Open up your world with the Premier’s Reading Challenge

The first year of the Premier’s Reading Challenge legend medal

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I hope the Premier’s Reading Challenge is progressing well in second term. There will be regular email updates approximately twice a term to keep you informed about the Challenge. It would be appreciated if you could pass on relevant information to staff, students and the school community.

The Great Big Science Read!
During the month of June, Premier’s Reading Challenge is promoting the reading of science books with Science Outside the Square (Royal Institution of Australia), The Little Big Book Club and The Big Book Club. You may notice this promotion on the Adelaide Now website or in The Advertiser.

Highlights include:
• a different theme for each week of June with accompanying booklists
• a competition for students to go in the draw for a parcel of science books
• a regional tour by author Jeanette Rowe and That Science Gang
• favourite science book recommendations from scientists, authors, high profile South Australians including some of our PRC ambassadors.

All information can be accessed through the NEWS page on the website: http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/books/news/

PRC Banner Bookings – free use of the Premier’s Reading Challenge NEW display banners
Two styles of new banners have arrived which have been designed using ‘the new look’ for the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2009. Your school or public library can borrow either style. There is:
• a horizontal banner which can be used for wall displays or used to hold in a procession and is suitable for outside use
• a vertical freestanding ‘pull-up’ style banner.

Banner booking times are still available for 2009 for schools and public libraries and can be booked by downloading the form in the FOR STAFF section of the PRC website – look for banner in the drop-down menu.

Data Entry
Some schools have already asked about entering data for 2009. The official dates for data entry are week 8 and week 9 of term 3 which is 7-18 September so there is no need to think about this yet.

DECS schools: Please do not enter any data through EDSAS in second term as some ‘tweaking’ of EDSAS is still in progress. I will let you know early in third term when it is possible to begin if you want to get in early.

Non-government schools: Once you receive your username and password in September you will be able to enter your data.

I will keep you up-to-date with fact sheets and information to lead you through this process in third term.

Website
It is a good idea to keep the website on display or have a quick link on the desktop in the library or ICT suite so students, teachers and parents have easy access.
Please promote the new KIDSPACE section to your community. It is hoped that students will get involved in the blogs where a new topic will be posted each week. Students are invited to add ideas for future blog topics.

Students can now provide book reviews via a dropdown menu under the KIDSPACE section. This could be done as an individual activity or something a class would like to be involved in, knowing the reviews could be published on the PRC website. Students can share reviews and read those sent in by others. **The best review will receive a book prize each month.** Please note that no surnames or schools will be published on the website.

**NEWS/SCHOOL AND LIBRARY VISITS**
- Angaston Primary School – Brooke Krueger-Billett
- Echunga Primary School – Travis Moran
- Faith Lutheran School - Brooke Krueger-Billett
- Linden Park School – Jenny Williams
- Norwood Morialta Primary School – Jenny Williams
- Sheidow Park School – AUFC visit
- Swallowcliffe Primary School – Matt Primus
- Tanunda Primary School - Brooke Krueger-Billett
- Thorndon Park Primary School – Danielle Grant-Cross
- Trinity College North – Matt Primus

**NEWS/IDEAS FROM SCHOOLS**
- Sheidow Park School – Astronomy display
- Paradise Primary School Book Safari
- Kangaroo Inn Area School – Healthy Habits

If you would like activities/celebrations from your school or public library to appear on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website please email me a sentence or two and a photo so the ideas can be shared with others.

**Booklists**
*Rainbow Magic* series is publishing a number of titles in subseries and they can all be included on the booklist under the series rule. These include: *The Dance Fairies* and *The Sporty Fairies*. Similarly, with the *Jack Russell Dog Detective* books, all the new titles are in Year 3 -Year 5.

Unlike the above cases, *Zac Power Test Drive* series of books has just been released in 2009 and will be on the Reception – Year 2 booklist in 2010. All the other *Zac Power* books are in Year 3 – Year 5.

*The Violent Vikings* title has been changed to the correct title of *The Vicious Vikings* by Terry Deary.

*Freeing Billy* is an Aussie Nibbles on the Reception – Year 2 booklist. Inadvertently it was on the website as an *Aussie Bites* in Year 3-5.

**Ambassadors**
Thank you for the ambassador requests. Many visits are organised for this term. Please remember Adelaide United visits need to be requested through the AUFC website.


I hope your Premier’s Reading Challenge year continues well for you, your school and your public library.

Kind regards

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