



# Ryde East Public School

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## NEWSLETTER 6 MARCH 2018 TERM 1 WEEK 6

A copy of this newsletter is available on the School's website

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Anti-bullying National day of action will take place on **Friday 16 March**. At Ryde East Public School we will be acknowledging this day and addressing anti-bullying through a variety of ways.

Class teachers will be conducting lessons that focus on positive behaviours and addressing topics, such as 'What makes us unique?', 'How do we make friends?', 'What is diversity?' and 'What is bullying?'

Below is the link to the NSW Anti-bullying website. This site has resources for parents/carers and students. If you would like some resources to discuss this issue at home with your children, please follow the link. Class Teachers will be using some of the resources on this website to support class lessons.

<https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au/>

We will also have a **mufti day on Friday 16 March** in support of Anti-bullying. Students can wear something **blue** in support of the cause and bring a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go towards Dolly's Dream Foundation.

<https://www.gofundme.com/dollys-dream-foundation>

Students who participate in PSSA sport can bring their sports clothes to change into or just wear a touch of **blue** with their sport attire.

Lunch tubs have been purchased for each of the classrooms so that students can place their lunch boxes and drink bottles into these tubs for them to be stored inside the classroom during the day. At present a lot of our bag hooks (where students hang their bags) are outside the classrooms and can be in direct sunlight. To alleviate concerns around lunches spoiling, they will be kept inside the classroom in these lunch tubs. School bags will remain hung on the hooks outside the classrooms, or in their usual designated place.

Just a reminder that students can be at school from 8:45am in the morning. There is a teacher



supervising the playground from this time. If students arrive prior to this time, they are to sit on the silver seat outside the Kindergarten classrooms. If possible, please drop your child off and leave the school prior to the morning bell, so that students can line up and transition smoothly into class. Kiss and ride can also be used in the mornings before school.

We encourage and appreciate parents volunteering at events and throughout the year in classrooms. Legally we are required to obtain documentation to ensure that you are able to volunteer at the school. There will be a note coming home next Tuesday (13/3) with an attachment (Appendix 5) that is required to be completed annually if you are volunteering at school. This form must be completed and returned to the front office (in person) with 100 points of ID, prior to you volunteering. Without this documentation completed and up-to-date unfortunately you will not be able to volunteer.

If you have a current Working With Children Check through Service NSW or have completed a volunteer check through Service NSW, this does cover you for volunteering, however you are required to produce this documentation to the office.

Just a reminder to monitor your children's devices. With many students on social media and having access to the internet readily through their phones, please ensure that you are aware of what they are viewing and conversations they are having to ensure it is appropriate and safe.

Katrina Verinder - Principal

### Dates for Your Diary

W 7/3/18	Ocean Pod Visit – Year 3 – 6
Th 8/3/18	'How to read with your child' session
F 9/3/18	Infants Assembly – 9.20am Primary Assembly – 10.30am
F 9/3/18	Kindy and New Parents Mixer Evening – 7.00pm
Th 15/3/18	Selective High School Test



## **HARMONY DAY- SAVE THE DATE**

Harmony Day will be held on Wednesday 21 March 2018. We will have our annual multicultural parade where the children will wear their cultural dress. After the parade students will undertake some cultural activities with their class and then have a multicultural food morning tea where they are required to bring a food item from their cultural background to school to share with their classroom peers.

We will also be running a colouring competition. The colouring sheets are located in the library. Students are to take **one** sheet only and record their name and class on the 'Harmony Day Colour in Register'. Students are welcome to bring their colouring pencils/gel pens and textas in the library during lunch and colour in their picture. These pictures are due on Monday 19 March 2018. The winners will be announced during the Harmony Day cultural parade.

## **STEWART HOUSE USED CLOTHING APPEAL**

Ryde East Public School supports Stewart House as its main charity. Stewart House is a special school that provides a residential program for children who may benefit from a 'holiday' away from their normal school/home environment.

You can help support this charity by donating used clothing. Stewart House bags will be distributed today to the eldest child in each family and must be returned no later than Monday, 12 March. Please leave bags in the school foyer. Bags cannot be left after this date as the school has no place to store them.

