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COMMONWEALTH BANK'S \$5000 E-LEARNING GRANTS - LAST CALL TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Sydney, 23 May 2003: The countdown to the June 6th deadline has started for primary schools to apply for a \$5000 Commonwealth Bank e-Learning Grant.

70 primary schools across Australia will be awarded a grant to help improve student literacy and numeracy through an online learning project. A total of \$350,000 will be awarded by the Bank across Australia.

e-learning uses computer-age technologies, including the Internet, digital video and cameras to create and present information and knowledge to meet different levels of educational need.

David Murray, CEO Commonwealth Bank said all primary schools are eligible for a grant. "The grants program welcomes any level of expertise – a school can be just starting out with computers or it can be well down the track with e-learning."

"This is a big opportunity for primary teachers and students to develop their skills in an important area and we would like them to get their applications in as soon as possible."

The grants are being made available in conjunction with National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2003 and were developed in consultation with all major education departments and authorities, including Government, Catholic and Independent sectors. The grants are part of the Bank's long-standing commitment to education.

Grant application packs can be accessed by emailing the Commonwealth Bank at elearninggrants@cba.com.au or visiting www.commbank.com.au/elearninggrants

Winning schools will be announced on 29 August in conjunction with National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2003.

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