

# PETER DRAPER

INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR TAMWORTH

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Book Week celebrations

*18<sup>th</sup> August 2003*

Independent Member for Tamworth Peter Draper will celebrate Book Week 2003 at William Cowper Anglican School today (Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August) by reading to a group of school students.

“Reading is one of the necessary skills for life. Teaching kids to read as early as possible will assist in their learning, and develop their imagination. With so much competition from computer games and multi media programs, reading is often undervalued by children and parents alike,” Mr Draper said.

“When my son first attended school, I spent an hour every week reading with the Kindergarten children at Nemingha Public School because I think that boys in particular should have positive examples that reading is not just something that mums do.”

“Book Week provides an ideal opportunity to increase the interest in reading by our younger generations. I encourage all parents to read to their children as often as possible.”

“I have always been a big advocate of reading. I spent over 16 years working in book publishing and I still read as often as possible today.”

Mr Draper will read to school students at William Cowper Anglican School from 10.30am this morning.

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