Mr Bailey  
SRC Coordinator

## **KINDY CORNER**

Last Friday Kindergarten students were sent home with their Best Start Parent Feedback form and some other useful resources. If you have any questions regarding the report or if you did not receive it please do not hesitate to see your classroom teacher.

A reminder that Kindy students are only allowed to preorder from the canteen. Counter service is not available, which includes big brothers and sisters buying for us too 😊

Hope to see you in the hall at 2.30pm on Thursday 8 March for our "How to Read with Your Child" session.

Ms R Flammia - Rel ES1 Assistant Principal

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

The official launch date is Monday 5 March for the NSW Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC). PRC aims to encourage children to read quality literature from a wide variety of authors. Please check the rules for the Challenge on the website

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au>

The books in the school library have been given a colour coded sticker to assist with finding books that are part of the Challenge. Inside the front cover you will find the PRC ID number to assist with entering the data online. All students will be encouraged to borrow one book that is part of the Challenge each week. Parents are welcome to visit the library if they have any questions.

Once a book has been read, visit the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website. Students should use their school username and password to log on. If computer access is difficult, a personal reading log on will be provided on paper and assistance will be given to enter the data.

Students in K-2 must read 30 books, 25 from the PRC booklist and 5 personal choices. PRC books read to the class by a teacher or read to the student by their parent will count towards their total. Students who may be reading above their grade level will be required to change their challenge level to Y3-4 or Y5-6 for their books to be counted towards their challenge. This needs to be done by their teacher librarian.

Students in Years 3-6 must read 20 books, 15 from the PRC booklist and five personal choices. If reading from a series of books only two titles may be counted. Books from the appropriate level should be chosen and more capable readers can choose some titles from a higher level.

Let's break the record this year. Last year 285 students completed the PRC and in 2016, 151 students. Let's keep on breaking the record and happy reading.

Mrs Karevski  
Teacher Librarian

## **LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM**

Students in years 3-6 have been participating in the Life Skills program each week. This program involves movement games, stretching, mindfulness, exercise and works on building resilience, increasing self-awareness, understanding inclusiveness and practicing positive relationships. Some of our Stage 2 students have written about their lessons.

Life Skills is a place of relaxation and calmness where you learn important traits such as honesty, being a team player, caring and respect. Ruby 3/4D

I like Life Skills because of all the fun games we play and the stickers we can get for showing respect, honesty, team work and others. Alex 3/4D

In Life skills we get to learn different and important skills like honesty, caring, being a team player and respect. I like Life skills because I like to relax. Hayden 3/4D

Parents with students attending these classes are invited to attend a viewing day on Monday 19 March and Tuesday 20 March. This family day was popular last year as parents had the opportunity to watch or join in with their child's class during the session. Class days are as follows:

Monday 19/3 – 5/6W, 3L, 3/4D and 5/6S

Tuesday 20/3 – 6B, 5A, 3M, 3/4W and 4/5J

Further information regarding class times will be sent home separately. We hope you can join us for these sessions.

Nicole Doig



## PARENT PORTAL

We are again using the Sentral Parent Portal this year. It is important to ensure you have access to this portal in order to make bookings for the upcoming Parent/Student/Teacher interviews at the end of Term. New families should have received a letter which details how to register, and a special access code to attach child/ren to the portal. If you are already registered, please make sure you can still access your portal and see your child/ren via this link.

<https://web1.rydeeast-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>

Interviews will take place on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 April between 3:30 and 6:30pm. Bookings will open after 3:15pm on Tuesday the 20 March. You will be able to book and alter your bookings via the portal after this time.

Please ensure you have access to the portal and can

see your child/ren. If you have any problems, please let me know.

Miss K Dhu  
Sentral Co-ordinator



## P&C NEWS

Thanks to all the parents who came to the first P&C meeting for the year last week. It was great to hear our new principal talk about some plans that she has for the school in the coming years.

Thank you also to all parents who have helped contribute to any fund-raising efforts last year. Your dedication has helped the school purchase some new equipment that your child will see the benefit from. Check out the Ryde East P&C facebook page in the coming week to see more detail.

