Last week I wrote a little about our school’s results in the annual NAPLAN assessments, which measure student achievement and progress in numeracy and literacy. Adding a little more ‘colour’ to this picture of how our students are going with their learning, is the now biannual Progressive Achievement Test [PAT] - conducted for both Reading comprehension and Maths. These tests are developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research and are used by many schools nation-wide. Here is a brief summary about how each of our cohorts fared in the most recent implementation of these tests, which concluded last Friday:

Lower than expected progress [last 12 months]:
- **Maths** - year 1, year 2, year 3 and year 5.
- **Reading** - year 2, year 5 and year 6.

Higher than expected progress [last 12 months]:
- **Maths** - year 4 and year 6
- **Reading** - year 1, year 3 and year 4.

When added to the information gleaned from NAPLAN and from our regular classroom assessments, teachers are developing a clear understanding about how well individual students are going with their learning in these aspects of the curriculum and - as a school - we are garnering some good information to help inform our strategic foci for next year and beyond.

As we get deeper and deeper into the build up, some pool time beckons! We had a lovely afternoon last Sunday at the Casuarina pool with students and families from Preschool and T/1 - thank-you to all of the families that came along to this opportunity and a special thanks to Miss Elliott, Miss Murray and Ms Varn for organising this nice opportunity for our Early Years families to get together.

Ms Varn has been extra lucky lately - along with Ms Sam and Mr Giovani she has been taking our AM Preschool group to swimming lessons over the past two weeks! Next week will be our PM group’s turn, but without Ms Varn for the first few days - she will be in New Zealand on a special study tour as part of her prize for being awarded the ‘Outstanding Educator’ at the recent NT Education and Care Awards.

Warwick Peter-Budge
Principal
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Thursday 3rd November at 10.30am
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Halloween dress-ups, Preschoolers 8 day swimming program, Mr Giovani receiving Appreciation Certificate from Neighbourhood Watch NT

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Do you know who owns these?????
Preschool and Transition families had a lovely afternoon at Casuarina Pool on Sunday. It was a great way to spend the hot afternoon. Thank you to all those who came.

Some dress-ups from Monday
WEEK 5 SPECIALS $5 EACH

MONDAY - Sausage & Mashed Potato
TUESDAY - Mongolian Chicken & Rice
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Pesto Fettuccini
THURSDAY - Lasagne
FRIDAY - BBQ Pork & Vegies Stir Fry

ALL ORDERS MUST BE HANDED IN TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY 8.30AM PLEASE SUPPLY THE CORRECT MONEY AND LUNCH BAG

Happy Birthday
Keleigha Young  Korede Dada
Marilyn Gurruwiwi
Namish Rajendran