TO: THE PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY

RE: PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Welcome back to a new school year and an amazing eighth year of the Premier’s Reading Challenge in South Australia.

Once again, I am challenging South Australian students from Reception to Year 9 to read 12 books by 9 September 2011. I also encourage any Year 10, 11 and 12 students to continue their participation in the Challenge. The Challenge is for everyone to ‘have a go’. By practising and reading for enjoyment, children will certainly improve their reading and will discover the fantastic world of books.

The Challenge continues to grow with an amazing 116,200 students completing the Challenge last year. I congratulate all schools on these results.

Congratulations to the 7,100 students who were awarded their Hall of Fame medal in 2010. Many of you are now in the Hall of Fame Honour Roll on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website. Just like sports people who show amazing achievement in their sport over a long period of time, Premier’s Reading Challenge participants can achieve this honour by completing the Challenge for seven years. I hope you will all continue on to reach the Hall of Fame Reader for Life award and receive a gold embossed certificate for completing the Challenge eight times or more.

We are fortunate to have 14 enthusiastic ambassadors who inspire students to enjoy reading and achieve their goals. It is great to have the Adelaide Crows, Power and Thunderbirds joining Adelaide United Football Club and Link Lightning Basketball Club as joint ambassador teams for the Premier’s Reading Challenge and Premier’s be active Challenge.

I sincerely thank the staff and families who foster a love of reading among children in our schools and support the development of their literacy skills for life.

All information about the Challenge is on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at www.prc.sa.edu.au, phone 8226 2006 or email prc@sa.gov.au. A school contact person is requested to officially register your school’s participation on the website on behalf of all teachers and students.

I encourage all schools and students to ‘Discover the world of reading’ and wish you every success for 2011.

Yours sincerely

MIKE RANN
Premier

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