Students of 3/4C have been working hard to prepare themselves for the Year 3 NAPLAN tests early next term. They have been learning to write arguments, as the NAPLAN test will assess their ability to write persuasive texts. These include discussions and expositions. The Year 4 students have the benefit of this practice as they will have to be able to do this next year and what really matters is the amount of improvement shown from Year 3 to Year 5.

Our study in Human Society and its Environment has developed the children’s understanding of what makes us different, what things are the same or similar for all human beings and how our experiences, and place of living, shape us as people and contribute to the development of our own identity. Through this study the students have learnt the need to show compassion and understanding to all people from all places and walks of life.

The students have been working well to improve bookwork and presentation and they have very much enjoyed being able to use the Smart Board in interactive learning. Most students have also enjoyed being able to use “Study Ladder,” to reinforce what understandings they have gained through classroom lessons.

On 25th March the students performed well at the weekly assembly. They sang a song entitled, “The Kazoo Koncerto,” and played the comb to imitate the tunes of “Beethoven’s 9th Symphony” and the “William Tell Overture” by Rossini. The item was well received and the students had so much fun performing it.

If parents wish to know how they can help their children at home, it would be great to see all students doing oral Home Reading each night for 5 minutes and it would be wonderful if they could practise their addition and subtraction facts as well as their multiplication tables. Students are developing good strategies for solving mathematical problems but now really need to know these facts in order to improve speed of calculation and also to avoid making unnecessary mistakes.

I would like to wish all children and their families a restful and rejuvenating Easter vacation.

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