



Dramatic improvements in NAPLAN reading and spelling results!

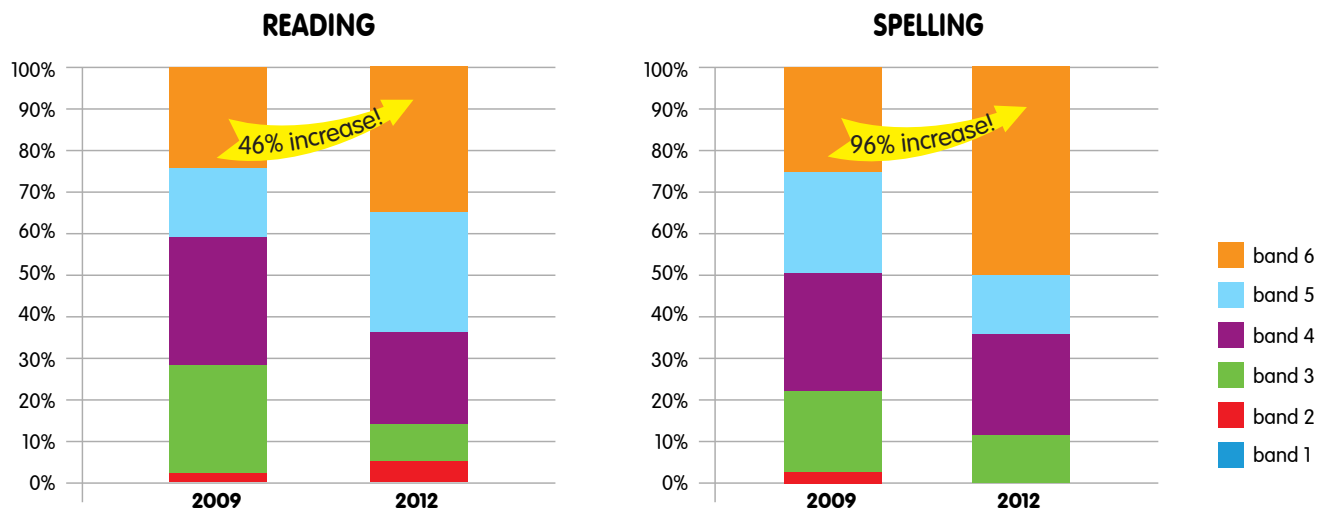
The Challenges

- 88% of the children have a language other than English
- Learning was very slow; children were learning 26 letters and only then beginning to blend
- Boys were significantly lagging behind the girls

What Changed

- Staff had heard of the value of synthetic phonics and were impressed with the results coming from neighbouring Get Reading Right schools
- The kindergarten team visited a Get Reading Right school
- The school bought the necessary resources and the increasingly enthusiastic team "followed the Toolkit carefully"
- After one year it was taken further with the catch up (Power Pack) program being implemented for those that needed it
- Children and teachers were given Phonics Hero accounts to use at home and in the classroom

Year 3 NAPLAN Results



"Get Reading Right is creating an educational revolution in classrooms... It has helped children in their first three years at Earlwood Public School, in Sydney's inner west, achieve results eight times higher than the national average."

— **The Daily Telegraph**

"Get Reading Right employs an explicit way of teaching students to read and spell. The results show that this systematic methodology allows every child's reading and spelling to thrive."

— **Kevin Weeks, Principal**

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