# National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2008 Project Report

**Project title:** Numeracy meets the Olympics at Clevo.

**Project description:** Cleveland St IEHS devoted a day during the Beijing Olympics to a whole school mini Olympics. All students participated in the organised events and parents and carers were invited to attend. The day had a big numeracy focus which was organised by the school’s Numeracy Committee. This included a numeracy event and other numeracy moments. The numeracy event involved teams of students competing to be the first to solve numeracy problems. The numeracy moments involved measuring, calculating, data collection, record keeping and using the language of Maths within the context of our Clevolympics.

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**Number of students, teachers, parents, other community members directly involved:**
- All students (250 in total) and all teachers and bilingual Learning Support Officers.
- A little less than 10% of the parent population attended.

**Intended literacy and/or numeracy outcomes:**
- raised awareness of numeracy
- a greater understanding of the importance of numeracy in a significant world event
- a greater understanding that working together is an effective and fun way to solve numeracy problems
- students using the language of Maths in a meaningful context.

**Evidence of achievement of intended literacy and/or numeracy outcomes:**
- students’ ability to work with abstract concepts enhanced through applying numeracy to concrete examples seen in Maths classes after the event
- whole school involvement and interest in numeracy seen in the level of the energy and excitement on the day.

**Feedback about making grants available for such projects:** Excellent support for schools. We enjoyed giving our Clevolympics a numeracy focus and found it an invaluable learning experience for the whole school. It was great inviting the families, and a fun, engaging day was had by all.

See materials below:
Dear parents and carers,

You are invited to attend our mini Olympics on Wednesday 20 August, 2008 at our school. The day will be full of fun events and numeracy activities. Students will represent different countries from around the world. There will be a BBQ for lunch.

The program

9:30  Opening Ceremony
10:00  Games commence
1:00  Lunch
1:40  Games continue
2:20  Awards (Closing ceremony)
2:50  End of day

Clevolympics Committee     Jennifer Pilon
Principal

Please indicate on the form below if you will be attending, for catering purposes.

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I / We will attend          YES / NO
(Please circle answer)

Parent’s/Carer’s name: _____________________________
Student’s name: _____________________________   CLASS: _____
Parent’s/Carer’s signature: __________________________           Date: ___________
Photos from the day:
1. **Tunnel ball**

Upper VB court

Each team stands in a line. Students make a tunnel with their legs apart. The student at the front of the line rolls a ball through the tunnel. The person at the end of the line must catch the ball and run quickly to the front of the line and roll the ball through the tunnel. The game ends when all students have rolled a ball through the tunnel.

2. **Funny relays**

Badminton courts

Teams race to complete a relay while holding different objects and moving in funny ways.

3. **“Egg” and spoon relay race**

Room 12

Each team divides into two. Half stand on one side of the room. The other half stand opposite. The first student on each team holds a spoon with a table tennis ball in their hand (other hand behind back) and races to the other end. Give the spoon to the next student. The game ends when every student has held the spoon.

4. **Tug of War**

Park1

Two teams holding a rope must try to pull the other team past a line in the middle.

5. **Mini Soccer**

Park2

Teams play a short game of soccer against another team.
6. Vortex
Students compete to throw the vortex as far as possible.

7. Basketball Shooting Comp
Basketball court
Students compete to shoot the basketball into the hoop from different distances.

8. Putting Competition
Room 21
Students use a golf putter and try to hit their golf ball into the cup.

9. Quoits
Near Canteen
Students try to throw a small circle hoop onto a wooden stick.

10. Numeracy
Canteen
Students will solve five mathematical problems in as quick a time as possible.

11. Paper Airplanes
Hall
Students make an airplane out of paper. Students compete to see which plane will fly the furthest.

12. Chopsticks Race
Room 4
Students run to a table and pick up sweets using chopsticks. Students must return to the start without dropping the sweet and then tag teammate. The first team to finish is the winner.