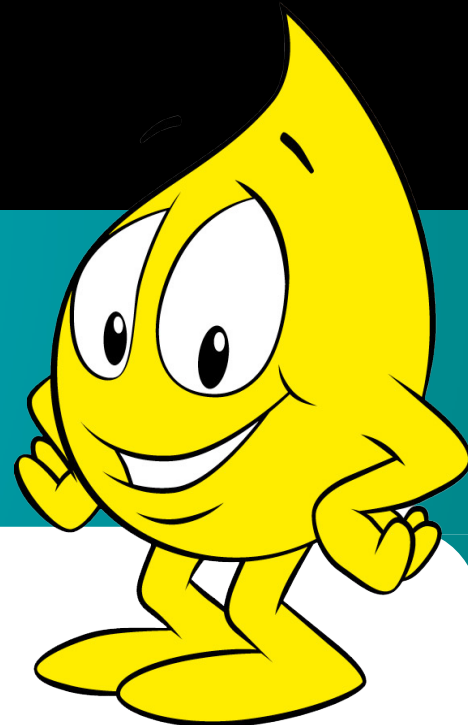




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PIPS Newsletter 2012

Performance Indicators in Primary Schools



Welcome

This newsletter is designed to share questions, queries, feedback and any news regarding PIPS.

Staff Announcements

Updates from the PIPS Coordinator

Welcome to all our schools for another year of PIPS in 2012. This year should see smooth sailing for schools, with no major changes to the program and only a few background tweaks. We've also updated the browse feature so it's more user friendly and easier to navigate through. We encourage all PIPS users to take a look at this modified feature. Keep an eye on the website for more updates www.education.uwa.edu.au/pips

Cheers,
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From the PIPS Research Officer

Hello to all the PIPS schools for 2012! This year, I have joined the PIPS team as the PIPS Project Officer. I recently completed my Honours in Psychology and am passionate about child assessment and statistics, so I am thrilled to be involved in the PIPS Project. I look forward to getting to know some of you, either at our workshops or on the phone over the course of the year. This should be an exciting year as I learn more about the PIPS Project and all the schools involved!

Kind regards
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Who used PIPS in 2012?

This year saw 626 schools undertake PIPS testing across Australia. Over 24,000 students have been assessed so far. We look forward to welcoming more schools each year. The PIPS Baseline assessment provides a valuable tool for planning in the classroom, and monitoring school wide trends over the years.

REMINDER: Undertake the Final Assessment between:

ACT (government)	22nd October-2nd November
NSW, QLD, TAS, VIC, NT	15th October-2nd November
WA	15th October-2nd November

PIPS Videos for users

The PIPS team have been busy over the last year updating our website to include tutorial videos for our teachers. The topics covered range from tips on importing the CSV file, to downloading and running the IDEAS+ software. These videos can help if you're having trouble following the manual instructions, or if you'd just prefer a demo before getting stuck in yourself.

If you've got any thoughts on PIPS videos you'd like to see in the future, do let us know. We're always keen to hear from you! Check out the Video page at <http://www.education.uwa.edu.au/pips/current/videos>

Using AusPIPS

Don't forget that PIPS feedback is only available on our AusPIPS website and will need to be downloaded by schools. Your ID and password will be on the inside cover of this year's PIPS Manual. All previous years' files are also hosted on the AusPIPS website, so you can download prior feedback any time you wish to.

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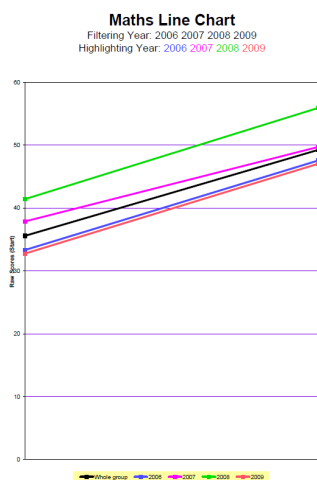
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<http://www.education.uwa.edu.au/pips/>



IDEAS+

IDEAS+ is again available for all schools to download along with their standard PIPS feedback. IDEAS+ is great for the classroom teacher to take a more in-depth look at their students using the interactive box and whisker graph as well as look for any trends over the years with line graphs.

Administrators may find the line graphs helpful in future classroom grouping and the scatter plots can be customized to show areas of interest, such as gender or class.

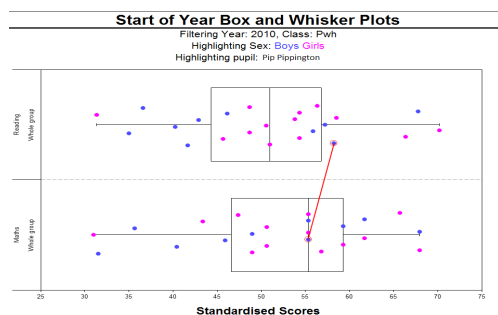


Maths Line Chart showing a particularly strong cohort in 2008

IDEAS+ contains all data from previous years that your school has been involved with PIPS, and is an easy way to view feedback from over the years, as well as compare multiple students, classes and academic years' data. The customizable nature of the program is designed to let you filter and highlight the data that is most interesting to you!

More information on how to download the IDEAS+ program, as well as instructions on how to create many of the popular graphs can be found on the PIPS website at <http://www.education.uwa.edu.au/pips/current>

Your schools IDEAS+ file is stored at AusPIPS and can be downloaded for free whenever it is needed.



Box and whisker plot highlighting gender, and a student.

Continuing to build student profiles with InCAS

The Interactive Computerised Assessment System (InCAS) tool allows you to continue gathering computerised assessment data on students right through to Year 10.

Students can be profiled on:

- Reading
- Word recognition
- Word decoding
- Spelling
- Comprehension
- Mathematics
- General maths
- Mental arithmetic
- Developed Ability
- Picture vocabulary
- Non-verbal ability

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