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## Update 3 – July 2022

### Hello Challenge Coordinators

Winter is well and truly with us and the weather is perfect for enjoying an exciting book in a nice warm retreat!

Thank you for your involvement in our Indonesian and STEM competitions. Entries are now closed and are in the process of being judged.

As we work towards the end of the Challenge this year, it is important you apply the following guide...

#### **DATA ENTRY IS NOW OPEN – 11 July to 23 September**

Please note: **Catholic** and **Independent** schools had their passwords and usernames sent during week 10 for access from 11 July. **Government** schools are able to enter data via EDSAS from the afternoon of 11 July.

**Instructions** on how to enter your data is available on the website for government and non-government schools. Please delete and **destroy ALL previous copies of instructions**, as new ones have been sent out this year. Government schools are no longer required to enter enrolled numbers of students. Census figures have been automatically dropped into the database on your behalf.

### 1. Challenges within the Challenge

Thank you to those who have submitted entries to the Premier's Reading Challenge Indonesian Competition and the STEM Reading and Design Challenge!

Judging is now underway, and we will send out the certificates to all participants by mid term 3.

### 2. Keeping past PRC Reading Records

When you click on the "Staff & Teachers" tab on the website, you will be taken to the [Staff and Teachers homepage](#), which provides the following information on keeping past student reading records for the Challenge:

"We advise Student Reading Records to be kept for at least 3 years after the student has left your school. For example, records of students who were in year 6 in 2021 may be disposed of in 2025. Please keep reports printed at **data entry**, and the **awards lists** sent to you each year by the PRC office for the long term in case queries arise for past students. These could be kept electronically to save space and paper.

A sensible option is to save all student reading records electronically and discard the paper records each year. Or, get the students to fill out their reading records on the computer and save them to a class file, which would save printing them out and help to avoid lost records."

### 3. Award level enquiries

Also provided on the [Staff & Teachers homepage](#) is information regarding enquiring about past participation histories and award levels for students new to your school.

Of particular importance is the following:

- **We do not have access to interstate records.** Please view certificates/awards from interstate transferees prior to contacting the PRC office to let us know which years the student/s participated in the PRC in another state. We can then update our records to acknowledge the prior participation.
- If you are in a public school, and have students transfer to your school from the private sector, please send us the student/s full name (including preferred name if different from the given name), date of birth, previous school, and EDSAS ID number. This is so we can update the students' records and enable our system to continue their participation history.

### 4. Ambassadors' Visits

One of the most motivational and enjoyable aspects of the Premier's Reading Challenge is the ambassador school visits.

Please visit the Premier's Reading Challenge website to see **recent ambassador visits** [here](#).

You can find the information about ambassador visits [here](#).

Once you have read the information, please fill out and submit the ambassador request form. Upon receipt of your request, we will determine who is available and liaise with you further. Please note that for various reasons we may not be able to fill your first ambassador/date request, but we will do our best to find someone for you on a mutually agreeable date. At this point in the year though, we may need to look ahead to 2023.

Visits are generally not organised until the final weeks of the term prior, so if you have already requested a visit from us for Term 3 or 4 of this year, please do not be alarmed if you haven't yet heard from us.

Please remember that we request an article as a follow up to visits, to share with other schools on the Challenge website.

## 5. Reading ends on 9 September

Make sure your students have their **Student Reading Records** in order. Forms can be found [online](#).

## 6. Banner bookings

There are various promotional items to help you promote the Premier's Reading Challenge to your school community. If you are interested in borrowing one of our **banners** for a week for in-house promotion, please fill out [the form](#).

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