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## Calling Hunter region schools to register for Maths Competition

The call is out for primary schools in the Hunter region to register for the 2018 Newcastle Permanent Primary School Mathematics Competition—the longest running annual mathematics competition of its kind in Australia.

In August last year, almost 19,000 primary students from more than 320 schools across regional NSW sat the 37th annual Competition; this year's Competition is shaping up to be even bigger.

The Competition was popular in the Hunter region last year, with more than 180 schools participating, in which almost 13,000 local year 5 and 6 students tested their math mettle in the 35-question paper completed without the use of a calculator, ruler, or any other mathematical instrument.

Newcastle Permanent's CEO, Terry Millett, said he wanted local schools to show the rest of the state what they could do while having fun with maths.

"I'm so proud to be a part of the Hunter community and I believe that we have many students in our region who really enjoy maths and like to test their problem solving abilities. I'm urging all our local primary schools—private and public—to get on board with the Newcastle Permanent Primary School Mathematics Competition," he said.

"To be part of the Competition, schools need to register before Friday 11 May. I urge students and parents to contact their school Principal if they'd like to participate.

"The Competition is for all skill levels and encourages students to become enthusiastic about maths, challenges them to rely on their problem solving skills, and creates a fun opportunity to experience the way we use maths in real-life settings.

"The top performing students in each region are invited to our annual awards presentations to celebrate their achievements with their family and other maths whizzes, with selected young mathematicians invited to attend the annual Maths Camp to further enhance their mathematical talent," Mr Millett said.

"In 2017 we had a great result in the Hunter, with three local students receiving the Newcastle Permanent Shield."

The Newcastle Permanent Primary School Mathematics Competition is the largest of its kind in Australia and is open to all primary school students in Year 5 and 6 with awards for the winners in each region. Registrations for the competition close Friday, 11 May 2018. More information, and past exam papers and answers can be found at [www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/maths-comp](http://www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/maths-comp)

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