Hello to everyone in schools and public libraries

2008 Online Survey
Thank you to the many people who have already taken the opportunity to give feedback on the Premier’s Reading Challenge and make suggestions for further enhancing the program by filling in the surveys on the PRC website. It would be great to hear from more staff as well as students and parents.
The link is on the front page of the Premier’s Reading Challenge website www.prc.sa.edu.au The survey will be live until Friday 12 December 2008.
I hope that a wide range of people will complete a survey so if you could encourage principals, teachers, teacher librarians, literacy teachers, students, public librarians and parents to respond I would be really appreciative. It will take about ten minutes to complete the survey.
There are 3 separate surveys to choose from:
- staff
- students
- parents.
Perhaps you could encourage parents and students to respond by putting a few lines in the school newsletter to let your school community know about it.

Website
Thank you to everyone who has sent in stories about how they are celebrating their achievements in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. If you would like activities or 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.
The following sections have been added to the NEWS section of the website:

School and Library Visits by ambassadors
- St Francis School, Lockleys – Cristiano from Adelaide United Football Club
- St Mary Magdalene’s School – Brooke Krueger-Billett
- Christie Downs School – Jen Williams
- Clovelly Park School – Travis Moran
- Modbury South Primary School – Danielle Grant-Cross
- Massada College – Janeen Brian
- Unley Primary School – Mem Fox. Have a look at the link Where are all the Unley Kids? which is the text based on Where is the Green Sheep? It was performed as a powerpoint presentation during Mem’s visit with a photo of each group of students to go with each line of text and was a wonderful way to promote many school activities.

News from Schools
- Barmera Primary School – policewoman and author
- Murray Bridge Special School – public library visits
- Brighton Primary School – Chloe Fox.

Awards
It doesn’t seem to matter what processes we put in place, there are always some queries about students receiving awards. The great majority of these are Student Reading Records which suddenly appear even though you have done your best to track these down before data entry finishes. Others are about students whose records don’t link in our system because of students changing schools, name changes or names spelt incorrectly. In some cases the incorrect number of medals was sent to your school and some champion medals had a mark on them. All issues have now been addressed, so if you have not had a query answered, please contact me immediately as it could have slipped through the system.
Thank you very much for following through with these queries on behalf of your students.
Premier’s Reception
A very successful and enjoyable Premier’s Reception was held on Monday 24 November 2008 at the Space Theatre. High achieving schools that had never attended a Premier’s Reception were presented with a certificate, books and book vouchers for their school. There are more details on the PRC website in the NEWS section. All photos from the Premier’s Reception will be on the website on Monday afternoon – 8 December 2008.

Fast Facts
It has been another record-breaking year with over 106 700 students from 95 percent of schools across South Australia completing the Challenge.

- This includes the Premier awarding more than:
  - 25 500 certificates
  - 24 500 bronze medals
  - 22 700 silver medals
  - 18 300 gold medals
  - 15 000 champion medals for the first time ever.

The gender statistics continue to be very close with boys making up 49 percent of students completing the Challenge and girls 51 per cent.

Onkaparinga Public Library - Summer Reading Club
If your school is in this area feel free to publicise this program. During the school summer break City of Onkaparinga Libraries will be running a Summer Reading Club for kids called: “Get in the game and read!”

Participants will gain points for reading books, borrowing from the library service and writing book reviews.

Contact for further details: Kathy Haese, Librarian - Community Programs, City of Onkaparinga Libraries
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Thanks for everything all year
The work of the contact people for the Premier’s Reading Challenge in schools and public libraries is very much appreciated – thank you. You may be interested to know I’ll be on board as project manager for another two years and I look forward to working with you over this time.

Best wishes for a very enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

Kind regards

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