Hi everyone in schools, community and public libraries

**Completing the 2007 Challenge**

There are seven weeks remaining to encourage all students to finish the challenge for this year and for them to gain that sense of achievement from knowing they completed what they set out to do. It would be appreciated if you could especially encourage Aboriginal students in your school to finish the challenge and submit the student reading record as part of the focus on increasing literacy skills of Aboriginal students.

Reading for the challenge will finish on 7 September at the end of week 7 in Term 3, 2007 when students will hand in their Student Reading Record to the school contact person for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. It is advised to keep the Student Reading Records in class groups ready for data entry.

In the next update there will be a timeline and information about entering student data for this year. It will be very similar to 2006.

**Ambassador Visits**

Thank you to everyone who has requested a visit. Most visits are organised for 2007. If you haven’t heard back about a request it may not happen this year but your request is still current and on file and will probably happen in 2008.

The next cyber visit via CENTRA is to Southern Sea and Vines schools including Kangaroo Island with Matt Primus and Premier Mike Rann on Tuesday 14 August 2007. Watch out for flyers in your schools with registration details. Thanks to the e-Teachers for making this possible.

**In lieu of an Ambassador**

There is exciting news for many country areas with author Andy Griffiths visiting as part of the *Books Alive* program in association with The Big Book Club and The Little Big Book Club. The following public libraries will be hosting the visits and a flyer will be sent to schools in their area.

- **Tuesday 21 August**
  - Hosted by Tea Tree Gully Library 10:30am – 12noon
  - Hosted by Unley Library 1:30pm – 3:30pm
- **Wednesday 22 August**
  - Hosted by Mallala School Community Library 10:30am – 12noon
  - City of Playford 1:30pm – 3pm
- **Thursday 23 August**
  - Tailem Bend School Community Library 10am – 11:30am
  - Lameroo School Community Library 1:30pm – 3pm
- **Friday 24 August**
  - Bordertown Public Library 9:30am – 11am
  - Keith School Community Library 1:30pm – 3pm & 7pm – 8:30pm

**HELP please!**

A Student Reading Record has been received from John Gloyne who is in year 1. It has no address or school details to forward his certificate and he is probably a home education student. If you know John and can help out with an address or any contact details please send an email to prc@sa.gov.sa.au.

**Data entry for 2007**

The next update will have all the details about entering student data and timelines for the remainder of 2007. The process will be similar to 2006.
Printing emails
Because these emails are prepared using a mail merge format they seem to stretch and use more paper than required for which I apologise. One person told me she compacts it to fewer sheets before printing which is a very good idea.

Website – NEWS section
School and Library visits
- Flinders View School – Premier Mike Rann
- Port Augusta Secondary School – Premier Mike Rann
- The Heights School – Travis Moran
- St John’s Grammar Junior School – Danielle Grant-Cross
- Brompton primary School – Rebecca Sanders
- Reynella South School – Mark Bickley
- Hackham East School – Mark Bickley

News from Schools
- St Paul’s College
- Marryatville Primary School

Ideas from Schools
- A beanstalk at St John’s Grammar Junior School.

URGENT: New Students in DECS Schools Transferring from the Non-government Sector
One of the issues at data entry time in September is tracking students who change schools. One way to make sure records match for DECS students coming from non-government schools is to email the 10 digit EDID number of new students anytime before September so it can be added to the student’s current record on the PRC database. In this way, the student will be most likely to receive the correct award.

2 New Initiatives…..

Premier’s Reading Challenge Brochure
For the first time there is a general information brochure available about the Premier’s Reading Challenge. It may be particularly useful for classroom teachers, parents and public libraries. Please request copies if you would like them.

Premier’s Reading Challenge Bookmark
A bookmark has been created to promote the Premier’s Reading Challenge and the Premier’s be active Challenge. Bookmarks have been distributed to all schools and more are available on request.

Copies of the brochure and bookmark have been sent to all public libraries.
Both the brochure and the bookmark can be viewed or printed from the website in THE CHALLENGE section. Look for the dropdown menu. Contact prc@saugov.sa.gov.au for additional copies.

Previous updates are available on the website in the FOR STAFF section.

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