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Westdale Public School rewarded for Literacy and Numeracy achievement

Achievement in literacy and numeracy at the Westdale Public School on the outskirts of Tamworth were today rewarded with the presentation of a \$5,000 cheque by the Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor.

The financial reward came as part of their recognition during National Literacy and Numeracy Week this year as being one of only 41 exceptional schools across Australia to win "Highly Commended" Awards from the Australian Government for their commitment to improving literacy and numeracy standards.

Mr Windsor praised the Westdale Public School for their efforts and success.

"I congratulate the Westdale Public School on their winning a "Highly Commended" Award for successfully introducing a range of interesting and engaging numeracy projects to expand their student's skills.

These activities have seen children tested in 2004 and again in 2006 achieve a very high standard.

It's a great effort by the students and staff to achieve this particularly when it is a national recognition.

I thank the Australian Government for their recognition of Westdale Public School with this award and also their recognition of the importance of literacy and numeracy skills to our children's future," Mr Windsor said.

Attached Photo:

Westdale Public School Principal Mrs Karen Doyle with Peyton Brooking - Westdale PS Girl School Captain and Lochie Collins - Westdale PS Boys Vice Captain receiving a \$5,000 cheque for their "Literacy and Numeracy Week" Highly Commended Award from Member for New England Tony Windsor MP surrounded by Years 5 and 6 students whose efforts brought about the award.

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