At St Joseph’s Primary School Alstonville we now have implemented the Quicksmart program. Each year there are approximately eight children participating in Quicksmart facilitated by two qualified instructors.

Quicksmart is a support program that has been developed since 2001 by a research team from the SIMERR – National Centre at the University of New England. It focuses on the numeracy learning needs of students in the middle school years.

Quicksmart aims to improve the numeracy and literacy development of students who are experiencing learning problems or delays and, hence, not achieving their academic potential.

The Quicksmart program is a responsive small-group intervention that aims to develop fluent (Quick) and efficient (Smart) strategy use. QuickSmart uses research-based instructional strategies to support the learning of persistently low-achieving middle school students so that they are more actively and successfully engaged in inclusive classroom settings.

It is essentially a practice program that helps students to better know and understand basic number facts and automatic recall. Improvements in these basic academic skills benefit students in all areas of their learning.

For more information on Quicksmart visit the webpage.