We are currently working with a team of experts to examine our achievements over the past 4 years. The results are proving to be excellent!

The academic data shows that almost every one of our students is well above average in NAPLAN. The vast majority (close to 90%) are, in fact, two or three levels above the average which is an outstanding outcome! The data also shows us that there has been consistent and significant growth over the past 4 years which is quite extraordinary.

The high academic results are also reflected in our annual student, staff and parent surveys. The student surveys, in particular, have shown that overall our students are connected, have high morale and motivation, feel safe at school and believe they are capable learners to a much greater degree than the average student in our state. The staff and parent surveys also reflect these beliefs.

**GRADE 3 AND 5 NAPLAN DATA**

![Graph showing NAPLAN data]

Kerry Wood
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

COMPASS

The school is currently trialling the Compass Online Student Management system. Our teachers have started using selected modules and we will be testing the system with a small group of parents in the coming weeks. Our intention is to have the system available to all families later this term.

Compass enables us to organise and manage a range of student information, most of which will be visible to families through the parent portal. It will also provide us with another platform for communicating with parents. More information will be sent to parents closer to our release date.

CIRCUS

Our circus training has started and is being held on Mondays and Thursdays each week. Our students have shown great enthusiasm toward the program and are really enjoying the activities. Everyone is looking forward to the performance on December 2 at the Box Hill Town Hall.

CRICKET

Four teams of students from Grades 3 to 5 were invited to the Blackburn Cricket Club last Friday to participate in the T20 Blast competition run by the club and Cricket Victoria. All had a great day, especially our Grade 3/4 girls who went through their day undefeated. We would like to pass on our thanks to Steve Dick and the Blackburn CC for a great day.

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Daniel L (12/13 Years Shot Put), Sonia P (11 Years High Jump), Cha G (11 Years Shot Put) and Cal P (12/13 Years high Jump) who represented the Nunawading District at the Divisional Athletics last week. All performed very well in their respective events. Cal came second in High Jump and competed on Wednesday in the Regional competition. He came 8th in the Region, jumping a personal best of 1.38m. Well done Cal.

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations also to our Boys volleyball team who won the Grand Final of the Nunawading District competition. They will now progress to the Divisional finals.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING

Just a reminder that Junior School swimming starts on Tuesday next week and runs through until Thursday October 27th. Notices with all of the necessary information about the program have already been sent home. Parents are welcome to meet us at the pool if they would like to watch their child participating in the swimming sessions.

SOLAR BOATS

Good luck to our Grade 5/6 teams who are participating in the Victorian Solar Boat Challenge this weekend at Scienceworks. I know that all students have put a lot of time and effort into the design and construction of their boats and they have learnt a lot about solar power and about the engineering involved in moving a boat effectively through the water. The forecast has predicted a sunny day for Saturday and we wish everyone the best for the day.

SPRING FESTIVAL

Please remember to come and visit our display at the City of Whitehorse Festival this Sunday. You may also like to watch our Bel Canto choir perform on the Moovin’ and Groovin’ stage at 10.25am

Paul Tantram

*Walk to school healthy breakfast*

To celebrate walk to school month, Whitehorse Primary children have been recording the number of days they have walked in October. Many children and families have been active participants by walking partially or the entire way to school.

On Wednesday morning our children arrived by foot, scooter or bike to enjoy breakfast in the school’s gym!

We wish to express our thanks to Whitehorse City Council who offered a generous voucher to host a healthy breakfast.
Australian Girls Choir Open Day

Congratulations to girls in Grade 1 and above who recently took part in the AGC assessment workshop at school. By now you should have received your personalised assessment report either posted to your home or via your school. Girls in Prep will be receiving an information flyer about the AGC Open Day and we hope that you will be able to join us!

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Open Day on Sunday October 23, which will give girls the opportunity to try a complimentary class and attend an information session.

PH 9859 6499 for more information or visit www.ausgirlschoir.com.au
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Employment opportunity for someone that would like a job that is part time and fits into school hours.

Role: Bookkeeping and admin support for the finance department of an importing and distribution business that has been established for 15 years and is continuing to grow. Computer skills and working knowledge of MYOB is required.

Location: Dandenong South. Drop off the kids at school at 9am, jump on Eastlink and you will be at work by 9.30am. Work until 2.30pm and you will have plenty of time to get back to school by 3.30pm.

Days: At this stage we are anticipating 2-3 days per week.

Contact: Please email your interest and contact details to accounts@mittoni.com.au. If you have any questions about the role please feel free to call Louis or Kylie on 1300 200 000.