Both at School Council and as a staff, we have recently analysed our NAPLAN results, which we received last term. The NAPLAN assessments have now been conducted for nine years in Australian schools, so we are in a good position to identify trends over time and to ascertain how ‘good’ this year’s results are in each of the five areas that are tested. Here are some insights from this year’s results:

◊ **Reading:**
  ◊ For two successive years, our year 5 cohorts have made *relatively poor progress* compared with their year 3 results.

◊ **Writing:**
  ◊ *Both* our year 5s and our year 3s had the *highest-ever average score* for Millner.
  ◊ Our year 3s have had *three successive years of increasing scores* in Writing.

◊ **Spelling:**
  ◊ Our year 3s had the *highest-ever average score* for a Millner year 3 cohort.
  ◊ Our *four highest-ever scores for year 3 have happened in the last five years*.

◊ **Grammar and Punctuation:**
  ◊ *Both* our year 5s and our year 3s had the *highest-ever average score* for Millner.
  ◊ Our year 3s have had *four successive years of increasing scores* in Grammar and Punctuation.

◊ **Maths:**
  ◊ For both year 5 and year 3, our average score for Maths was *only ‘middle of the road’* compared with our results in previous years.

So, overall, some largely positive and pleasing results for this year. We are going quite well with Writing, Spelling, as well as Grammar and Punctuation, particularly in the early years leading up to year 3.

Along with the Perception Surveys, the School Review recommendations, the results from the current round of PAT testing, as well as Enrolment and Attendance information, these NAPLAN insights will help inform what we focus our improvement efforts on in 2017.

Warwick Peter-Budge
Principal
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Ms Varn recently was the recipient of the Outstanding Educator in the NT Care and Education Awards. She won a 5 day study tour to New Zealand with the other awardees.

The preschool recently had their furniture repainted and upcycled as part of the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle incentive.

Boof the Barra came to preschool to teach us about Water Safety. Main message “Never swim alone”
Halloween dress up

To Parents and Guardians,

It is Halloween on Monday 31st of October so if your child would like to wear a costume they can.

Please also pack their school uniform in case they wish to change.
Dear Families and Friends,

This Sunday (30th October) there is the Millner Family Pool Picnic for Preschool and T/1 families at Casuarina Pool from 3pm-5pm. Bring a rug, maybe a little snack, swim in the pools and relax under the shade trees. Please join us.
WEEK 4 SPECIALS $5 EACH

MONDAY-Green Chicken Curry & Rice
TUESDAY-Sausage & Mash Potato
WEDNESDAY– Chicken Pesto Fettuccini
THURSDAY– Massaman Beef & Rice
FRIDAY– Beef Stew

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

Happy Birthday
Hope Hopkins
Brahmjot Singh  Ada Chen
Sebastian Wotton