



## **UPDATE – 24 March 2020**

*Below is the note that I had planned to send to you. With our changing circumstances, much of what is regular practice is evolving.*

*We have started many students in Years 3-6 on their challenge yet have not been able to provide as much in-the-library support as usual.*

*The PRC is a steep learning curve for Year 3 students, and any student in Years 4-6 who has not completed the challenge before. Those in Years 5 and 6 who are familiar with the process are challenged to set personal goals for their PRC, for example, a Year 6 student might decide that 40% of the books read will be from the 7-9 booklists, or a Year 5 student might decide not to use Rule 3 and to only include PRC books read from this month, or to read only 1 book from a series.*

*Skoolbag has separate posts with information for students and with the 'paper' version of the reading log. Printed copies of this log are available in the school office.*

*For now, the start of the challenge for students in Kinder, Years 1 and 2 will be postponed until after the upcoming school holidays. Then, if necessary, we will consider if we could develop a home-based method for them to participate.*

*As a school we are working on solutions that will allow means of communicating with our parents and carers. In the meantime, if your child has any problems with username and/or password, or with entering books into their online log, or if you have any other related queries, you are welcome to contact me (please include your child's full name as well as their class name):*

[deirdre.ratcliffe@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deirdre.ratcliffe@det.nsw.edu.au)

*I hope you all remain safe and healthy in our challenging world.*

*Warm regards*

*Deirdre Ratcliffe*

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## **Premier's Reading Challenge 2020 Information for Parents/Carers**

Our school has once again started on the Premier's Reading Challenge. This initiative is an integral part of our literacy program. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will have the required number of books (30) read to them in class. Students in Years 3-6 undertake the challenge independently, recording books (20) on their reading log as they go.

School staff will complete the online reading records for K-2 students. Students in Years 3-6 are required to complete their own online reading record. They are being shown how to do this and will regularly get time to ask questions about the process.

If logging into the PRC website from home, students use the same username and password that they regularly use at school. The username is most often in the format of *firstname.lastname*, some students have a number added to this username. Each student should know their password.

Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge. Books for the PRC may be borrowed from our school library. Students are shown how to locate these books in the library. The PRC books in the library are labelled, green spine stickers for Years 3-4 level PRC books, and purple spine stickers for the PRC 5-6 books. PRC books may also be found at home or in local public libraries.

All students who successfully complete a validated online reading record qualify for a PRC certificate. Gold certificates are for students who have completed four challenges and Platinum for completing seven challenges.

Further information about the Premier's Reading Challenge is available on this website

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

and

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

If you have any questions, Ms Ratcliffe is usually available in the school library before school starts (except Tuesdays) and immediately after school finishes.

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