Welcome back for Term 2, 2006

New Staff Member
I am delighted to introduce a new staff member to the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Her name is Kaleen Watt and she will be assisting with the program for 0.5 time on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week.

Ambassador Poster
The new ambassador poster will be arriving in your school and public library in week four or five this term. Although it is not possible for every school to have an ambassador visit, it is hoped students will inspired by these wonderful role models through having the poster displayed.

Booklist
Updated lists are now incorporated into the book search facility on website and into PRC Listmaker – version 2006.4.
The April update list is available at the top of the PRINTING BOOKLIST page on the website and in the updates area in the FOR STAFF section on the website.

All booklists on the PRINTING BOOKLISTS page have the new books incorporated into them so everything is current.

One more books has been added to the booklist this week. It is one that was short listed in the CBC announcements but was not included in the April update. Because of its shortlist status it has now been included. It is *The Island* by John Heffernan and has been included in the Year 6-9 section with an ID number of 10163.

PRC Listmaker
Amlib is now able to tag files using the 2006.4 version of PRC Listmaker on the FOR STAFF section of the website. Please let me know if there are any problems.

Elibrary is now compatible with PRC Listmaker. You will need to contact support at Functional Solutions and they will let you know what to do.

Students transferring from New South Wales and Victoria
If students transferring from these states have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge please let me know as their efforts from previous years can be counted in South Australia so they do not have to begin at certificate level.

EDSAS information for DECS schools
You are not required to do this but some schools have inquired about adding 2004 students who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge onto EDSAS so the records for each student are complete. If you would like to do this, you need to log on to EDSAS for 2004 and then just add the data in the same way as you did in 2005: Main menu – Student Module – Student Utilities – Updates – Premier’s Reading Challenge.

All of the current reports have the facility to use ‘ALL’ in the ‘YEAR of completion’ field when they make their initial selections. The ‘YEAR of completion’ field defaults to the current year but can be changed. This will give you a print out of all the Premier's Reading Challenge data recorded for a student.
Ideas from these schools are available in the NEWS section of the website

- Premier’s Reading Challenge Promotional Stall - Brighton Primary School Autumn Fair
- Evening launch at Mulga Street Primary School in Mount Gambier with stories, milo and balloons
- The bravest idea of all – as students complete the challenge more teachers at Kalori School in Wallaroo wear their pajamas to the weekly assembly! There is a pajamas party planned for the school community if all students complete the challenge.

Correct awards from 2005
If you know of any students who did not receive the correct award in 2005 it is not too late to let me know. This might particularly apply to students who changed schools.

SA Accelerated Literacy Program
A new link to this program has been added to the LINKS section of the website as there is a strong correlation between books used in both programs. Students can be working towards achieving the challenge through the books they are reading in the SA Accelerated Literacy Program.

2006 Timeline
Reading for the challenge will stop on 8 September 2006 at the end of week 7 in Term 3, 2006 when all students will hand in their Student Reading Record to the school contact person for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. School Summary sheets are due in at the end of week 9, Term 3, 2006 so schools will have an extra week this year to gather records and enter data. Certificates and medals will be distributed to schools early in November, 2006.

Previous Updates are available on the FOR STAFF section of the website.

Kind regards

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