What's happening in the library?

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

What great Winter weather for reading! I hope everyone got a chance to snuggle up with a good book. I have been exploring the new Children's Book Council Short-listed books for 2014 which the Year Three students will be reviewing during their library lessons in the lead up to Book Week in August. They really are worth a look so take some time to visit our wonderful library soon.

This is going to be another busy term of fun and learning in the Warwick West Library and this newsletter should help you stay ahead of what’s to come. We are kicking off the term with an exciting competition as a way of really shining a light on reading from DAY 1! Eight lucky students will go on a shopping trip with myself and Mrs Schiffmann to buy books for our library thanks to a generous P & C donation. See below for details.

Read on and see what’s happening in the library and remember...

Read everyday. Lead a better life!

Sue Higgins

Who wants to come shopping?

Earlier this year, our hard-working P & C Committee donated $250 dollars to the library. President, Mrs Walters said, “Just spend it on books kids will love!”.

Mr Callcott has also matched that amount then Big W added another $100!! So we have six hundred extra dollars to spend on BOOKS KIDS LOVE!

Now... who better than the kids to choose the books?!

So, if you’re a kid who would love to come shopping next Monday (Week 2) and choose some new books for our library this is what you have to do...

1. Think about this question... “What’s so great about reading?”
2. Come to the library, grab an iPad and capture a one minute video of yourself answering that question. Your video is your entry form!
3. Wait to see if you are one of the chosen few who will jump in a maxi taxi with Mrs Higgins and Mrs Schiffmann and seven other lucky students to go shopping for books! The lucky shoppers will be announced on parade, Monday,
The theme for Book Week this year is Connect to Reading—Reading to Connect

WSHS READER’S CHALLENGE

Thursday, 24th July

Over the past few months, many of our students from Years 6 and 7 have been busily preparing for the annual WSHS Reader’s Challenge—another great way to shine a light on reading!

The students were given four set texts to read and study in readiness for the event. They were:

- Riding with Thunderbolt by Allan Baillie
- Give Peas a Chance by Morris Gleitzman
- The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore by William Joyce
- The Golden Door by Emily Rodda

The winner on the day will be the team who can best recall the many details of the stories and answers the most questions correctly.

Next Thursday, we will put our best foot forward as we gather with the many other teams from across the region to compete for the prestigious, Readers Cup. Warwick West has four eager teams made up from some of our most dedicated and committed readers including: Zac, Bella Bridie, Shaun, Lachlan, Sophie, Larissa, Jacob, Sam, Jaymen, Caleb, Teigan, Lexie, Ashleigh and Gabrielle.

Good luck everyone!
Does your child have a reading lamp close to his or her bed?

We all know how busy life is these days, particularly for families. Sometime the only few minutes we can spare in the day for relaxing to read are just before dozing off to sleep. This is no different for our kids.

Make it the habit in your family that bed time is a time to shut down all the electronic devices and switch on the reading lamp as you snuggle up ready for sleep. Not only is it a wonderful way to wind down after a hectic day, but it is the surest way to ensure that your child gets the opportunity to read every day.

The library offers a wonderful range of books for all ages and the best way to make sure kids love reading is to fit the right book to the right reader. Come and let us help make that happen so that reading is seen as a ‘good option’ in spare time.

Encouraging reading as a lifetime habit is a great gift for your child. A safe bedside reading lamp is a small investment that could make a big difference.

Here are some great new titles in our library to get even the most reluctant reader reading...

◊ Car-sized Crabs
◊ Wild World
◊ Green Lantern
◊ Pranks and Attacks! No 1
◊ Super Baddies
◊ The Gremlin’s Curse
◊ The Dragonsitter
◊ Rules of Summer
◊ Get the Giggles
◊ Angry Bird Star Wars
◊ Skylanders Universe
◊ I Love Dogs and Puppies
◊ My Mum Says the Strangest Things
◊ Petal Power
NAIDOC WEEK 2014

Since returning to school, our library has been reflective of the recent NAIDOC WEEK celebrations.

Students have had the opportunity to read and borrow from a huge selection of titles which embrace the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

We have looked at the symbolism behind the design of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and read some of the traditional stories from these cultures.

There are two competitions running for NAIDOC WEEK. Preps—2 can do a colouring-in and 3—7 are invited to write the lyrics to a rap entitled “Respect”. Come to the library for more details.

The Term 3 Scholastic Book Club pamphlets have been handed out to classes. Please consider supporting Book Club—not only does your child benefit from having a book to keep but it adds new resources to our library collection too! Orders are due back to the office by Wednesday, 30th July.

“Before we can forgive one another, we have to understand one another.”

Emma Goldman

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”

Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*