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## National Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrated in Chisholm

Federal Member for Chisholm, Anna Burke MP, today encouraged local schools to get involved in this year's Literacy and Numeracy Week, which is being held across Australia between 29 August and 4 September.

Ms Burke said that there was a huge range of activities taking place throughout the week, and that there is still time left for local schools to register to take part.

"This year there are two nation-wide events that are being held on the same day and time in more than 1500 schools - the *Reach for the Stars* numeracy event and the *Read for Australia* mass reading event," Ms Burke said.

"*Reach for the Stars* is a mass participation numeracy exploration, asking students to help collect 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 around the country.

"Students will collect their local results and organise them to examine and compare their classroom to classrooms all over Australia.

"*Read for Australia* will be held in hundreds of schools on Wednesday 31 August at 2pm (AEST).

"Schools across Australia are invited to bring together students of all ages, teachers and the local community to read together.

"The suggested books for the mass read are *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox, or *Eric* by Shaun Tan," Ms Burke said.

The Federal Government has provided more than \$2 million in funding for National Literacy and Numeracy Week since 2008, helping to support activities which highlight the importance of reading, writing and maths skills. The week also celebrates the achievements of students and teachers across Australia.

Schools can register their involvement in these national activities at [www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au](http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au).

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