Dear Families,

**SAPSASA Selection**
Nicole Turner has again been selected for the Regional SAPSASA Swimming team. This year she is joined by Priayangka Fielding who has grown up in the Mimili community, Central Australia. The girls will travel to Adelaide and compete against other swimmers from across the State tomorrow. *We wish both girls the very best!*

There have been several incidents over the past week where parents have spoken inappropriately to students. Many parents don't realise how intimidating it is for children to have another adult, other than their own parents or a member of staff discipline or address concerns with them, especially when done so with high levels of emotion. Where a parent has a grievance with a student please allow a member of staff to follow through on your or your child's behalf.

I would also remind all members of the school community to be mindful of their language choices; swearing, threats and racial comments have no place at our school. Children deserve to learn and play in an environment that is supportive and encouraging.

**NAPLAN Tests** are scheduled for Week 3 of next term with children in Years 3, 5 & 7 sitting National tests in the aspects of: Reading, Writing, Grammar & Spelling and Numeracy. The 10 April.

Individual tests are usually around 90 minutes long and involve multiple choice, short answers and a writing piece. The writing text will be either a narrative (story) or persuasive (argument) text with different topics for years 3&5 and Years 7&9.

An example of a test question from last years' Year 5 maths test:

Other example tests can be found on the ACARA website [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

With thanks,

Fiona Voigt
Counsellor Information

Attendance
Congratulations to Mrs Francis’s class for winning best attendance in week 6 on 91.1%, followed closely by Ms Gwinnell’s class on 89.2%. In week 7, Mrs Francis’s class won again with a total of 89.6% while Mrs Carn’s class came second on 89.1%. Week 8 saw Ms Gwinnell’s class take out first place with 90.8% while in second place was Miss Moore’s class on 88.6%. Well done to all these classes for their wonderful attendance.

Anti-Bullying No Violence Day
On Friday the 20th of March the school raised awareness of our students with the national campaign against bullying and violence. During recess and lunchtimes we had senior students run structured play sessions for our junior classes on the oval.

Thursday the 19th, junior and senior students worked with each other on a jigsaw puzzle piece that was decorated with an anti-bullying slogan, message or picture which will soon be displayed in the hall. The message will serve to highlight our school’s united stand against bullying and violence.

Also on Thursday we had SAPOL come in and do cyber safety sessions with our senior students, raising their awareness of safety when online using social media or gaming. If you are concerned about your child or simply wish to find out more about what you can do to protect them against bullying the [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) website is a fabulous resource.

“There is no gesture more devastating than the back turning away.”

Rachel Simmons, *Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls*

Kind regards,

Lindy Allen