May is drawing to a close, and we have been fortunate to have had some wonderful Autumn weather.

Last week our Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in NAPLAN. The children approached the tasks diligently and we are very proud of their efforts. Results are not due for several months.

Our first Fitness session with Colette was challenging and fun, and we look forward to further Friday afternoon sessions.

Mitch continues to bring terrific activities to Tuesday afternoons, and the students participate with great energy and enthusiasm.

Mr Asplunde helped to harvest some fabulous pumpkins from our vegetable patch. We have been able to share them with our school community.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we enjoyed a visit from Lee Bootland from the CWA last Monday. We are looking forward to joining the CWA at International Day in June.

A word from our Chaplain . . .

In week 2 I spent a very enjoyable time accompanying our children as they took photos for the Three Village Art Festival. Firstly we all went out with Mrs Murphy, to investigate the school grounds for suitable subjects. Later in the day I took out individual children to make their own selections and capture some suitable images. Quietly contemplating our surroundings, looking for interesting angles, textures, colours and shapes, was a particularly satisfying time.

There was great freedom in the process, no right or wrong, just looking and appreciating the variety of interesting things in our school environment.

After shooting a number of photos the children each chose two of their images for printing. The primary children cropped their photos to achieve the desired results, which were later printed on photo paper. The resulting prints were mounted and can be seen displayed at Vacy PS next weekend: 24-25 May

Sometimes the best times with our children are when we are just there, not leading or directing, simply being present and interested.

Our students were excited to receive a visit from our dance teacher Lou, who popped in last week. Lou will join us again towards the end of term, assisting us with preparations for the item we will perform at the Education Week presentation at Dungog High School in Term 3.
Our budding photographers in action, with thanks to Mrs Murphy and Mr Hingston

With Mr Hingston’s help, our students were able to submit an entry into the School Photography Exhibition for the upcoming 3 Villages Art Festival. We thank Mr Hingston for his help and Mrs Murphy for her encouragement. Mr Hingston’s report is on the previous page.