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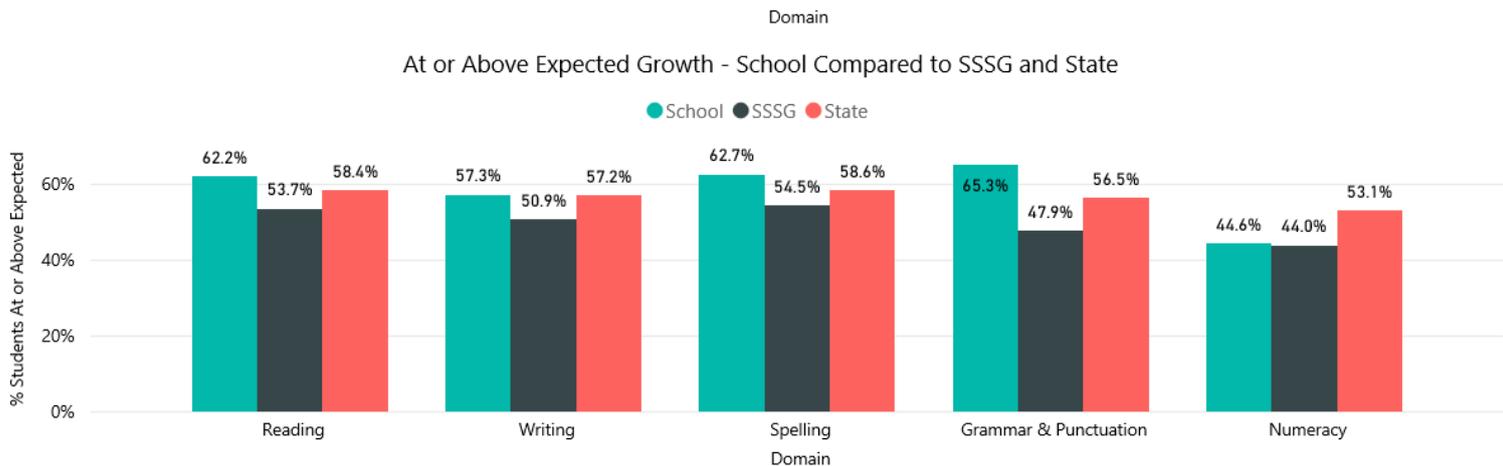
Tanilba Bay

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It's all about GROWTH: NAPLAN 2019

Today, this year's NAPLAN reports will be going home with our Years 3 and 5 students. We are very proud of them all and commend them on doing their very best. As a school, the goal of all our endeavours is student growth – both academic and personal. By focusing on growth, every child – even those with learning difficulties – can experience success.

The VERY good news story from this year's NAPLAN results is our overall school growth. This year, our growth (compared to similar schools and the stage average) is much improved. The green bars represent our school, the black bars represent schools like us and the red bars represent the state. On the basis of their Year 3 result, a prediction about expected growth is made for every student. "At or above growth" means the percentage of students that achieved their expected growth or above.

As you can see from the graphic above, our school growth is above both like schools and the state on all measures expect Numeracy. With the introduction of *Maths Pathway* this year, we are hopeful of seeing improvement in Numeracy in 2020 as well. What we're after is a sustainable upwards trend in growth across the school, in all areas. To achieve this, we are building a culture of high expectations.

From little things, big things grow. By communicating high expectations for student behaviour, wearing school uniform, and presentation of work, we teach children to take pride in themselves, their school and their achievement. We know you'll join with us in celebrating the great achievements of our students at NAPLAN this year.

NAPLAN High Achievers

Just as we celebrate our high achievers in Sport and the Performing Arts, we love to celebrate our high academic achievers. This year, we had a number of stellar performers in NAPLAN, especially among our Year 3 students. A very special mention must go to Ebony Baker and Elizabeth Walker. The Top 2 Bands for Year 3 are Bands 6 and 7. Ebony scored in Band 9 for Spelling and Grammar/Punctuation. Elizabeth scored in Band 8 for Reading. An amazing achievement girls! All students who achieved in the Top 2 Bands for their year will be acknowledged at the first Assembly back after the holidays, as this coming Assembly will be busy with *Wakakirri* business.

CRUISING into Kindy

We currently have 55 completed enrolment forms for Kindy 2020. Well done Team Tanilba – we are currently deciding whether or not we will have enough Kinder students to form a fourth class, so if your child is coming to Kindy next year and your form is not in....don't delay. Help us out by getting that form in and booking an appointment with a member of the Exec Team.

BUSHFIRE BIZ

Also going home today, a one-page summary of our Bushfire Plan. A big thank you to everyone who has already sent in their Bushfire Season contacts form – if you haven't, expect a follow-up call from your child's teacher. It is very important that we have the most up-to-date information possible before faced with a bushfire emergency. In the case of any bushfire emergency, we will activate all available communication channels to let you know our plan of action – School website, Facebook, *Skoolbag*.

Abigail Sawyer, *Proud Principal*



NEXT WEEK'S PBL
MESSAGE:
Say Thank You

DATE CLAIMERS:

Monday 23rd September
Special Wakakirri Assembly

Tuesday 24th September
Market Day

Thursday 26th September
Hunter Valley Zoo Excursion: Kinder

Friday 27th September TBC: Rebel Cup Football (Make-up)

