Under this agreement for 2016
Back Plains State School will receive $10,016.85*

This funding will be used to:

- Ensure 100% of students will meet/exceed the NAPLAN National Minimum Standard in 2016 in reading, writing, grammar and punctuation, spelling and numeracy
- Safeguard that 85% of students will achieve NAPLAN National Minimum Standard in 2017 in reading, writing, grammar and punctuation, spelling and numeracy
- Escalate the number of students in the Upper 2 bands of NAPLAN to 50% in the areas of spelling, writing, numeracy and reading in 2016 & 2017
- Increase the number of students accessing an approved kindergarten program or other support agencies, in addition to playgroup to 70% by the end of 2017

Our initiatives include:

- Upskilling all staff with a repertoire of effective strategies for teaching writing
- Embedding a culture, climate, process and protocols of classroom observation and feedback to enable action learning
- Developing a whole school curriculum teaching and assessment framework to ensure consistency across the school
- Differentiating for all students through ability grouping, accessing booster programs and intervention initiatives
- Using evidence based spelling strategies to develop a repertoire of skills
- Providing additional support to children prior to school through playgroup, education and building relationships with key stakeholders in the Early Childhood Education and Care team

Our school will improve student outcomes by:

- Developing a coaching and feedback culture in the school
- Employing a teacher aide to support our intervention and booster programs $3000
- Further developing a whole school writing approach through module 7 $1800
- Ensuring personal learning goals for staff and students are set and reviewed termly
- Enrolling students in the upper 2 bands of NAPLAN in booster programs for reading and writing $2000
- Releasing teachers to ensure whole school curriculum and assessment documents are developed and embedded in the school $1700
- Developing, resourcing and implementing researched based spelling practices in the school $800
- Providing a structured playgroup and liaising with early years experts to optimise school transition $716.85

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* Funding amount estimated on 2015 data. Actual funding will be determined after 2016 enrolment data are finalised.