This term has again been a busy one for 4/5C. Students have learnt a great deal and have developed good skills in co-operative group work.

The Science unit studied was “The Human Body,” and in conjunction with that, the class has studied healthy living. This has involved the necessity for enough sleep, exercise, water and a balanced diet which contains something from each of the five food groups. Students have learnt to limit the amount of sugar, salt and fat that they have in their diets and have learnt the importance of reading labels when shopping for food.

As the NAPLAN writing assessment next year will be a persuasive text, the class has spent quite a deal of time discussing issues and learning to write arguments. This culminated in groups of students working together to debate against one another. The topic was, “School canteens should not be allowed to sell junk food.” For a first attempt, the students did very well and they learnt the importance of sharing, co-operation, solid preparation, an understanding of what the topic is saying and the need for a cohesive team line.

Next week the class is going with the 2011 S.R.C. representatives to sing for the people in Glenmere Nursing Home, as an act of service. It is pleasing to see that so many of next year’s S.R.C. representatives are in our class. A number of others in our class stood for election and all were deserving of success. It is unfortunate that not all students can be chosen.

It has also been wonderful to see how many of our students have continued to serve as part of the school choir. They look forward to performing at the Annual Presentation Day on 13th December.

I wish to thank all parents for their support and co-operation throughout the year. It has been a joy to have your children in my class and I wish them all happiness and success in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peace-filled Christmas as you celebrate together as a family.

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