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Premiers' Reading Challenge Closing Date



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As we are almost half way through Stage 4 lockdown, we are planning for returning to school for Term 4. Once again, a big “thank you” to all families for working with us to ensure we provide the best possible education for your children.

### School Council Meeting

Earlier this week we held a school council meeting via Webex. At the meeting, we discussed items regarding improvements to the school facilities, school finances, student learning, and staffing for 2021.

### Staff News

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Narelle Waples has given birth to a son- Hendrix Theodore Waples. Congratulations to Narelle and Keith.

### Prep Enrolments for 2021

Can we take this opportunity while we are in lockdown to ask our families if they have a child who will be commencing Prep in 2021, or they know of a family who are wanting to enrol their child for Prep next year, to please enrol them now if you haven't already done so.

All the enrolment information is available on our school website <http://www.tmps.vic.edu.au/about-us/119/> which can be downloaded and then forwarded to the schools email [thomas.mitchell.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:thomas.mitchell.ps@education.vic.gov.au) for processing.

### Year 6 – 7 Transition Placement Letters

Letters were sent out via email yesterday, Wednesday 19 August to our year 6 families regarding their placements for 2021.

If you did not receive an email, please contact the school on 9706 2254 or email [thomas.mitchell.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:thomas.mitchell.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Any children who indicated they have enrolled in a private school will not receive an email.

**John Hurley**  
**Principal**

# Premiers' Reading Challenge – Closing Date Extended to 18<sup>th</sup> September

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is still open. TMPS is participating and all children are encouraged to join. It is not a competition, but a challenge for children to read a set number of books by the 18th September. It is **free to join**. So far, almost 2,000 books have been read by participating students.

Children in Prep, 1 and 2, need to read **30 books** (20 or more must be from the Challenge list). They can read books by themselves or have someone else read to them.

Children in year 3-6 will need to read **15 books** (10 or more must be from the Challenge list). Challenge lists are all available to view online.

All children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate from the Premier of Victoria. As well, at TMPS all children who complete the Challenge will receive a small prize and be eligible to win some special prizes.

This year sees the launch of a new website with exciting new features. These include, having your own avatar, earning ebadges as you progress through the Challenge and giving books a rating or a review.

If you still wish to join, please contact TMPS via email or phone. We will then forward you a user name and passcode for your child. The child will be able to log onto the website and enter books they read or start exploring what the new website offers. TMPS will verify all books for you.

It may be a little more challenging to access reading material at the moment, but here are a number of suggestions to make it a little easier. Keeping up with reading for learning or pleasure is really important, especially at this time.

- For young children, search YouTube for 'read a picture book', and listen to dozens of children's books like The Lorax, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Rainbow Fish.
- Watch your favourite authors read their books at [The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Online Read Alouds and Activities](#).
- Watch astronauts on the Space Station read children's books at [Storytime from Space](#).
- Stream videos of authors reading children's books with illustrations at [Storyline Online](#).
- Listen to a [David Walliams audio book](#).
- Download a free classic children's or young adult's book from [International Children's Digital Library](#) or [ManyBook.net](#)
- **Local Library.** If you are a member, you can access online resources for free. Some of their free online resources include, Storybox Library, Tumblebooks and Borrowbox.. They also have online storytime, read by staff, to watch. If you are not a member, it is free to join and you will be able to access a world of books and resources for free. Contact your local library for more details.

The PRC website is [www.education.vic.gov/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov/prc)

*Josie Morando*  
Librarian



# Book Club –Term 3

1800 021 233

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

**BOOK CLUB IS HERE—Virtual Catalogue**  
while Students Learn from Home

In term 3 Book Club will still provide the opportunity to purchase books for children. The process is different so please read the following information.

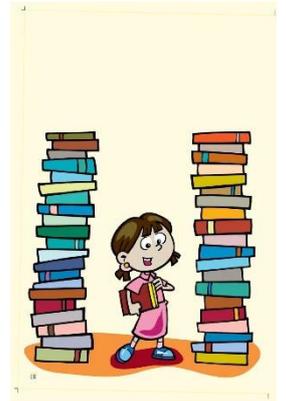
- **Orders will be ONLINE ONLY** and directly via the parent portal **LOOP**. NO orders can be made through Thomas Mitchell P.S.
- Orders are **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT ONLY**
- Orders are **HOME DELIVERY ONLY** and cannot be collected from the school (fee applies for home delivery).

The parent LOOP portal is –

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Some of the items available in issue 6 are-

- 66 titles @ \$6 or under
  - Lots of activity kits to keep kids entertained
  - Books packs with huge savings
  - Popular series, Bad Guys, Dog Man, Pig the Pug, Captain Underpants, The Cranky Bear, Babysitters Club, Ella & Olivia, Weirdo, Marvel, Minecraft, Goosebumps
  - Classic literature packs, including Roald Dahl
  - Graphic Novels
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- All orders will be **delivered directly to your home**.
  - **A POSTAGE FEE OF \$5.99 per order** will apply. (To avoid multiple postage fees, place all orders for your children under one name).



**If you wish to order from Issue 5 and 6, please be aware you will be charged 2 delivery fees - \$5.99 for each issue.**



If you have not ordered online before, it is a simple process to join. Just follow the directions on the website. To guarantee you receive your order promptly, please place it as soon as you can.

Thomas Mitchell PS will still benefit from every purchase.

*Book Club Coordinators*