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Hello Challenge Coordinators

Thank you again for your great efforts and support of the Challenge in your school and/or library. This will be a year we will not forget and the PRC will play its part in supporting students through a challenging time.

Time is flying and now we have just over 4 months to complete reading of 12 books for the Challenge for 2020!

Among the highlights of the next few months will be two **challenges within the Challenge**. They are:

1. a **STEM** based competition
2. an exciting **Indonesian** Reading Challenge.

These challenges within the Challenge have been sent to you in a separate email.

COVID-19 advice

Due to many schools having students learning from home, we are altering the requirements for completing the Challenge for 2020. Information about this can be found in the "News Flash" section on the [PRC website home page](#).

Essentially:

- Students can read any 12 books they wish, but the preference is still for students to read books from the PRC list as per usual
- To help accommodate this, SA Public Libraries have provided links to their online, free catalogue of e-books that students and families are welcome to access. These links are provided on [the PRC website](#).

Book series

As a reminder, the PRC guideline 10 states, "If at least one book from a series is included on the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist, then any book from that series can also be included." Some judgement will be required on behalf of staff as some series 'age' from book to book and with that, content and language may not be appropriate for younger readers (eg Harry Potter). The quality of PRC series books is usually high but occasionally series' quality falls away. Let us know if you have concerns.

Premier's Reading Challenge Indonesian Competition 2020

The 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge Indonesian Competition is running again from Monday 27th April, and closing on Friday 21st August. Entry forms and the information flier have been sent out and are available to download from the News Flash section on the [PRC website home page](#).

Virtual Books (provided by SA Public Libraries):

Indonesia: <https://sapln.overdrive.com/search?query=indonesia&maturityLevel=juvenile&sortBy=relevance>

Indonesian: <https://sapln.overdrive.com/search?query=indonesian>

Premier's Reading Challenge and Inspiring SA STEM Challenge 2020

In conjunction with Inspiring SA, the Premier's Reading Challenge is again running the STEM Challenge in 2020. The competition commenced on Monday 27th April, and runs until Friday 3rd July. Information fliers and entry details have been sent out via email and are available from the [PRC website homepage](#) in the News Flash section.

Virtual Books (provided by SA Public Libraries):

HOME LEARNING: <https://sapln.overdrive.com/collection/1058433>

MAKERSPACE RESOURCES: <https://sapln.overdrive.com/collection/185110>

Data entry

Data entry will be open from **6th July to 18th September** (you may find it easier to manage by entering data in batches). Instructions for entering your data will be sent to all PRC contact people prior to the end of term 2. Please ensure your school's PRC coordinator contact details are up to date if they have changed/will change since the last Update.

New books added for mid-year update

Following the Children's Book Council announcement of shortlisted and notable books, a number of these will be added to our booklists. PRC Listmaker will also be updated as soon as possible. The update will be uploaded by the end of June.

Hall of Fame Honour Roll

The Hall of Fame Honour Roll is to be updated to include new students from 2019 and should be live by the end of June.

“Mature” category

Don't forget the “Mature” category. The books in this age group are **recommended** for students in years 9 to 12. You can also purchase spine [stickers](#) with 'Mature' printed on them to mark these books in your library, to assist in easy identification for staff and students. It is recommended that you keep Mature books separate from the other Challenge books. Year 10 – 12 have the flexibility of selecting 12 books of their own choice to read in completing the Challenge. They may read prescribed and research texts from any subject area, as is the case for all students.

Student voice

Please promote our student voice initiatives at [KIDSPACE](#) and [TEENSPACE](#):

- Check out all reviews on the website
- Look up their names on the [Hall of Fame Honour Roll](#), for seven years of reading
- Students can also post blogs, discussing their reading
- Don't forget to promote the 'like' button attached to books – students can vote on books they like

The Australian Curriculum and the Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge's annotated booklists are a great resource that can support teachers in literature selection for both shared text study and independent reading. The booklists can also be useful in supporting teaching of the Literature strand in the Australian Curriculum: English.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is linked to the ACARA website for easy reference to the Australian Curriculum. Please go to the [Links](#) tab on the Staff/Teachers page.

General Capabilities

To support teachers with teaching the general capabilities, suggested relevant or related categories from the Challenge booklists are listed.

Please explore the link between the General Capabilities, their organising elements, learning continuum and the Premier's Reading Challenge.

These can be found in the Teachers/Staff tab on the Staff/Teachers page, click General Capabilities:

premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/books/43843/

Cross Curriculum Priorities

The categories “Environment”, “Asian Content” and “Aboriginal Content” are part of the student booklists. To support teachers in with the Cross Curriculum Priorities, we have categorised the booklists for teachers in each of the Cross Curriculum Priorities into R – 2, 3 – 5, 6 – 9 and Mature (9 – 12) year levels.

These can be found in the Teachers/Staff tab on the Staff/Teachers page, click Cross Curriculum Content:

premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/books/ccp/

Aboriginal students

Schools are urged to encourage and support Aboriginal students to participate in and complete the Challenge, in line with State and National strategies. Numbers of Aboriginal students completing the Challenge increased from 4,739 in 2018 to 4,801 in 2019, which is a 1% rise. Let's support even greater completion in 2020.

Ideas to Promote Reading in the Classroom

The link below contains some interesting ideas about promoting reading in the classroom:

<https://threeteacherstalk.com/2018/03/22/five-ways-your-classroom-library-will-sell-itself-without-taking-up-valuable-class-time/>

Please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions about the Challenge,

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