



Chief Minister's Reading Challenge Newsletter

Issue 2

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Reading Ceases:
8 September 2011

International Literacy Day:
8 September 2011

Student Record Summary Due:
16 September 2011

Award Ceremony:
Wednesday 19 October

HOW IS THE READING CHALLENGE GOING AT YOUR SCHOOL?

Please let us know.

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Welcome to Issue 2 of the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge Newsletter.

In this issue we meet another new Ambassador for 2011: Virginia Haussegger.

Virginia has written a small article about her love of reading and connection to books.

We are delighted to advise that 57 schools have registered for the Challenge this year with a total of 17265 students taking part. This is more than double the number for last year. Well done!

Special Challenge bookmarks are being sent out to all registered schools. There will be enough for one for every student registered in your school.

The Challenge aims to encourage

a love of reading and improve the literacy skills of students from Preschool to Year 8.

Remember that P-2 students can include books that are read to them. They do not have to read all the books themselves.

We would like to thank each school's Challenge coordinator for their efforts.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the Challenge!

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Meet Virginia Haussegger: Virginia is the face of ABC TV News in Canberra. She is an award winning journalist, author and commentator whose extensive career spans more than 20 years.



I love books. I love everything about them. I love the look and feel of them; the smell of them; and I love to read them! I never go anywhere without a book in my bag, just in case I have a few spare minutes to escape into the world of words, thoughts and stories. Books are my best friends.

When I was a girl at school my head was always full of stories and I spent much of my time in class looking out the window day-dreaming, and plotting new adventures up the Magic Faraway Tree. The English author Enid Blyton wrote a series of books about the Faraway Tree and I cherished every one of them.

Reading took me to amazing and fascinating places: the sort of places I could never discover on my own. Imagine being able to climb to the top of a tree and suddenly find yourself in a completely different world, where anything and everything was possible! The characters Moonface and Silky became my favourite friends and even the Saucepan Man and Dame Washalot. Later I read the Famous Five series and then The Secret Seven books, where children solved mysteries and made incredible discoveries. I suspect those books helped encourage me to become a journalist.

I always loved reading adventure stories and as I got older I read crime fiction and travel stories. Now I will read anything that takes me away from my world and helps me imagine a different life. And yes, even though I'm very busy every day with the news and spend many hours in a windowless television studio, I still love to day-dream!

More Registered Schools

57 schools.....17265 students

Amaroo School (Primary P-5)	Holy Spirit Primary School	Richardson Primary School
Campbell High School	Kingsford Smith School	St Anthony's Parish School
Charnwood-Dunlop School	Mawson Primary School	St Clare of Assisi Primary
Covenant College	Melba Copland Secondary School (Melba Campus)	St Clare's College
Curtin Primary School	Melrose High School	St John the Apostle Primary
Duffy Primary School	Namadgi School	St Thomas More's Primary
Florey Primary School	North Ainslie School	Teloepa Park School
Garran Primary School	O'Connor Cooperative School	Trinity Christian School
Gold Creek School	Palmerston District High School	University of Canberra HS, Kaleen
Harrison School		Weetangera Primary School

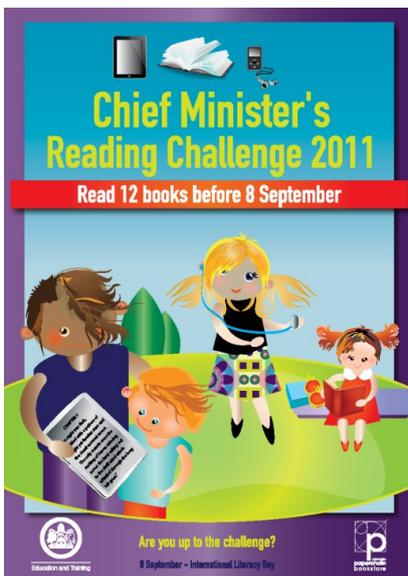
More photos of the 2010 Winners

St Anthony's Parish School won the Non-government school category 5-6.



Did you know.....?

27 new books added for years P-2
32 new books for years 3-4
61 new books added for years 5-6
27 new books added for years 7-8



Would you like another poster to display?

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Limits apply.

Are you doing something exciting to promote the Challenge at your school?

Let us know by Friday 10 June so we can include it in our next newsletter.



MS Readathon

Schools and students are being invited to join in the **2011 MS Readathon**. By registering to take part in this annual reading event, schools across Australia unite to help change the lives of people living with multiple sclerosis (MS).

There is also an added **bonus** for participating schools. Eligible schools have a chance to win up to \$10,000 in Apple products. They will also get 10% of the amount raised returned to them in Target gift cards. Go to www.msreadathon.org.au for more information, terms and conditions.

Here's how you can get involved...

First you need to register. You can do this by going to the MS Readathon website at www.msreadathon.org.au.

Second – Read for 30 days throughout June and July. Check the website to see when your reading period starts. **Books read for the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge can count.**

Third – Fundraise. Asking your family is a great way to start. They may even be able to help you think of other ideas to raise money for people with MS.

Visit www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 for more details.