



# the CensusAtSchool NEWSLETTER

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## Special LAUNCH Edition



On Thursday 20th of October the CensusAtSchool project was officially launched by The Federal Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, The Honourable Chris Pearce MP.

The launch was also attended by representatives from the education sectors across Australia, including representatives from State Education Departments, Catholic Education Offices and Independent School Associations. Over 100 students from Regency Park Primary School and Caroline Springs College participated with presentations to the audience on the use of the CensusAtSchool output from Release Testing.

Other speakers at the launch were the Australian Statistician, Mr Dennis Trewin and mathematician and media personality, Adam Spencer. Adam presented a most entertaining and engaging speech that kept the audience entertained. He emphasised the important role statistics play in many aspects of Australian life...

***"CensusAtSchool gets students calculating real stats about themselves and each other. It's much more enjoyable and relevant than just getting it out of a 20 year old text book..."***



Representatives from states and territories attended a briefing session prior to the launch. They were provided with a project update including release testing output and the activities. They were all impressed by the scope and depth of the project and commented on how valuable and stimulating the resources will be as an educational teaching and learning tool.

Students from Regency Park Primary School and Caroline Springs Secondary College presented their projects. Their investigations included gathering data from other students, analysing and comparing it to samples taken from Release Testing data and showing

their results using tables and graphs. These cross curricular studies spanned a number of Key Learning Areas in an Integrated Curriculum approach. There was a diverse range of topics including student eye colour, modes of transport students use to get to and from school and issues relating to water management and usage in the future.

**Registration is now open and teachers are encouraged to complete a Registration Form. Copies of the form can be obtained from the CensusAtSchool Home page by selecting the link to School Registration.**

## TEACHERS

CensusAtSchool is a worthwhile resource, please spread the word by telling other teachers at your school and in other schools about the project. Plan for your students to complete the questionnaire in the first half of 2006 so that students can begin using the data when the Random Sampler opens after the 11th of July 2006.

## Registration UPDATE

Over **850 schools** have registered to take part in CensusAtSchool.





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