



the CensusAtSchool NEWSLETTER

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This is the fourth newsletter of the CensusAtSchool project. This newsletter is to keep teachers informed on the development of the CensusAtSchool project.

The CensusAtSchool project is now at its advance development stage with a web site ready for release testing from 25th July 05. Teachers interested in participating in release testing should contact the National Education Services Unit . Contact details are available on page two of this newsletter.

This quarter saw the development of promotional materials, including a plan for a formal launch of the project in late October 2005. More details about this launch will be provided in the September 05 newsletter. An 'Introduction Pack' will be despatched to schools in late September 05. An explanation of the project and a registration form for your school to participate will be made available. So, please watch out for it!



Key Dates

CensusAtSchool Project Dates

The CensusAtSchool project has five key phases. Mark the dates down, or join the email list to be notified as they occur.

Now	✓ Project Development
25 July 05	Release Testing
03 Oct 05	Registration opens
30 Jan 06	Questionnaire Opens
07 July 06	Questionnaire Closes
11 July 06	Data Usage opens

TEACHERS' FORUM

"...a creative resource for statistics that I hadn't thought about."

"...very nice for a group assignment."

"the questions are really good. Not very long"

These are some of the comments made by teachers during the testing in early May. It was great to see the positive reaction of teachers to the questions and their classroom potential.

Testing is essential for us to ensure the web site meets your needs. Please send an email to censusatschool@abs.gov.au if you would like to take part in the August /September release testing.

Work is progressing on the Mathematics and SOSE/HSIE classroom activities. A selection will be available for use during release testing.

Project UPDATE

The CensusAtSchool project will result in a unique student centered learning opportunity. Over the past three months we have been busy testing all areas of the web site with teachers and developing materials to communicate the project clearly to our audience.

The CensusAtSchool team conducted useability testing with teachers throughout May this year. This testing provided valuable feedback about what teachers require from CensusAtSchool and how the web site will be used by teachers and students in the classroom. Overall, feedback was positive and provided some constructive insights about the web site and accompanying materials.

Promotional activities have also been a focus over the past three months, with materials soon to go to print. We are well on track to developing an innovative and exciting resource for schools.

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how can you help?

Teacher feedback and advice is essential to the success of the CensusAtSchool project.

ABS is currently developing the uniquely Australian version of the international CensusAtSchool project. At all stages of the development ABS will be seeking feedback and the assistance of teachers so that the web site is useful to teachers and provides them with the support they need. Please lend us your expertise. If you would like to provide feedback during the development of the CensusAtSchool project, please contact Ian Wong, Teacher Consultant.

General Project Support Enquiries

For general CensusAtSchool project enquiries, please contact the ABS, National Educational Services Unit on free call 1800 623 273, or email censusatschool@abs.gov.au