Our school’s National Assessment of Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results have been distributed to parents recently. Our academic results are generally pleasing, with our Year 3 results amongst the best we’ve had in years.

Some NAPLAN highlights include:

Year 3 Spelling score was 409.4 which exceeded our target by 14.9 points and was 24.9 points above our three year running school average.

In Year 3 Numeracy we had 47.8% of students achieve in the top two bands. That’s 10.8 percentage points above our target and 13.7% above our school’s running average.

Our average scaled growth from Years 5-7 for reading performance was 52.9%. That’s up 7.9 percentage points on our target and 12.4 percentage points on our 3 year running average.

Generally, it appears that we are one of the better performing local schools and that our overall performance in most aspects of the test were above the North Coast average and above the State and National averages in most aspects of the test in Year 3.

So, while we are doing well academically, it is important to remember that we are about teaching and learning for life – and that includes life skills. That is why we run a broad and rich curriculum with lots of opportunity to grow the mind, body and spirit. That is why we provide an exciting excursions program that builds social and emotional strength in the children. That is why we have daily fitness, Crunch ‘n Sip, and great sporting achievements like Annabelle Cummings of Year 6 who competed in High Jump at State level last week and was placed 14th out of the best senior girls in the state! Congratulations Annabelle. We are so proud of you!

Next week we have a major fundraiser for the year, wrapped up in bicycle and road safety – our WHEEL-A-THON! Please get behind this fun initiative. There are lots of high quality prizes for the highest sponsorships in each grade and major draws for all sponsored participants – like iPads and bikes! If every student is sponsored for $20 we should raise in excess of $6000 that will be spent on making our school even better.

Tomorrow begins a series of pre-schooler visits to our school over the next few weeks as the little ones learn more about our school in preparation for Kindergarten next year. The children will experience a series of mini-lessons in Mr Mark Guihot’s Kinder room. See the school website for details of the visit schedule. Our major Kindergarten Orientation opportunity for both children and parents is on Thursday 21st November. Please pass the word that Kindergarten enrolments for 2014 are open NOW!

Don’t forget the P&C meeting next Monday evening, 7pm in the Staffroom. Maybe it’s your turn to get involved!? 

Regards

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal
Special Awards

Congratulations to the following students on attaining their award.

Ruby
Jessi Fordham, Saje Gravino
Mahli Rose Lynch, Savannah Bartley

Jade
Darcy Gibbons, Zac Mildren
Joe Murray, Dakota McIntosh

Topaz
Sione Connor, Rory Brown
Erin Buckler Steel, Ginger Freudenstein,
Jack Nelson, Jesse McNab, Riley Saban

You Are Invited to the 2013 Creative Expo to be held in the Art Block at Woolgoolga High School on Friday 8th November 6.00—8.00pm. $5.00 per person or $12 per family.

Come and enjoy the successes of 2103 Year 12 students at the exhibition of major works from Visual Arts, Industrial Technology, Timber and Textiles & Design.

Live entertainment & complimentary snacks included.

Did You Know?
Our postponed Wheel-a-thon (bicycle safety and road safety fundraiser) has been rescheduled to Wednesday 30th October. We have already bought lots of cool prizes and incentives for participation in the Wheel-a-thon. If every student is sponsored for $20 of Wheeling, then we should raise about $6000 while reinforcing bike and road safety messages. Please support.

Did You Know?
We have established a free ‘parenting tips’ library in the foyer of the Front Office. A range of titles around raising children are available for borrowing through the front office and our well stocked library. You are welcome!

Did You Know?
We recently received a grant from Bunnings to the value of $400 in vouchers to buy fruit trees. We will be establishing a citrus grove in the western side of our COLA in the near future.

Did You Know?
As a sustainable school we won a grant from Coffs Harbour City Council to install a tank and pump to complement our Waterwise efforts and to service our prize winning vegetable garden. The tank will be installed soon. Thanks to Mrs Aldina Craig for the successful application.

Did You Know?
Our school will be getting flashing 40KM SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS in the next round of installation – that’s months not years to wait. Yeh!

NAPLAN Reports

Our Year 3 and 5 National Assessment Program - Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) results are now published and are very pleasing. Our Year 3 results are particularly strong. NAPLAN Reports to Parents will be issued via the children this week. Please contact the school if you do not receive your copy this week. Our school’s NAPLAN results will be discussed at our next P&C meeting on Monday 28th October.

Snack Shack News

Recently our school participated in the Sydney Markets Fruit and Veg promotion “Play Fresh and Win” Campaign and one of our students Isaac Bieman came third. All the prizes were drawn randomly and out of all the students in NSW Isaac’s name came out. He will receive a DVD of Escape from Planet Earth. Congratulations Isaac you are a lucky boy.

Don’t forget Meal Deal is on this Thursday for those students who’ve placed their order with the Canteen.

Jodi Phillis
Canteen Supervisor