A reminder that this Friday (9 March) is the Kindy and New Parents mixer evening, in the school hall at 7pm. It's a free event and many of you have already RSVP'd. If you've left your reply too late, don't worry, but it would be good to know if you intend to attend [vpreps.reps@gmail.com](mailto:vpreps.reps@gmail.com)

The evening is sponsored by Coxs Rd Mall and not only will you be able to create a great network for yourself, there will be many representatives from the school staff and P&C for you to ask any burning questions.

The P&C have created a Google calendar of this years P&C events. It's open for all parents to subscribe to and will help with your planning and volunteering schedule. Simply copy and paste the relevant link from below into a New Calendar Subscription.

Google Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/b/2?cid=NnI5dXBpbWgwMzNkZjUwa2gwdnYyMDU2NGtAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

iCal:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/6r9upimh033df50kh0vv20564k%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

Chris Seeto  
P&C President

## SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION

This year, School Banking is running a Super Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker and their family of up to two adults and three children to Hawaii. The trip includes:

- Return economy flights to Honolulu, Hawaii plus airport transfers

- 7 night's accommodation at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel staying in a Luxury Ocean Room, with beach views and breakfast included
- AU\$2,000 spending money.

To enter simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018 to automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win. Find out more at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking).

If you have any questions you can contact us at [schoolbanking.reps@gmail.com](mailto:schoolbanking.reps@gmail.com) or phone Elspeth Orlandi on 0402 850 044.



## YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING CHOCOLATE BOXES - YEAR 5/6 PARENTS

Fundraising will begin for our Year 6 Farewell which is scheduled for December this year with all Year 5 and Year 6 students invited to attend. This week children will be bringing home a box of Cadbury Freddos and Caramello Packs to sell. We have only ordered a limited amount of the Goody Box which contains Cherry Ripe, Boost, Time Out, Crunchie and Toblerone. If you prefer this pack please email me on [kerryn\\_martin@iinet.net.au](mailto:kerryn_martin@iinet.net.au) requesting a Goody Box and including your child's name and class. Each family will receive a box with chocolates that sell for \$1.00 each. A letter will accompany the chocolates detailing the process in detail.



Thank you for your support.

Kerryn Martin, Nicole Hanna and Meaghan Ottewill  
Year 6 Farewell Co-Ordinators

## SAVE THE DATE - YEAR 6 PARENTS /CARERS

We are looking for volunteers to assist/co-ordinate the Year 6 Farewell. The first priority is to gather a group of enthusiastic and dedicated parents to help plan the event in December 2018 and be a part of the committee. We will be holding our first planning meeting on **WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018** at North Ryde RSL. We will meet in the foyer at **7.00PM** to make it easy for members and non- members to sign in. If you are unable to make it but would like to be

involved please email me on [kerryn\\_martin@iinet.net.au](mailto:kerryn_martin@iinet.net.au).

Thank you for your support.

Kerryn Martin, Nicole Hanna and Meaghan Ottewill  
Year 6 Farewell Co-Ordinators



## P&C MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS

It has been wonderful walking through the school and hearing a whole mixture of instruments after school and the morning rehearsals for our bands and ensembles. Everyone should be well into their lesson and rehearsal routines.

### MUSIC PROGRAM FEES

All invoices from the music program have now gone out. Thank you to those of you who have been very prompt in paying, we appreciate your support. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please get in touch with our treasurer Nick Barnes as soon as possible – [repsband@gmail.com](mailto:repsband@gmail.com).

We have had some queries with regards to the \$100 fee. This is a fee that covers a number of the costs associated with the running of the music program and it is payable by all students. It helps us cover activities such as the Music Day (pizza lunch is included), Musical Variety Night, entry fees for competitions, purchases of music scores, notebooks and the purchase of new instruments and equipment. Even if your child is not in an ensemble/ band, they still participate in the music day and the musical variety night.

### TUTOR FEES

Tutor fees are due within two weeks from the date of invoice and are payable for the whole of the term. There are no refunds or credits issued unless the tutor has missed a lesson. Notice to cease lessons for term 2 must be received by week 8 of this term.

### GOLD CARD PERFORMANCE – Senior String Ensemble

Our Senior String Ensemble will be performing at the Week 8 Gold Card Assembly – Friday 23 March. I am very much looking forward to hearing our senior string players perform. They will have a very busy term 2 and are currently preparing for their performance at The Sydney Opera House for the Festival of Instrumental Music on the 20 May.

