

Meet the ambassadors

Simon Pampena, the *Maths Man* and 2011 National Numeracy Ambassador and Jackie French, award winning Australian children's author and 2011 National Literacy Ambassador, will promote a number of activities.



Simon Pampena

"When I was younger I absolutely loved *Star Wars*. Being a curious kid however, I started to notice something was wrong: explosions shouldn't make any noise in space and travelling faster than the speed of light was impossible. Then it hit me... it wasn't real! Luckily, someone told me about people called 'scientists' who wrote real science fiction. This was the stuff I was actually interested in. The only difference was that their stories weren't written in English but in the language of mathematics. Since that discovery I have been on the most exciting adventures in the universe, all with the power of maths!"

Jackie French



"I read in the bath, in traffic jams, waiting on the phone, in bed and on the loo. I've books piled in every room, and one in my handbag and glove box, books for comfort and books for joy.

Every book you read puts you in the author's head. We need books to teach us empathy, to teach us, well, everything.

Learning to read isn't easy for some kids (I'm dyslexic and know the pain). Kids need to know that learning to read is like working to take the packaging off a box of chocolates - once you've got through the boring stuff it's yum!"

National Celebration of Literacy is brought to you by ALEA and AATE.



The Australian Association for the Teaching of English (AATE) is operated by the eight State and Territory English teachers' associations and focuses on the professional development of teachers through national conferences, journals and classroom resources. It is also the voice of English teachers in Australia on issues of national importance. www.aate.org.au

The Australian Literacy Educators' Association (ALEA) is dedicated to literacy development and English language learning at all levels of education. ALEA provides support to literacy educators through access to national conferences, journals, specialist publications and resources as well as PD events organised by its twenty local councils around Australia. www.alea.edu.au

Reach for the Stars is brought to you by the AAMT.



The Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers Inc (AAMT) is the nation's premier organisation of mathematics educators. It aims to support and enhance the work of teachers, promote the learning of mathematics, and represent and promote interests in mathematics education. Membership of AAMT is through one of the local state and territory associations. Currently there are over 5000 individual and institutional members. www.aamt.edu.au

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National Literacy and Numeracy Week

29th August - 4th September 2011

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Poetry Awards



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Students across Australia can now enter the 2011 Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. The Awards aim to capture the imagination of students, inspiring them with a passion for poetry and a love of country. It is a unique national project, giving Australia's youth a voice and an opportunity to strive for excellence in literature.

The Awards are open to all Australian students in K-12, over several different categories. This year's optional theme is 'Making Pictures'. Entries opened 1st March 2011 and close 30th June 2011.

More information can be found on the Dorothea Mackellar website. www.dorothea.com.au



www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au

Get involved in National Literacy and Numeracy Week!

It's on again.

29th August – 4th September

Join the fun around Australia and celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week through some of the exciting national activities. You can win some great prizes for your school, just by taking part!

All you need to get involved is on the website. It's easy, it's fun, and it's free to enter – so why not take part! There are even resources to help teachers plan and prepare for the week.

All details can be found on our website. Register now!



National Literacy Activities

Celebrate the joy of reading by joining *Read for Australia* on **Wednesday 31st August at 2pm AEST**. Schools all over Australia are invited to bring together students of all ages, teachers and the local community to read together.

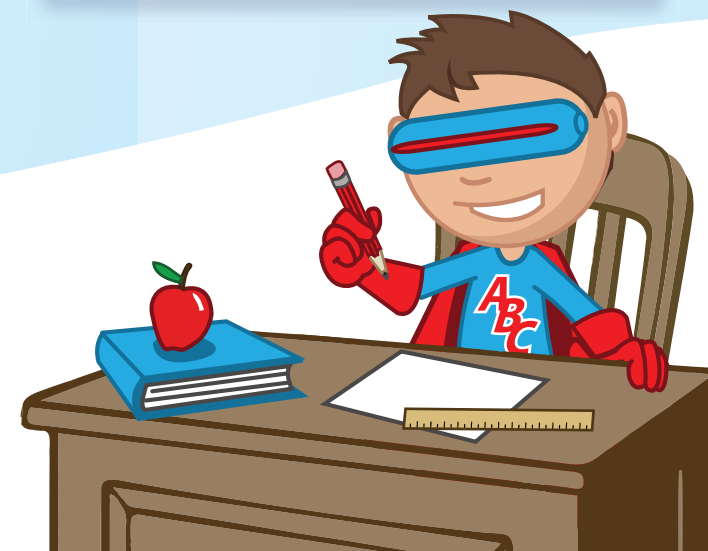
Share and explore themes of peace and equality with your class by choosing to read one of our suggested books, *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox, or *Eric* by Shaun Tan, or choose your own book to share. You can share your thoughts and feedback about these themes on our website.

Let's read together!

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Get creative with digital stories! Turn traditional activities such as interviews, character profiles, news reports, cartoon strips and storyboards into moving images. Simple instructions and examples, plus lots of other ideas, can be found on our website.

Your imagination is the only limit. Create your digital stories as a group or encourage individual responses. Check the website to find out how to share your involvement with schools all over Australia.



National Numeracy Activity



What does YOUR classroom look like?

In 2011, students will be collaborating to generate data from observations and measurements in their classrooms. Questions like "How big?", "What colour?", "How many?" and "How do you know?" will be asked and answered. Students will count, group, categorise, order, measure, model, calculate, compare, contrast, predict and explain.

Students will collect their data and organise it to examine and compare their own classroom to classrooms

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from all over Australia. How are we the same? How are we different? What statistical tools should we select?

Teachers will find activities suited to all levels – from simple counting and direct comparisons through to more complex modelling and problem solving.

Help us tell the story of Australia's classrooms!

What is on the teacher's desk?



How big is your classroom?

How to get involved...

- Visit the website.
- Decide which activities you'd like to take part in and what you have to do.
- Register your school to take part.
- Use the online materials (available from July) to help you involve your students.
- Complete the activities and enter the prize draw by the 4th of September.
- Cross your fingers on the 15th of September while the prize draw takes place. Check the website for full terms and conditions.