This week our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students have been sitting their Naplan (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy).

The writing requirement was to nominate a person as a hero and then use persuasive writing to convince the reader why they were deserving of a hero award.

I was touched by the fact that fifty one of our students chose a member of their family and were able to identify the admirable traits that those special people demonstrate.

Many of the students chose their hero based on overcoming challenges in life and making their lives safe, secure and supported.

Who would you choose to be a hero – someone who was brave, someone who has overcome adversity, someone who has ‘saved’ you from something, someone who you admire or someone who has overcome hardship to achieve success?

This would be a great topic for a family discussion. Family conversations broaden children’s vocabulary and understanding of the world around them. Other topics you could discuss at home which would bring out opinions and ideas are: What is our ancestry? What is success? When and how should you say NO to your friends? What worries me? What makes a good friend?

The more we communicate with each other, the greater our understanding and sense of belonging is.

Cheryl Van Deursen – Principal

Quote:

‘Teaching is not just filling student’s heads with information, teaching is sparking the thirst for knowledge and guiding the journey to find it.’
Do you have a child due to start their Prep year next year?  
Will your child be 5 years of age by 30th April 2014?

Our Prep team has organised an extensive Transition program for Prep students for 2014. Such programs are developed to assist our youngest students to make a smooth and supportive transition from preschool to primary school. Our goal is to ensure that their start to school life is a happy and nurturing one, and provides them with a positive start to their school life. You can assist in this process by:

- completing your child’s enrolment as soon as possible (by the end of August 2013)
- ensuring that you attend the Transition sessions, to gain as much information as you can about the first year of primary school
- ensuring your child attends the Transition sessions for them later in the year

The first Parent information evening is Tuesday June 11th at 7.00pm.

If you have family or friends with children starting in Prep next year, let them know about our school, and encourage them to ring the school office to organise a school tour. If you have any questions about your child starting school next year, please contact the school office or speak to our Prep team.

Di Fernand - Assistant Principal
In the Middle Learning Community we work very hard in the classroom to learn lots of new things. However, sometimes it is great just to get outside and have some fun. These pictures are from a fantastic sports session the students participated in last week!
School Uniform
Beleza is currently offering 20% off the price of their current stock of bomber jackets.

Brrr!!
With the cooler weather now upon us, please remind your children to wear appropriate clothing - long pants, jumpers and jackets - to ensure they keep warm at school.
Remember to name all jumpers and jackets to help return belongings to their correct owner.
Sensible footwear is also important to help students keep their feet dry on these rainy days.

Student Lunches
We are noticing an increase in the number of students having lunches delivered during the day, instead of bringing their lunch to school with them. We appreciate that this may occur from time to time, for various reasons. However, we are not in a position to refrigerate perishable foods or heat up hot foods for students.

When organising lunches for your child, please select items that your child can bring in their lunch boxes and do not require heating or refrigeration.

Sending their lunch with them also aids in their independence and encourages them to be responsible for their own things.