Dear Year 3 and Year 5 students,

Tomorrow you will sit your NAPLAN tests over the next 3 days. In these tests you, your parents and your teachers will find out about your reading, writing, spelling and maths learning. Your results will help the teachers to understand how they can improve their teaching so you can continue to learn at school.

What is very important to remember is that the NAPLAN tests will not tell you how kind you are, how hard you try or what you can do besides reading, writing and maths. Some of you are very good at running, at painting beautiful pictures, dancing, being a good sportsman, making others feel included or helping others to be happy. The NAPLAN tests don’t tell your parents or teachers what a great kid you are growing into.

The teachers who spend many hours marking the tests don’t know the types of things you are interested in or the activities you enjoy. In fact the tests don’t show how long you may have been practising a skill to improve upon.

In the NAPLAN tests it is important that you try your best, practise staying calm, and persevere to try to find the best way to answer the questions. They aren’t a measure in anyway of the kind and special student you are here at Cambewarra Public School. NAPLAN tests can’t tell the way you make your teachers feel proud when you learn something new or how happy you make others feel.

Make sure you come to school ready to give it your best and remember that all the big people love you and care about you regardless of your results in these tests.

My best wishes,

Mrs Hilliar

Principal

11th May 2015