



Australian Government

National Literacy and Numeracy Week

31st August -
6th September

2009

GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT

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Get involved in National Literacy and Numeracy Week!!

National Literacy and Numeracy Week will be held from **31 August to 6 September 2009.**

This year's theme is **Getting the Basics Right.**

National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) promotes the importance of literacy and numeracy as fundamental life skills and highlights effective literacy and numeracy practices on a national scale. The Week gives schools the opportunity to get involved in a range of activities and to recognise locally the achievements of students and of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills.

Ambassadors

John Flanagan, best selling Australian author and 2009 National Literacy Ambassador, and Simon Pampena, the Maths Man and 2009 National Numeracy Ambassador, will be getting involved in a number of NLNW activities. To find out how you could get an Ambassador involved in activities at your school visit the National Literacy and Numeracy Week website at www.deewr.gov.au/nlnw.



John Flanagan



Simon Pampena

National Activities

Join schools across Australia as they celebrate the power of literacy and numeracy.

There are great lucky draw prizes for participating schools. To find out more, or to register visit the National Activities website at www.nlnw.edu.au.

Reach for the Stars - 24 August until 4 September 2009

What's in a name?

A mass participation numeracy activity for all ages, developed by the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers.

This year have fun exploring names with your class and discover the answers to many fiercely debated questions, including:

- Are girls' names really longer than boys' names?
- Do more boys' names than girls' names start with the letter M?
- And the big one – what is the most popular first letter of a first name?

National Reading Day - 2 September

A Story Sharing Safari

Get your school community involved in one of the great activities developed by the Australian Literacy Educators' Association and the Australian Association for the Teaching of English for National Reading Day.

There are lots of ideas and resources available to help you and your students to go on a Story Sharing Safari. Explore and share the joy of books with parents, other schools and the wider community on National Reading Day.

All activities are designed to promote reading and the development of students' reading and literacy skills.

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards - 4 September

Searching for Stars

A national poetry competition for school aged children, managed by the Dorothea Mackellar Memorial Society.

A national poetry award ceremony will be held in Gunnedah (the birth place of Dorothea McKellar) during National Literacy and Numeracy Week on Friday 4 September. For more details go to www.dorothea.com.au.

Check with your state or territory education authority about the NLNW activities in your local area.