

Great Results Guarantee

**Under this agreement for 2014
Thornton State School will receive**

\$8,712*

This funding will be used to

- Ensure all Year 3 students reach NMS in Spelling.
- Develop Evidence Based Plans (EBP) for students at risk of not reaching NMS.
- Improve Teacher and Teacher Aide capacity through professional development in the implementation of "Words Their Way" spelling program.
- Ensure 90% of Prep – 2 students will be above DDSW Regional Benchmarks in 2015.

Our strategy will be to

- Use an on-going process of identifying student's current achievement level in spelling, determining the student's future learning needs, teaching to those needs, re-assessing effectiveness of the teaching strategy and then embarking on the next learning cycle.
- Review student data each fortnight through professional conversations and once a term through formative assessment (Words Their Way testing by STLaN) to adjust curriculum, resources and pedagogy.

Evidence:

- Archer, Anita, Hughes, Charles – Explicit Instruction, Effective and Efficient Teaching, Guilford Press, 2011.
- Randolph Elementary School, Arlington County, VA, 2002. – Using Words Their Way with a balanced literacy program to improve the reading and writing of second grade students.

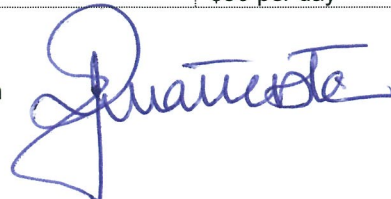
Our school will improve student outcomes by

• Building teacher capacity in data analysis and development of targeted teaching strategies by releasing teacher to work with STLaN to identify students who require intensive support in the area of spelling.	\$ 1000 (School funded)
• Providing Professional Development for teacher/STLaN on the implementation of 'Words Their Way' – 2 day training (including cost of course and TRS). This training will be internally delivered to Teacher Aide.	\$ 1000 (GRG)
• Employing a teacher aide to implement an individualised intervention program designed by STLaN in 'Words Their Way' for the explicit instruction of spelling strategies to develop skills in spelling, to assist in reading and writing.	\$ 5600 (GRG) = 62 days \$1260 (School funded) = 14 days @ \$90 per day



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*Based on 2013 data. To be updated when 2014 enrolment data is finalised.