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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2020

8 Queens Birthday Public Holiday

July 2020

3 Last Day of School for Term 2

20 Staff Development Day

21 First Day of School Term 3

PAYMENTS DUE

\$36.00 Year 6 Hoodies

\$50.00 Deposit for Stage 3 Camp

\$302.00 Stage 3 Camp

\$38.00 K-2 Education Pack

\$35.00 3-6 Education Pack

\$40.00 Voluntary School Contribution

REMINDER

If you borrowed a school laptop during Isolation can you please return this to the school office.

Welcome back to



Happy, Healthy, Successful, Lifelong Learners

Principal Update

Students returning to School

I speak on behalf of all the staff when I say that we are so excited to have all of our students returning this week. It has been a highlight for me meeting students out the front each morning as they arrive for school. It has also been great to see so many of you, our wonderful parents as you do morning drop off.



School Drop Off and Pick Up

Thankyouallforyourcooperationandunderstanding with the new processes for morning drop off and afternoon pick up. We will continue to monitor and refine these processes as necessary.



Canteen

A reminder that our canteen will be open for lunch orders Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week. All lunch orders must be placed through Flexi-Schools, as cash payments can not be accepted.

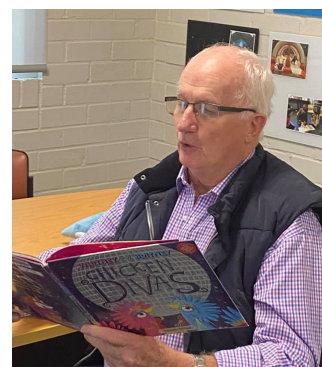
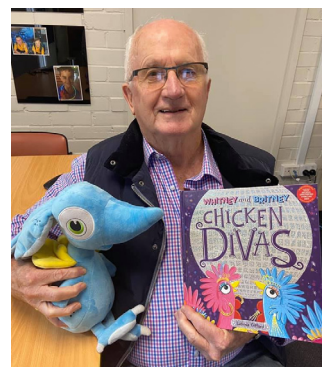


Simultaneous Story Time

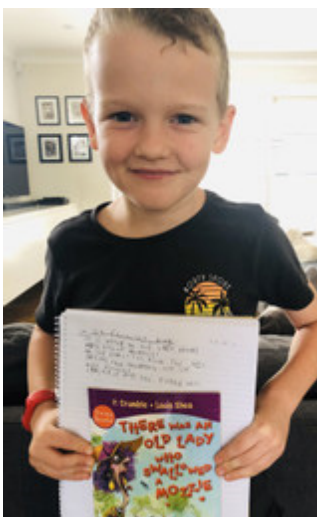
Today we had a special guest, Dr John Irvine, sharing our Simultaneous Story Time book 'Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas' virtually to students.

I don't know who was more excited Dr John or the students.

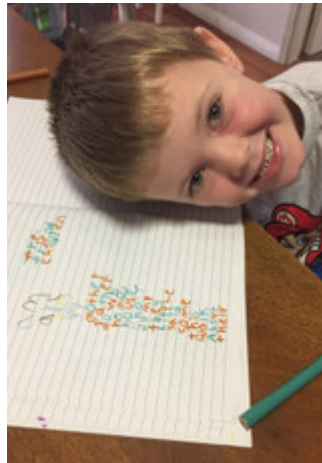
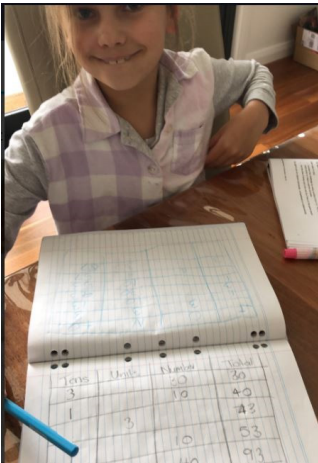
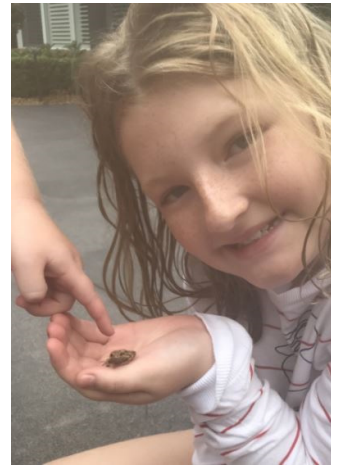
Thank you Dr John for sharing this time with us!



