Hi everyone
Best wishes to all those who are about to have holidays. No doubt this has been a very busy term and a holiday is well-deserved. For others in community and public libraries you are probably heading for two busy weeks with children participating in holiday events and I hope these are very successful.

**Children who have changed from a non-government school to a DECS school**
If you are aware of children who have completed the challenge in previous years in a non-government school who now attend a DECS school, please let me know their new EDID number so it can be added to the student’s record to make sure the correct award is given this year. This is very important to maintain continuity of their awards and will prevent having to follow this up after the awards are presented.

**Ambassador Mem Fox visiting Mount Gambier**
Mem has very generously agreed to visit Mount Gambier and Millicent on 7-8 August 2008. All schools in the nearby area have been invited to send some students to two presentations at schools in Mount Gambier and one in Millicent. There will also be a session for parents and teachers titled ‘Reading Aloud to Children’ on Thursday evening 7 August at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. A flyer has been sent to all local schools which have been encouraged to advertise the event widely. The venue is the Italo-Australia Club, Bay Road, Mount Gambier. Book City will be providing books for sale and signing on the night. Bookings can be made by contacting the Resource Centre staff at McDonald Park School – ph 8724 9811.

**Students in Special Schools or with specific literacy needs**
For some children achieving the challenge by reading from the relevant PRC book lists for their year level will not be possible. It is important that the Challenge is achievable for all children at their own literacy level. I have included the relevant section of the guidelines (available on the website) and ask that all children are supported to achieve the Challenge.

7. **Students should choose titles which are both appropriate and challenging for the individual. For some children this may mean reading from a list below their year level especially if there are specific literacy needs.** The Premier’s Reading Challenge should be inclusive for all students who are willing to take up the challenge to read 12 books that are at an appropriate level for them. At the teacher’s discretion these students may read more than four books not on the Booklist (Reception - Year 7) or more than eight books not on the booklist (Year 8 - 9).

8. **Students with disabilities may use texts that have been adapted to meet their individual learning and literacy needs eg braille texts, talking books, books on tape, DVD or CD.**

**New idea: Tips from teachers and school contact people**
Do you have a tip which you think is worth sharing with staff in schools and public libraries?
- Making sure students fill in Students Reading Records as they go
- Finding ways to make sure that students don’t lose Student Reading Records
- Getting students and teachers to submit Student Reading Records on time
- Any other good ideas
Please email me the ideas which will be listed in the next Update and details will be included on the FOR STAFF section of the website.

**Book details corrected**
**R-2 This is my Dump Truck** (2006) is written by Oxlade, Chris not Kuchling, Guundie
Publisher – Franklin Watts
**PRC Listmaker 2008.6**
The next version of PRC Listmaker is now on the website – it has reverted to the previous versions which did **not** include a solution to try and tag series. Thank you to people who responded about the issues they noticed with version 2008.4 and 2008.5. It seems that the series that were tagged were very broad and some of the wrong levels were allocated and I apologise for any inconvenience. We are still working on a way to include tagging series items in your collections and hopefully a more efficient version will be available for the 2009 school year.

**MS Readathon**
Many schools may be involved with MS Readathon. It is timely to remind students that the books they read can be counted for both programs. There is more information in the LINKS section of the website.

**Website – NEWS section**

**An interview with the Premier**
In conjunction with the eTeacher project the Premier was interviewed and this can be viewed on the NEWS section of the PRC website. Each question is linked separately to reduce the size of the file. The final question can also be accessed on the front page of the website.

- Why did you start the Premier's Reading Challenge?
- Why do you think reading is important?
- What were your favourite books as a child, or your favourite books that you read to your own children?
- What kind of books do you like to read?
- What other activities do you like to do in your spare time?
- Who is your favourite football player?
- What was your favourite subject at school?
- Do you have a message for students participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge?

**School and Library visits in second term**
- Wakefield and Flinders Districts eTeacher event – Mark Bickley
- Modbury West Schools – Jen Williams
- Fairview Park Primary School - Jen Williams
- St Joseph’s School Payneham – Danielle Grant-Cross
- Wilderness School - Danielle Grant-Cross
- St Francis of Assisi School - Danielle Grant-Cross
- Glenelg Schools - Rachael Sporn
- Lockleys North Primary School - Juliet Haslam
- Coromandel Valley Primary School – Travis Moran
- Davoren Park Primary School – Che Cockatoo-Collins
- Salisbury Downs Primary School – Matt Primus
- North Ingle Primary School – Matt Primus
- APY Lands, Aboriginal schools and schools with Aboriginal students eTeacher event – Che Cockatoo-Collins
- Seaton High School – Aurelio Vidmar
- Hamilton Secondary School – Rachael Sporn
- McLaren Flat Primary School – Janeen Brian
- Seaford Primary School – Janeen Brian
- Holdfast Bay Public Library, Brighton – Aurelio Vidmar
  - Brighton Primary School and St Teresa’s School, Brighton

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.

**PRC Banner Bookings – free use of the Premier’s Reading Challenge display banners.**
Banner booking times are still available for some weeks in 2008 for schools and public libraries and can be booked by downloading the form in the FOR STAFF section of the PRC website.
New for 2008 – List of Previous Student Awards for your School
At the beginning of term 3, prior to data entry, every school will receive an email listing all students who have completed the challenge at their school and the number of times they have completed it so you will know what each student is up to. Of course it won’t include new enrolments to the school in 2008 – they will be listed at their previous school.

Kind regards
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