

As a primary school teacher of many years I am very disturbed by the importance being given to a one-off yearly test to evaluate both children and schools. I am not against a national testing program. It is just another tool that teachers can use to help assist their students, but to take this test and place so much importance on it means that eventually we will have to 'teach to the test' to maintain testing results. It is just a snap shot of a day in a student's life. If the government wants to evaluate schools then there must be more than just one test. It must be an evaluation of many factors such as ESL, teacher experience, facilities, reporting data sent home to parents and the many other items that can form the data in relation to individual schools. I am hoping that information that is reported on the My School website will be broadened beyond just the Naplan results.