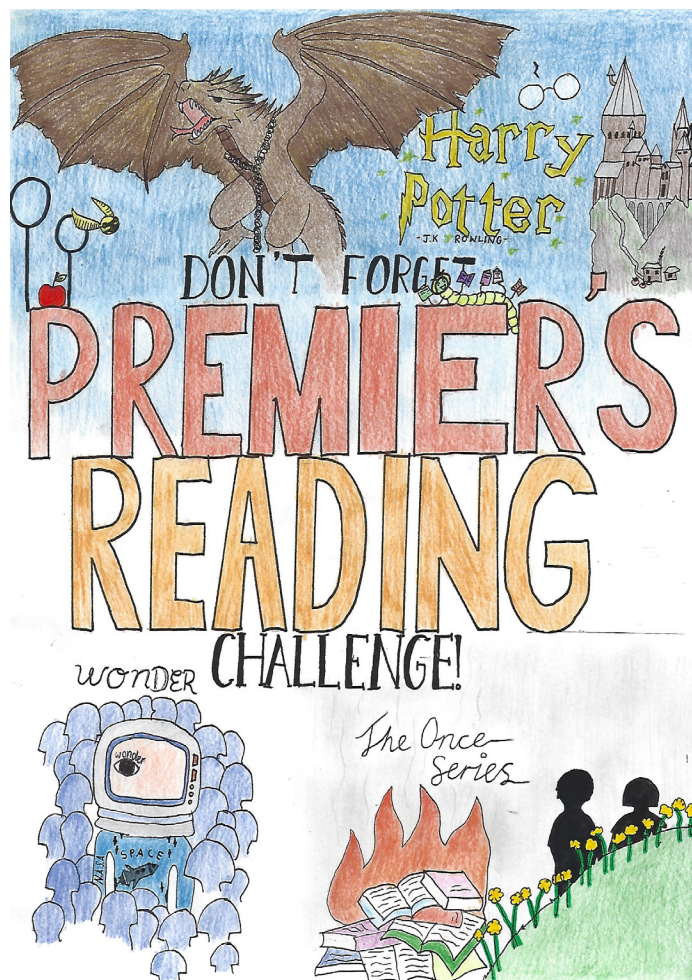
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Premiers Reading Challenge



Welcome to Term 2!

How quickly things change! You're probably all working quite differently to how you would have expected this time last term, but some things don't change. Connecting with stories and ideas is still as important as ever, and the Premier's Reading Challenge will continue to provide support for students to be able to discover great stories and experience quality literature.

We recently sent an email about updates to the Challenge Rules for 2020 to help support students as their learning environment is changed during COVID-19. If you missed that, please refer to the following links for more information, including some support articles with suggestions about ways to access books whilst learning from home. If you have any questions about any of this, please feel free to email us.

What changes have been made to the PRC rules for 2020?

How do students add their BONUS choice books?

How can coordinators support students in accessing books from home?

How can parents/ carers and students find books to read from home?

If you have any great projects or activities running at your school to help students engage with the PRC, we'd love to see them! Please tag @nswprc in any posts on Instagram, or send through photos and information to prc@det.nsw.edu.au.

KEY DATES

Monday March 2: Challenge opens for student entries

Friday August 28: Final date for entry of Student Reading Records by students

Friday September 11: Final date for validation of Student Reading Reading records by coordinators

Premiers Reading Challenge

How can we help students engage with stories and creativity?

The PRC Authors and Illustrators Showcase galleries from previous years are still available for viewing. You'll find over 50 videos featuring interviews and workshops with some of the best children's authors and illustrators from both Australia and overseas!

The 2020 Gallery will be coming soon, but in the meantime we've prepared some special clips with fantastic author and illustrator Mick Elliott, who is responsible for the great 2020 PRC poster artwork!

So far you can view:

Mick Elliott intro to the PRC 2020

Mick Elliott guided illustration: PRC Poster

Mick Elliott guided illustration: Squidge Dibley

Mick Elliott tips on writing

We will be asking students and schools to send us the illustrations they create as part of the guided illustration clips, so get drawing, and keep an eye out for information about how you can submit your illustrations to win some great prizes for your school. This info will be posted on the PRC website, the PRC Instagram account, and the Arts Unit Facebook page soon.

The Arts Unit@Home provides a series of Creative Classes and Art Bites videos designed to support students, parents and teachers with remote learning. Check out these incredible resources, from the Arts Unit digital archives and drawing on the expertise of arts professionals ... you won't want to miss them! Make sure you're following The Arts Unit on Facebook for updates on other great creative opportunities over the coming weeks.

Everyone's an author is a fantastic new project from the T4L team. Available to all students, it's a 10 week digital writing program featuring 10 great Aussie authors! It kicks off this Friday with a chapter on creating characters presented by author, teacher, and great friend to the Premier's Reading Challenge, Yvette Poshoglian (Ella and Olivia, Puppy Diary). We've seen a sneak peek of the list of authors that are involved in this exciting project- you're not going to want to miss it!

New Books

The latest update of new books on the PRC booklist was loaded to the website on April 27. You can find these on the BOOKLISTS page. There were over 130 new books added, including a number of classics that are easily accessible online, and free books from the Australian Children's Laureate Ursula Dubosarsky and the UK National Literary Trust. With a range of books available free online, and the increased number of choice books, all students should be able to access some great literature to complete the challenge this year!

We are constantly reviewing and evaluating new books for inclusion on the lists, and are planning a mid-term update of new books to the list this year to ensure that there are as wide a range as possible of easily accessible texts for students to read as part of their 2020 challenge. We would love to hear your suggestions either through our book suggestion form or by email.







PRC Student Site

The PRC student site is a great way for students to add books to their reading records from wherever they are! Students can search for books to read, add books to their reading logs, and track their progress throughout the challenge. You can find the site at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/> and there is a useful help video available to demonstrate how the site works.



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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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**Favourite stories read by
our best storytellers**

Thank You

Thank you to Dulux at West Gosford for their very generous donation of over \$400 of paint and painting supplies.

This donation allowed us to redo our Computer Lab that was in need a significant refresh! This space is now a bright and fresh learning space, a significant improvement on what it was.