### MUSIC PRACTICE CLUB IS BACK!

All children in the music program have received a practice card. This is to be used for our music practice reward scheme. It is very similar to the readers club, providing an incentive for children to practise and, in turn, gain confidence in their instrument. Please read the back of the card

carefully for an explanation of how the club works and for recommended practice times for different experience levels. Only an adult can sign the card after the practice session is done. When the card is full, it should go in the box covered in musical notes in the school office labelled 'Music Practice Club'. You can get the next card (e.g. 26-50 practice sessions, and so on) from the music drawer in the office. Prizes will be given out at the Week 3 and 7 assemblies. Next week is Week 7, so if you have done 25 practice sessions, have the signed card with **name, class and instrument** written on it, in the box by **Wednesday 14 March**. Please use this scheme to help encourage your children to practise regularly and you will find they have much more fun as they improve. Extra practice cards can be found in the Music Drawer.

### MUSIC DAY

Music Day will be Sunday 6 May and **all students** in the music program will be invited. There'll be lots of exciting activities, special workshops and games with our wonderful tutors, finishing off with an afternoon performance for family and friends. This is an important day for all our bands and ensembles to attend, with the Performance and REPS Bands fine-tuning their pieces for the Ryde East Music Festival and the Wahroonga Festival competitions, and the Recorder and Senior Strings preparing for their performance at the Sydney Opera House in Term 2. Please make sure this day is in your diaries.

### RYDE EAST MUSIC FESTIVAL

This year the Ryde East Music Festival will be held on Sunday 27 May. **The Performance and REPS Bands will be competing at this event** so mark this date on your calendars and come along to support our musicians and our school!

### RAFFLE PRIZES

We need your help REPS! We are looking for prize donations for the raffle which will be drawn at the conclusion of the Ryde East Music Festival. Tickets to performances or experiences would be awesome as well as vouchers to restaurants or music stores.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Week 7 – Music Practice Awards assembly  
Week 8 – Senior String Ensemble at Gold Card Assembly  
Term 2 – Sun 7 May, Music Day  
Term 2 – Sun 28 May, Ryde East Music Festival

### COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

Coordinators: Lina Diaz & Lisa Cowgill,  
[rydeeastmusic@gmail.com](mailto:rydeeastmusic@gmail.com)  
Secretary: Jennifer Harrison –  
[musicsecretary.reps@gmail.com](mailto:musicsecretary.reps@gmail.com)  
Treasurer: Nick Barnes – [repsband@gmail.com](mailto:repsband@gmail.com)

## BLOOD DONATIONS

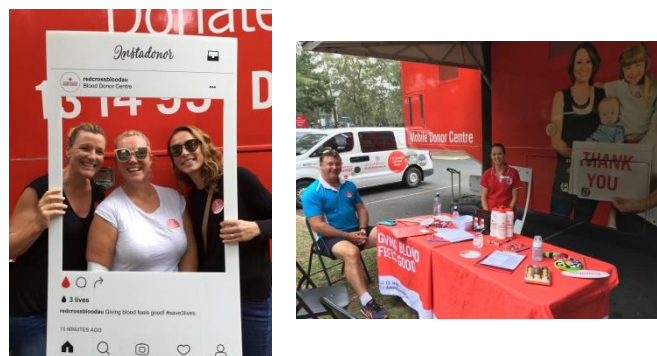
We are off to a great start with 22 people donating blood for the 'RED25 RYDE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C'. It may not sound like much but it actually means we have already saved 66 lives.

Our goal is to save 100 lives before the end of term 1. Here is how you help.

- 1) Check your eligibility  
<http://www.donateblood.com.au/eligibility>
- 2) Register to donate and make an appointment to join us 'RED25 RYDE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C'.  
<https://www.donateblood.com.au/red25/join-red25-group>

If you have any questions or need any assistance please SMS Éireann Cameron 0419 240 260

Here are some great photos from our last three van visits.



