 2 is currently studying a science unit on “Up and down and All Around”. Looking at the observable changes occurring around us. This was especially interesting and thought provoking after all the recent rains and winds.



Year 2 also classified items found in the playground and at home as either natural, made or a combination in a category as ‘not sure’. All of the items pictured have been left in a corner of the larger vegetable patch to observe over the next few weeks.



*Snippetly Yours,
Sally Till and the K-2 Staff*

2015 CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5th	6th
KINDY BOYS	Zander L	Zane C	Callum L	Gabriel H	Sam Y	Jonathan B
KINDY GIRLS	Sophie H	Maddi H	Holly R	Ruby S	Katerina Mc	Tahnee W
YEAR 1 BOYS	Zane D	Taye C	Harvey B	Archie R	Max M	Eddie G
YEAR 1 GIRLS	Zahlee O	Chloe L	Lucy H	Farrah P	Tara S	Tanya P
YEAR 2 BOYS	Alex J	Zeke J	Jayden L	Eric H	Pranay G	
YEAR 2 GIRLS	Anna P	Ava A	Jessica C	Cayleigh H	Jade W	Emily C
8/9 YEARS BOYS	Jake Da S	Jackson C	Charlie L	Liam C	Joshua W	Julian C
8/9 YEARS GIRLS	Taliah S	Grace H	Alicia S	Annabelle H	Laura R	Natasha W
10 YEARS BOYS	Bodie D	Matthew C	Eden S	Ryan J	Nicholas J	Benjamin P
10 YEARS GIRLS	Isabella A	Mikayla S	Lucy B	Brooke F	Anna O	Neve R
11 YEARS BOYS	Marco de P	2nd William K	2nd Jude M	Kyle B	Jake J	Daniel W
11 YEARS GIRLS	Caitlyn R	Caitlin C	Miranda A	Amy S	Zarli V	Polly V
12 YEARS BOYS	Jett J	Peter M	Jeremy J	Keiran R	Ben W	Joshua J-B
12 YEARS GIRLS	Mackenzie W	Jasmine M	Hayley S	Stephanie M	Amelia H	Abbey T

OVERALL RESULTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
	KANGAROO	EMU	KOALA	WOMBAT

Year six 2015 looking 'simply awesome'
in their new jumpers!



Ava A 2R entered the 2014 Write for Fun Competition. She wrote a poem about a bee. Her work was chosen to be in the finals. Subsequently her poem was published in the book "The Text Generation."

Ava's family has kindly donated a copy of this book to the school library to inspire other writers in the school to enter their work.



Class Awards 30 Apr - 13 May

1C	Charlie M, Max M, Baylin G, Finn M
1F	Caleb F, Molly N
1T	Skye T, Edward G
2C	Emily C, Anna P
2P	Kiara B, Annabelle H, Jed W
2R	Alexander M, Isabella C
3A	Emily L, Zoe A, Abbie S
4W	Emma H, Samantha S, Kiana L
6K	Abbey T, Peter M, Stephanie M

Student Travel Passes

We have been advised by Transdev, the bus company that the paper bus passes are to last for the whole of 2015.

As there is a fee for replacement bus passes, it is advisable that students have a wallet with a clear window to keep the bus pass in or that they be laminated.

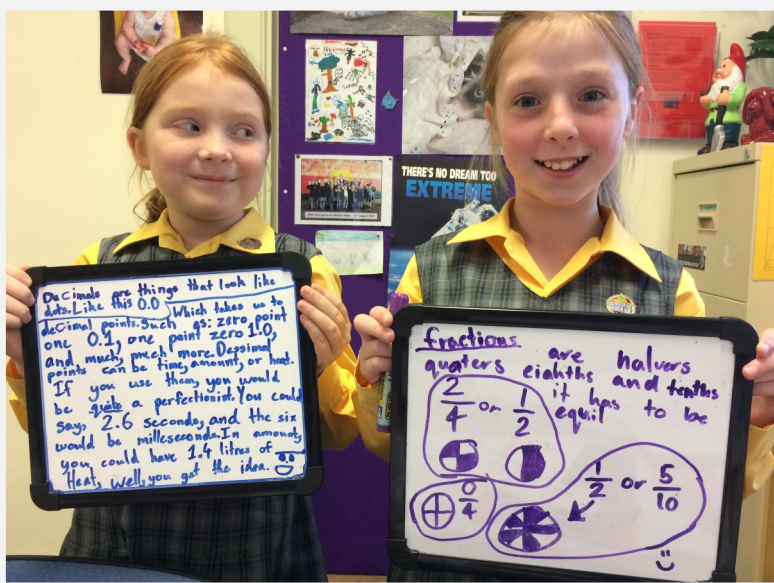
Diary Dates

May	
Thurs 14	Kindy 2016 Information Session 10am
Tues 19	Digital Technology Competition Canteen Pizza Day
Wed 20	Big Writing parent info session 6:30pm P&C Meeting
Mon 25	Zone Cross Country Carnival Drama auditions
June	
Wed 3	Science competition
Mon 8	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Fri 12	BPS Disco
Tues 16	BPS Athletics Carnival at Foxglove Oval
Fri 26	Last day of Term 2

NOTES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Sent Out	Subject	Distribution	Response before
18/3	Voluntary Contributions	K-6	ASAP
30/3	Canberra & Ski Excursion	Yrs 5 & 6	30/4
29/4	Winter PSSA sport	PSSA reps	14/5
29/4	Recycled Fashion Event	K-6	20/6
6/5	Year 2 Gymnastics	Year 2	19/5
7/5	Canteen Pizza Day	K-6	15/5
13/5	BOOSH Chocolate Drive	K-6	20/5
13/5	Term 2 Tennis	3-6 Tennis	21/5
13/5	Zone Cross Country	Zone reps	19/5
13/5	Classroom resources	K-6	25/6
13/5	Entertainment Books	K-6	20/5

Most notes are on the BPS website under 'Our School' tab—'Missed a Note?'



