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STUDENT VOTING OPEN FOR 2014 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PRC POSTERS: 01/08/13

Hello everyone!

NEW: The most popular titles are listed in Booklists, and on the ‘Looking for a Book’ box on the home page. Under each Year Level grouping, the live top ten lists are posted, which are really useful in assisting students and teachers in identifying books students are enjoying.

Reading Groups
In response to a recent request about ideas for forming bookgroups, here are 2 ways to select books:

1. It can be great for each individual member to talk about and share their current read. If so, you might find generic questions for bookgroup discussions of use. See attachment.

2. All members to read the same book. It can be difficult to get multiple copies of the same book, but Public Libraries are fantastic in accessing multiple books from all over the state. You might have each member of the book group to vote on what book they would like to read in order of preference, compile a request list and see how the Public Libraries system can get on in terms of ordering.

We are into the last weeks of reading for the Challenge, ending on 6 September 2013. Please encourage all participants to complete the Challenge to achieve their awards.

It is wonderful to see how many schools are taking up the opportunity to enter data from July 8 to September 20. For those who haven’t, please take advantage of this extension of time. If entering over a period of days, please keep a record of where you got up to, to avoid confusion.

Key dates

6 September 2013 (Friday, Week 7, Term 3)
- Reading finishes for the 2013 Challenge
- All Student Reading Records given to School Contact Person
- Home Education Student Reading Records sent to the PRC Project Manager

8 July - 20 September 2013 (during Term 3)
- All student data entered into EDSAS for DECD schools and via the website for non-government schools
- All student data entered by the Portal for non-government schools
November 2013

- Student awards - certificates, bronze, silver, gold, champion, legend and hall of fame medals, also hall of fame reader for life, reader for life – bronze awards and the new reader for life – silver awards arrive in schools in mid – late November 2013 for school presentations in late November and December.
- Premier's Reception for 55 invited schools which achieved outstanding numbers of students completing the Challenge or outstanding improvement, to be held on Friday 22 November. Also, 5 school libraries which have won the collection of 12 books for 100% completion of the Challenge to be announced and sent their collection.

Don’t forget our great initiatives…

**Poster voting – give your students a voice!**

This year we are excited to announce a new direction for our poster for 2014.

For the first time, we will have TWO posters for 2014: one to engage primary students and one for engaging secondary students. The voting process will be the same as previous years; the only difference will be an additional screen directing voters to vote for the primary or secondary poster, which finishes August 30. We have 2 options for the secondary poster and 2 options for the primary poster. We have seen the designs and they are absolutely fantastic, we think the students will love them! **Voting opens on 1 August!**

Please urge your students to go to ‘Kidspace’ on the Challenge website and register their choice for the primary or secondary Premier's Reading Challenge poster for 2014. Opt which poster you would like to vote on, then click to register your vote.

**Dates for the voting:** Thursday 1st August – Friday 30th August 2013

**Zoomerang Survey 2013**

The Challenge survey this year can be completed via the links on the News page on the Challenge website from August 1. This will enable staff, students and parents to have maximum opportunity to complete the surveys. Please encourage staff, students and parents to provide their valuable feedback in the interests of ongoing improvement of the Challenge.

**Dates for the survey:** Thursday 1st August – Friday 29th November 2013

*Thank you for all of your efforts, and for the fantastic work that you do in promoting and supporting the Challenge.*

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