We had a great year in 2010 for the Premier’s Reading Challenge here at Tenison Woods College in Mount Gambier. Many of our students who have been doing the Challenge since it began were incredibly excited to be aiming for the new medal, Hall of Fame, and were very proud to receive them in early November along with all the other students who received awards in this year’s challenge. A number of our students also took up the challenge to read 50+ books which we include as an extra challenge every year. One of these students, Olivia Dukalskis, a year 4 student, has always read more than 50 books since she began the challenge in Reception. Well done Olivia!

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is also about celebrating our love of books and one of our year 6 classes held an end of challenge party called “Rugs and Uggs Reading” which involved all members of the class including their wonderful teacher Bec Higgins settling into bean bags, cushions and rugs and uggs for a well deserved afternoon of reading.

Library staff also thought it would be fun to involve all staff in the Challenge this year and set a challenge of 12 books with 4 of them required to be from our library and include a Picture Book, a Young Children’s Fiction Book, a Junior Fiction Book and an Older Fiction Book. Many staff chose to take up the challenge and this was a fantastic way to highlight our library collection. As an “incentive” at the end of the Challenge we held a “wine and cheese” night in the library and asked each participant to talk about one of the books that they had read. This proved to be really popular and had staff borrowing a wide variety of books in levels and genres that they would not normally have chosen. A fun event which we will hold again next year!