Next local van visit:

Macquarie Park Mobile Donor Centre - Optus.  
Giffnock Lane, Macquarie Park - Monday 19 March-  
Wednesday 21 March. 8.30am-2pm daily. [Enter through Giffnock Avenue. Mobile unit in Giffnock Lane, between Optus Drive and Giffnock Ave, near Optus Building C].

## RYDE EAST OOSH

**WEEK FOUR** - The week was full of incredible activities including beach themed craft. Children were included in the beginning stages of an OOSH mud map. On Wednesday afternoon the children drew certain elements of the OOSH center to assist the staff in creating a map that includes the children's ideas. At this term's weekly activity of cartooning the Year 2 students had a fun, quirky and entertaining lesson. What great artists we have here at OOSH, with such creative minds. This week's menu consisted of macaroni and cheese pasta, nachos and scrambled eggs. Four weeks into school and the kindergarten children are settling in beautifully. They enjoyed games including Duck, Duck, Goose, What's the Time Mr Wolf? and Musical Statues. It has been a pleasure getting to know all the new children this term.

## WEEK 5 REPORT

This week was our fifth week into the school term, building the relationships between the children and the staff at the centre. This past week reinforced our desire to encourage children's choice throughout all programming; from the menu of additional breakfast and afternoon tea to also outdoor activities' and craft. Various sporting activities were programmed to keep the children active and entertained. These activities differed from day-to-day and included free play on the oval, cricket, volleyball, games under the COLA and equipment play. We continued our 6-week program of cartooning, where students have been learning the basics of creating their own cartons. Both staff and students have learnt a lot and been thoroughly entertained. Our theme in craft this week was Magical Creatures based on children's suggestion. Activities included creating unicorns, making wizard hats and bringing ogres to life through craft. On Monday, in place of craft, there is a dedicated homework time to allow children to complete any homework they have. This week went smoothly with great feedback from staff, children and their families.

The OOSH website is [www.rydeeastshc.com.au](http://www.rydeeastshc.com.au)

## TENNIS COURT HIRE

The school tennis courts are available for hire out of school hours for a nominal fee of \$20.00 per hour for each court.



Contact Margie Simpson on 0407 280 864.

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS - (New Uniforms only)


The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday morning from 8.45am – 9.45am or order online and have it delivered to your child's classroom.

[www.picklesschoolwear.com](http://www.picklesschoolwear.com)

Sara Rich – 0450 771 545

## ♥♥♥ Pre-Loved Uniforms ♥♥♥

Open Tuesday mornings ~ 8:45-9:30, Pre-Loved uniforms are available from the canteen window alongside the New Uniform Shop. Donations are welcome and all proceeds go to the school. We are also selling 100% Cotton shirts for \$27.50. Payment is by CASH only. For any queries please contact Simone Haslehurst 0414 965 225 or Cyndi Yu on 0430 202 071.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE REPS


# Kindy Mixer

### KINDY INFORMATION EVENING

Join us for an evening of food and drinks, providing the chance to meet other new Kindy parents and learn some valued information about surviving Kindy!  
*Hosted by Year 1 parents. Please note this is an adult only event.*

**MARCH 9TH FROM 7.00 - 9.00PM IN THE HALL**  
(Doors open at 6:45pm)

**RSVP BY 26th February to [vpreps.reps@gmail.com](mailto:vpreps.reps@gmail.com)**



# Confident Independent & Creative Young Women

## Open Day

Thursday 8th March, 2018 3:00 - 6:00pm PRINCIPAL'S OFFICIAL WELCOME 4:30PM  
EXHIBITIONS | ACTIVITIES | GUIDED TOURS | GELATO | SAUSAGE SIZZLE

 RIVERSIDE  
GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Huntleys Point, Gladesville  
Ph: 9816 4264  
[www.riversideghs.com.au](http://www.riversideghs.com.au)



# DISCO!



**WHEN:** Friday 23 March 2018  
**WHERE:** School Hall  
**INFANTS (K-2):** 5.00pm to 6.30pm  
**PRIMARY (3-6):** 6.45pm to 8.30pm



'Dance Fever' will be hosting our disco again, keeping everyone entertained.

**Theme - "Wild Animals"** as suggested by the SRC, so kids can dress in something with Animals/As Animals or if they are not into themes remember to just come and have fun!!

