

March 7, 2014

## Press Release

### Student performance is so much more than league tables

APFACTS is pleased to see the latest NAPLAN results demonstrate that the ACT is a jurisdiction of high student performance, there is much to be proud of!

“Naplan is a diagnostic tool, it gives a snapshot of a student’s performance on one test on one day, looking at it in isolation doesn’t provide the whole picture of a student or school performance.” said Charuni Weerasooriya, President APFACTS.

“Parents making schooling decisions need to feel secure a school setting is the right fit for their children. Parents take into account a wide range of information sources; visiting schools, discussions with teachers - schooling decisions are not based on a single publication of a school league table. ” said Charuni Weerasooriya, APFACTS President

“The evidence is overwhelming that parent engagement in schooling is one of the biggest contributing factors in student attainment. The more meaningful information and collaborative the partnership between schools and parents, the better student achievement and wellbeing will be!” said Charuni Weerasooriya, APFACTS President

The NAPLAN and Myschool parent guides, developed by the Australian Parents Council, can be found on APFACTS website: [www.apfacts.org.au](http://www.apfacts.org.au). APFACTS believes more information and tools are required to help parents navigate the education arena and connect to their children’s learning.

APFACTS encourages all Canberra media to provide a balance view of student performance and recognize, publicize and celebrate the great work going on every day in all ACT Schools.

***For interviews: Charuni Weerasooriya, APFACTS President Phone: 0416094172***