

Primary school mathematics competitions

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Yet again New Lambton Public School in the Newcastle region scooped the pool. They not only won the local regional competition but they also won the competition which includes Australia and New Zealand.

1 The Hunter Region Primary Mathematics Competition

Early in September of each year, a competition sponsored by the Newcastle Permanent Building Society is conducted for year 5 and 6 students across the Hunter Region [1]. In this, the 23rd competition to be conducted, it is pleasing to report that three year 6 girl students from the same class at New Lambton Public School achieved a maximum score to win the honour for their school to hold “Our Town Shield” for the next twelve months.



In 2003, 15,344 students from 243 schools participated and the outright winners of the competition were Colette Wai, Lauren Heath and Emma Berry. Major awards were presented to the candidates who came first, second or third in the Year 5 and Year 6 Divisions of the competition.

2 The Australian Primary Schools Mathematical Olympiad

The Australian Primary Schools Mathematical Olympiads competition consists of five rounds of questions conducted between April and September. Each Olympiad paper consists of five questions. Teams of thirty contest the Olympiads with the team score for each round determined by the results of the top ten scores.

This year 887 schools provided 1,077 teams involving a total of 25,906 students [2]. New Lambton and Newbridge Heights Primary Schools tied for first with a perfect team score of 250. Eleven students from each school obtained perfect individual scores (and of course included the three in the photograph above).

In the run off tie-breaker test New Lambton triumphed and the School has the honour of holding the “Highest Team Score” shield for the year.

References

- [1] See Aust. Math. Soc. Gazette **28** (2001), 269; **30** (2003), 49.
 [2] Web: <http://www.apsmo.info>