Freyja C and Millie T (3A) explaining decimals and fractions to Mrs Bower

The 2015/2016 Entertainment Books have now arrived. Each family will receive a book to take home and look through. Decide if you would like to purchase and keep or return the book to school in its original envelope as soon as possible.

Digital Membership is also available.

Contact Debbie Allen for more information on 0408 445 889.

\$14 from every membership sold goes to Berowra Public School.

The advertisement features a black box for the 'Entertainment Book' 2015 | 2016 edition. The box displays images of a swimming pool, a plate of food, and people dining. Next to the box is a smartphone showing the Entertainment app interface, which includes a featured article about 'GUYARME' for \$40. The background is a light beige with gold streamers and bokeh effects. At the bottom, a dark banner contains the text: 'The new 2015 | 2016 Entertainment™ Memberships are available now!'

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and shop

Light supper provided. BYO drinks.

Anyone who can't make it on the night but would like to shop we will be open from 5pm for purchases. Lots of new items with Tags, 'formal dresses' perfect for Yr6 farewell.

GOLD COIN ENTRY

ALL PROCEEDS GO BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN 2016 INFORMATION SESSIONS

You are cordially invited to attend one of our Information Sessions which will be held in Kindergarten Red Classroom.

These sessions are designed to assist you in enrolling your child in kindergarten for 2016.

You will hear about the programs Berowra Public School has to offer, how we cater for individual needs and how we provide a balanced education for all students. You will also hear about our student welfare policy, our buddy system and positive steps to providing a happy and safe learning environment for your child.

This is the first part of our extensive Kindergarten Orientation Program during which we welcome you and your child to Berowra Public School and help to make the transition a happy and positive experience.

Session Times

10:00am Thursday 14th May 2015

Stewart House Donation Drive 2015



Envelopes have gone home.

Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a \$2 coin or equivalent in the envelope, complete entry details on the back and return to school to be eligible for the draw for a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

Privacy Law Advice

If you take photos at school functions and then post them on social media, you are in potential breach of privacy laws. You may not post photos which contain children other than your own, even if they only appear in the background.



BPS mums whom attended the Mothers' Day Classic fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research were Katrina Gilbert, Deb Ward, Tammy Allen and Jodie Dobson. Their daughters also walked.

Big congrats to all involved, a great team effort and look forward to raising more funds next year.



LET'S CELEBRATE

**Australia's Biggest Cup of Tea
Berowra Quilters
at Berowra Community Health Centre
123 Berowra Waters Road, Berowra Hts**

**FRIDAY 22 May at 2.00pm
Feel free to bring your friends**

ENTRY COST: Donation to Cancer Council

Tea Cup/Mug of the Year Competition

We will be holding a Tea Cup/Mug of the Year Competition at our afternoon tea.
If you have a pretty or unusual Tea Cup/Mug, then this is the place to have it on show.

Conditions of Entry:

1. Entries must be a Tea Cup/Mug
2. You may enter as many Tea Cups/Mugs as you like

How to Enter:

Bring your Tea Cup/Mug on Friday May 22

Cost of Entry for each Cup/Mug: Gold Coin

How to Vote: Voting is open to all. Simply drop a gold coin into the Tea Cup/Mug you think deserves to win "Tea Cup/Mug of the Year". The Tea Cup/Mug with the highest amount of gold coins will be declared the winner. All money collected from this display will be added to our donation for the Cancer Council. (Prizes for 1st and 2nd position winners.)

PSSA INTERSCHOOL SPORT

**Friday 15th May
vs Hornsby Heights**

**Berowra Oval and
Berowra PS**

**Friday 22nd May
vs Wahroonga**

**Berowra Oval and
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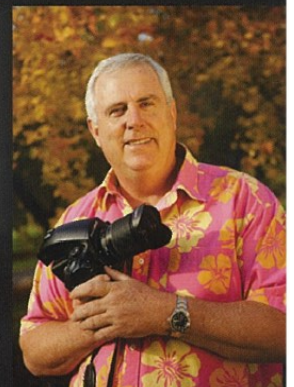
Ken describes himself as 'an average photographer with a great God!'
Hear about Ken's Christian faith, photography, and love for the Aboriginal people.



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Scholarships are offered to students demonstrating academic, performing and creative excellence.

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- * Year 9 & 10 Visual Arts

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To Our Dearest Students from Year 3,

Next week you will sit your first NAPLAN test. Before you take this test there is something very important for you to know:

This test does not assess all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique.

The people who score these tests don't know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program. They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that you participate in sports, help your Mum and Dad or that play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that every day you do your best. Because these attributes cannot be tested.

The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can't tell you that you have improved on something that you once found difficult. They can't tell you that you brighten up your teacher's day. They can't tell you how amazingly special you are.

So come to school ready to do your best for the NAPLAN test and remember there is no one way to 'test' all of the wonderful things that make you, YOU!

Kind regards,

Mrs Egan, Mrs Schluter and Miss Bailey