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This year, National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) will be held from 3-9 September 2007. NLNW celebrates the work of schools and individuals making a difference to the lives of Australians by improving literacy and numeracy skills.

Get involved in the NLNW national events for 2007.

**National Numeracy Events**

Join in the fun of this year's national mass participation numeracy events developed by the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers (AAMT).

**Reach for the Stars** *(primary and middle school students)*

Stepping Up with Maths: Hands-on measurement and data analysis activities using information contributed by students from all over Australia.

**Let's Be Fair** *(secondary school students)*

Activities exploring the vital role of mathematics in understanding and making decisions about ‘fairness’.

Registration for both events is free. There will be some fantastic lucky draw prizes.

**National Reading Day**

Reading is important and it’s also fun!

In 2007 we will introduce a new national event, National Reading Day. This event will be developed by the Australian Literacy Educators’ Association (ALEA) and the Australian Association for the Teaching of English (AATE). Catering for students of all ages, National Reading Day will bring the nation together to enjoy five wonderful Australian books. Excerpts from these books will be available from a website together with a range of exciting activities. National Reading Day will be held on **Wednesday 5 September 2007**.

**Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards**

The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards is a national poetry competition for school-aged students, conducted from Gunnedah in north-west NSW. It was initiated in honour of Dorothea Mackellar and her famous poem, My Country. The Awards will be announced at an award presentation ceremony in Gunnedah on **Friday 7 September 2007**.

Find out more about these events and how to register at [http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au](http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au).
Our National Patron

The Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon John Howard MP

The most valuable information technology (in this or any age) is the ability to read, write and count.

Strong literacy and numeracy skills are critical foundations of a full and rewarding life. As well as essential tools for success at school, in further education and at work, they are the keys to understanding where we have come from as a society and where we are going.

To raise literacy and numeracy standards in our schools, the Australian Government is providing targeted funding to the states and territories of an estimated $2 billion between 2005 and 2008. Improving the learning outcomes of disadvantaged students is a particular focus.

Through initiatives such as our Work Skills Vouchers we are also helping adult Australians who might need to improve their literacy and numeracy skills for today’s labour market.

I am honoured to act as National Patron of National Literacy and Numeracy Week in 2007. This important event will provide an opportunity to celebrate and reward achievements in literacy and numeracy and I urge all Australians to get involved with the activities that are planned.

John Howard
Our Literacy and Numeracy Ambassadors

Christopher Cheng

Christopher Cheng is an Australian children’s author. Passionate about promoting the importance of literacy development, Chris has been a particularly active champion for NLNW over the past three years. He has published fifteen children’s titles including a picture book, fiction and non-fiction.

Steven Herrick

Steven Herrick is one of Australia’s most popular and widely heard poets. He has published sixteen books for children and young adults. His books have been shortlisted six times for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards and have twice won the NSW Premier’s Literary Awards.

Beth Powell

Beth Powell is Senior Lecturer in the School of Education at Murdoch University, Perth. Beth is acknowledged nationally within the numeracy field as a leader and innovator in numeracy education.

Professor Tom Cooper

Professor Tom Cooper has been a teacher and researcher in mathematics education in colleges and universities for the past 30 years. He is currently Professor of Mathematics Education at Queensland University of Technology. Tom has been involved in NLNW as a champion for the past two years.
Excellence Awards for Schools 2007

Has your school implemented, and is looking to sustain and further develop, literacy or numeracy programmes that are making a real difference to students’ learning outcomes? Is community participation making a difference to literacy and numeracy education at your school?

Showcase your school’s achievements: Show the nation what your school is doing to improve the literacy or numeracy outcomes of its students.

The NLNW 2007 Awards for Schools are underway, offering a $375,000 prize pool and the opportunity for schools to receive national recognition.

All Australian government and non-government primary and secondary schools catering for students up to Year 10, eligible for Australian Government general recurrent grants in 2007, are eligible to apply.

Prize Pool

In 2007 there are 60 NLNW Awards for Schools, with a total value of $375,000.

Government Schools Category

• Eight (8) NLNW 2007 Excellence Awards for government schools, each worth $10,000.

Non-Government Schools Category

• Four (4) NLNW 2007 Excellence Awards for non-government schools, each worth $10,000.

Numeracy Category

• Three (3) NLNW 2007 Excellence Awards for government and non-government schools, each worth $10,000.

Highly Commended Awards

• 45 Highly Commended Awards for government and non-government schools, each worth $5,000.

How to apply


Your state or territory will provide additional information and details of how to lodge your submission.

Applications must be received by 5.00pm AEST Friday 27 April 2007.

Representatives from schools who have won an Excellence Award for Schools in 2007 will be invited to attend the national NLNW Award Ceremony in Canberra on 16 August 2007.
NLNW Minister’s Awards 2007
The Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon Julie Bishop MP

Do you know someone who has made a major difference in the field of literacy and/or numeracy education in Australia who could be nominated for a 2007 Minister’s Award in recognition of their efforts?

Five individual Awards of $10,000 each ($50,000 in total) are available.

Individuals nominated for these Awards will have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and made a major contribution to the improvement of literacy and/or numeracy outcomes within his/her Australian community over a significant period of time.

There are two categories for nomination.

**Category A:** for people working as teachers, education leaders or researchers.

**Category B:** for people acting in a voluntary capacity in literacy and/or numeracy education.

To be eligible for consideration, each nomination must be supported by statements written by the nominator and two supporters.

A two-stage selection process involving state/territory and national selection committees is outlined in the Nomination Guidelines.

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Our proud sponsors for 2007 are:

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Network Ten
Given TEN's position as the network most watched by younger Australians, we understand the relevance we have to this section of the community. So it is appropriate that much of TEN’s community service focus is on organisations, issues and events most relevant and important to young people, such as National Literacy and Numeracy Week.

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Excellence Award Winners in 2006
Terranora Public School, NSW
Sunshine Primary School, VIC
Thornlands State School, QLD
Willandra Primary School, WA
Victor Harbor R-7 School, SA
New Town High School, TAS
Anzac Hill High School, NT
Ainslie School, ACT
Al Noori Muslim Primary School, NSW
Good Shepherd Primary School, NSW
St Michael’s Parish Primary School, VIC
Christian Brothers College - Junior School, SA

Minister’s Award Winners in 2006
Felicity Dear, Djidi Djidi Aboriginal School, WA
Carmel Jennings, Centacare, WA
Frances Gentle, Royal Institute for Blind and Deaf Children, NSW
Professor Len Unsworth, University of New England, NSW
Rita van Haren, Lanyon Cluster of Schools, ACT