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From the Principal

This week the children in Years 3, 5 and 7 will undertake the NAPLAN tests in Mathematics and English areas. As previously stated, I regard these tests as one formal assessment tool which contributes in a minor way to the overall picture on the progress development of our children. Our teachers use over twenty assessment tools to help them profile each child’s development. This wider scope of assessment tools show strengths and areas of limited development. I also remind parents that this is the first year when an Australian Curriculum has been in use. This in the least sets an ‘equal playing field’ in relation to the academic material our children in each state are being tested.

As with all assessment I ask parents and teachers to forge positive partnerships, working together to maximise the potential of each of our children. In 2011 our Curriculum Committee is developing a rich set of assessment tools to indicate where children are at in the key areas of Numeracy and English. This goal is clearly stated in our Strategic Renewal Plan as developing IMEL. (Internal Monitoring of Essential Learning.) Parents will receive more information about this Year 1-7 assessment initiative in the coming weeks.

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Principal