Hi everyone

Awards are due to be in all schools by early November. Please use the PRC list provided to ensure that awards are given to the correct student. Please check through your lists thoroughly and notify us immediately should your school records differ from these lists.

In the case of any late reading records, please contact us for entering data into the database as there is no longer access for schools to enter data for 2014. These students will receive their awards prior to the end of school, but will be distributed later than other awards.

Reader for life reprints/late orders are due to us by 28 November.

Thank you for your tremendous efforts which are highly significant in educating our students: ‘Reading for pleasure has a powerful influence on children’s cognitive development, especially in terms of their vocabulary.’

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Congratulations to the 67 schools that achieved 100% participation and were entered in the draw to win twelve books for their school libraries. Schools were divided proportionally so that both Catholic and independent sectors were awarded a winner respectively, and DECD had three chances to be chosen.

Congratulations to the five winning schools:

DECD
Blanchetown Primary School,
Barmera Primary School,
Disability Unit Victor Harbor Primary School

CESA
St Joseph’s Memorial School

AISSA
Westminster Preparatory School

9.8% of all schools who completed the Challenge this year attained the remarkable 100%, which is an increase on last year’s results of 1.9%.

Congratulations also to all schools! For the 11th year in a row, the Challenge has continued to encourage students to read. It is brilliant to see that over 125,666 students completed the Challenge, so thank you for your fantastic promotion of reading in South Australia.
Key dates:
November 2014

- Student awards arrive in schools by early November 2014 for school presentations in late November and December. They include certificates, bronze, silver, gold, champion, legend and hall of fame medals and hall of fame reader for life, R4L bronze, R4L silver and R4L gold awards.
- Premier's Reception for 55 invited schools that achieved outstanding numbers of students who completed the Challenge is to be held on Friday 21 November. Invitations to these schools will be sent by the Premier.

Poster voting
The winning designs will be unveiled at the Premier's Reception in November and will be printed and distributed as the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge primary and secondary posters. All schools will receive at least one primary and one secondary poster.

Zoomerang Survey 2014
The Challenge survey this year can be completed via the links on the Challenge website and is open until 28 November. It is hoped that a wide range of people will complete the surveys so if you could please encourage principals, teachers, teacher librarians, literacy teachers, students, public librarians and parents to respond it would be very much appreciated. It will take about ten minutes to complete. Also, could you please make students aware that they can participate in the survey, it is fantastic to get their comments.

There are three separate surveys to choose from:
- staff
- students
- parents

Thank you for your tireless efforts and for the amazing work that you do in promoting and supporting reading and the Challenge. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries - we are here to support you in every possible way to achieve a successful Challenge.

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