

Book Week 'Curious Creatures Wild Minds'

Prep Library, Term 3, 2020

Term Three is full of excitement in the Library, as we immerse ourselves in the very best Australian Children's literature that has been published in the past year. Due to Covid-19, the Children's Book Council has shifted this year's official Book Week from August to October 17 – 23, which gives us plenty of extra time to enjoy all of the shortlisted books!

Prep students will listen to the six shortlisted books in the Early Childhood and Picture Book Categories during their library visits. They will also have opportunities to engage in various activities relating to these stories. Students are being encouraged to form opinions, and verbalise what they liked (or didn't like) about each book. They are learning that we don't all have to like the same things, and it's ok to disagree with someone else's opinion. Most importantly, when we listen as our friends share their thoughts and opinions, our own understandings are stretched and often influenced by ideas we'd not previously considered.

Excitement is mounting for our annual Book Week Parade which will take place on the morning of Friday 18th September (Week 10) in our Sports Shed. This is such an exciting experience which allows students to 'become' their favourite book character for an entire day. Further details regarding our ability to host parents on site are yet to be determined. Given the circumstances of 2020 this will be advised closer to the day. On Wednesday 5th August, our Prep Students joined the rest of the Junior Campus for *Books on Blankets* hosted by our Year 6 Leaders who read picture books to the multi-age groupings spread right across the school oval.

Finally, remember it's not too late for Prep students to accept the challenge of 'reading' (or listening to) twenty books before Aug 28, as part of the Queensland Premier's Reading Challenge. Parents wishing to support their children in this challenge may record the books your child reads during this period on the official forms (which can be downloaded from <https://readingchallenge.education.qld.gov.au/how-to-register/downloads-and-forms>). These forms will need to be handed back to teachers on or before August 28th.

Skills

- Broadening understanding – learning about the world around us through stories
- Forming opinions and being able to express them
- Following instructions
- Developing reading preferences
- Making judgements about books

Contact

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Kind regards,

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