



Rowville Primary School Reports – June 2013

25th June, 2013

Rowville Primary School is preparing for June 2013 reports which will be sent home on Wednesday 26th June. The subjects of English, Mathematics, History and Science will be assessed against the standards of AusVELS (Australian Curriculum) whilst all other areas will be assessed against the standards of VELS (Victorian Essential Learning Standards).

What is AusVELS?

AusVELS is the Victorian curriculum for government schools. This curriculum framework was introduced in 2013 for Prep to Year 10 students. AusVELS replaces the VELS – Victorian Essential Learning Standards. The VELS curriculum has been used in schools for curriculum planning, assessment and student reporting since 2006. The first four Australian Curriculum subjects: English, Mathematics, Science and History have been incorporated into the already established VELS framework and renamed AusVELS. The remaining Australian Curriculum subjects will be implemented progressively over time.

Schools are at different and varying stages of implementation in this first year of AusVELS. However, assessment of student achievement continues to be against the curriculum students have been taught. In semester 1, your child's report will reflect an on-balance judgement against the achievement standards for AusVELS.

How have student reports changed for Semester 1 2013?

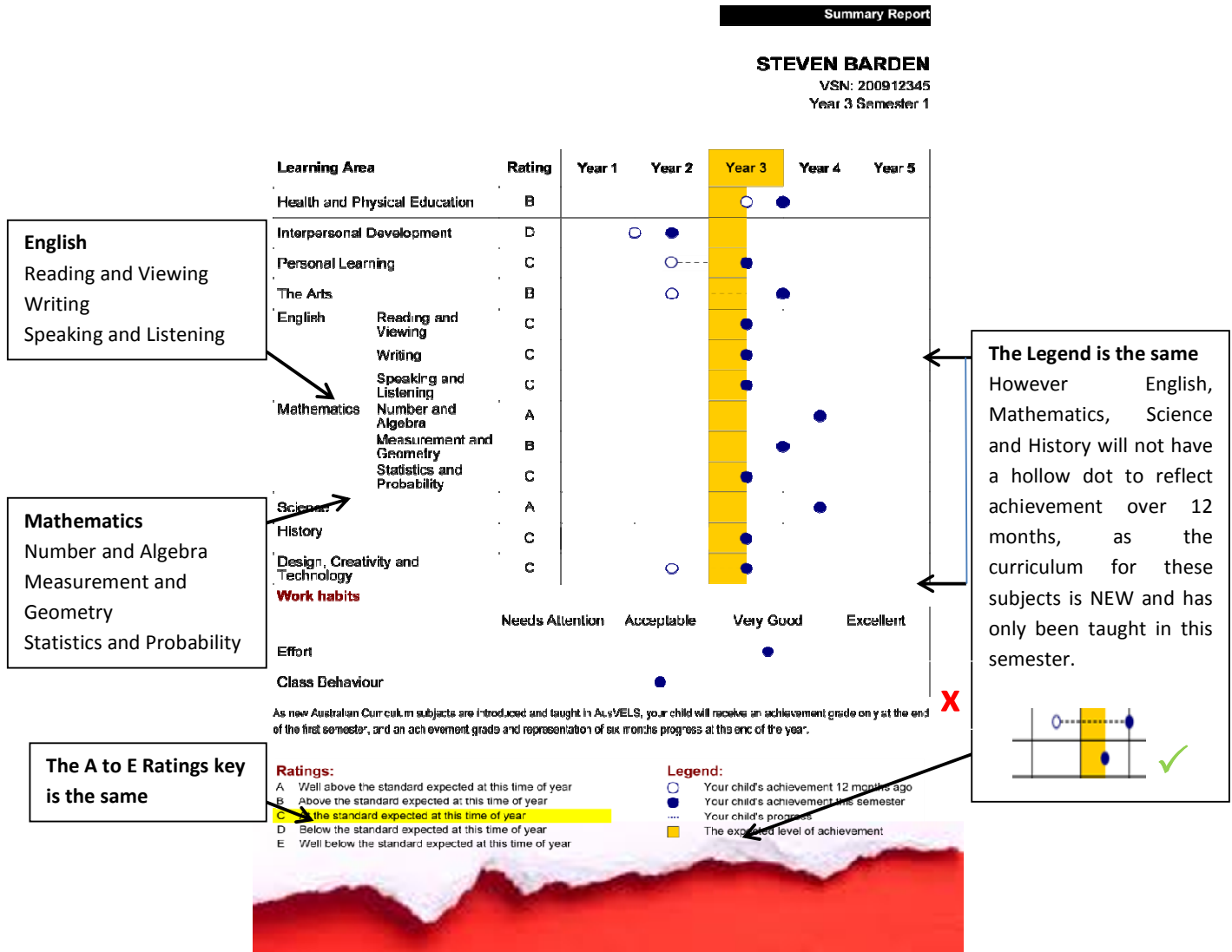
The four subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and History have new achievement standards which will be used for the first time in student reporting for semester 1, 2013. As this is a transition year with a new curriculum, progress in these four subjects will not be linked to 2012 achievement data. In semester 1, a single dot will indicate on-balance judgement of student achievement against the new achievement standards for each of the four subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and History on the student report. Therefore your child's end of semester 2 student report will show six month progress from June 2013 to December 2013 in the four subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and History.

As content in all other learning areas has not changed, your child's report will continue to show 12 months progress for all the other subjects in both the June and December student reports.

Please refer over page for further information.

What will my child's June 2013 written report look like?

Student written reports will look the same as reports in the past, including the use of the A to E scale. However, the Australian curriculum subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and History contain new achievement standards and therefore June reports will show a single dot only to indicate achievement for the semester. Six months progress in these subjects will be shown in the December 2013 report.



What exactly do the A-E ratings mean?

A indicates achievement that is **well above the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting.

B indicates achievement that is **above the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting.

C indicates achievement that is **at the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting.

D indicates achievement that is **below the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting.

E indicates achievement that is **well below the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting.

Parent/teacher interviews are an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher(s). By asking questions and gathering more detail about the information provided on the written report, you have an opportunity to become more involved in your child's learning and provide support where needed. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 16th July and Wednesday 17th July. Bookings are to be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au or contact the office for any assistance. **Please refer over page.....**