**Cost \$10.00** - includes disco, glow item, chips, drink and ice-block

Tickets can be purchased for the disco using flexischools and you provide permission for your child to attend at the same time, just log on and place your order by **Wednesday 21 March**: <https://www.flexischools.com.au>

If you have children across both infants and primary, please select the relevant disco for each.

**DISCO helpers are needed** - please volunteer via flexischools when purchasing your child's ticket if you are able to help on the night, thanks.

**Please NOTE:**

- REPS discos are for students only, no siblings are to stay in the hall or parents who are not volunteering.
- No photos or filming to be posted on social media
- Whilst not preferred, cash payment can be accepted on the night at a cost of \$15.00
- Please collect your child(ren) promptly on finish time

These are measures to make life as simple as possible for all our wonderful volunteers, and keep a happy safe environment for all your children.

Any enquiries please contact:

Rachelle Robinson - 0432 397 319 or [disco.reps@gmail.com](mailto:disco.reps@gmail.com)

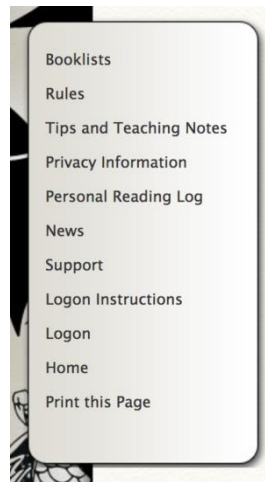


## How to enter books online for the Premier's Reading Challenge...

**Step 1:** Enter the following website into your browser

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

**Step 2:** From the left menu items, select '**Logon**'. This will redirect you to a page that asks for your child's logon details.



**Step 3:** Enter your child's username and password and select '**log in**'. These details are the same as what your child uses to logon to the computers at school.

**Log in with your DoE account**

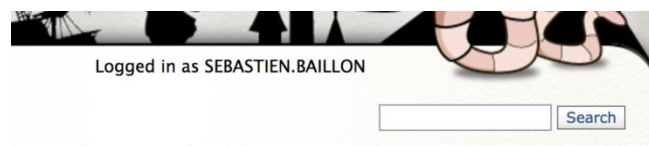
Enter your user ID  
Example: jane.citizen1

Enter your password

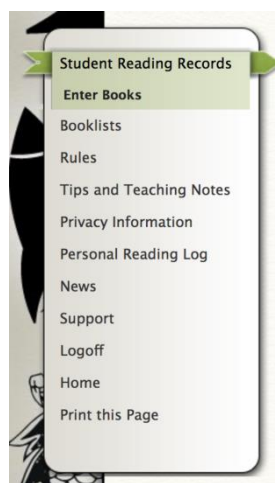
**Log in**

[Forgot your password?](#)

**Step 4:** You will now be back on the PRC website. At the top of the page you will see that your child has been logged in.



**Step 5:** From the left menu items, select '**Student Reading Records**'.





**Step 6:** Follow the instructions outlined on this page to enter the books your child has read or you have read to your child.

## Personal Student Reading Record for Sebastien Baillon

[My Reading Record](#) [Add a Choice Book](#) [My Information](#)

### Enter Books

To complete the K-2 Challenge, students must read or experience 30 books that can include up to 5 personal choices.

From 1 to 5 personal choice books can be recorded in your K-2 reading record by selecting the Add button next to "1 to 5 personal choice books". You do not have to enter the details of choice books.

- The easiest way to enter a PRC book from the library is to type in the **ID number** and click '**Add**'. All the other details of the book will automatically appear.

ID	Title	Author	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add"/>

- The ID number of a PRC book from our school library can be found on the inside cover of the book.
- It's easy to enter a PRC book from your home library too! Just fill in the '**Title**' and '**Author**' and click '**Add**'.
- To check if a book you have at home is part of the PRC, select 'Booklist' from the left menu items and search accordingly.
- Your child's library teacher will also be adding books in as they are read during school time.

We are very excited to have as many children as possible completing the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2017.

It is a great initiative to foster a love of reading independently and as a shared experience.

If you have any questions regarding the information detailed above, please do not hesitate to pop into the library. We are more than happy to assist in any way that we can.

Olimbia Karevski and Judy Findlater  
Teacher Librarians.