

2019 Premier's Reading Challenge

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ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) challenges students from Prep to Year 6 to read 10 books in 10 weeks and can be integrated with existing classroom reading programs. Students can negotiate with their teacher to have a large chapter book counted as being more than one book. Whilst reading 10 books means the student has completed the Challenge, they can read more. Extra pages can be downloaded to add to the reading log.

Teachers record students who have completed the Challenge in the PRC Application. This can be done at any time between Monday 29th April and Friday 5th July 2019.

This year, the challenge begins on Monday 29th April and ends on Friday 5th July 2019.

Coordinators will need to check that teachers have recorded the details of the students who have completed the challenge on the PRC Application by Friday 26 July.

The PRC Team liaise with a PRC School Coordinator in each school. The PRC Team provides materials, prizes and incentives, send regular updates for distribution to teachers and support the PRC School Coordinator.

Schools may have a small number of Student Reading Ambassadors to assist the PRC School Coordinator and to promote the PRC and reading in general.

HOW DO WE GET INVOLVED

Schools need to sign up for the PRC and to register student names for the challenge.

1. School sign up is through an online form and is open from Monday 25th February to Friday 15th March 2019.
2. Registration of student names is through the PRC Application and is open from Monday 18th March to Friday 5th April 2019.



PRC SCHOOL COORDINATORS

PRC School Coordinators receive resources and incentives from the PRC Team to help run the program in their school. The School Coordinators

- o Put PRC posters up
- o Distribute reading logs and to classroom teachers
- o Encourage teachers to use the PRC website, particularly Register, About, Events and Book review tabs
- o Encourage students to submit Book Reviews
- o Remind students and teachers about the great prizes available for themselves and their school
- o Forward PRC updates to classroom teachers and school library staff

If the school wants to have Student Reading Ambassadors within their PRC program, the school Coordinator promotes the role of the Student Reading Ambassadors.

STUDENT READING AMBASSADORS

School based Student Reading ambassadors (SRAs) complement the role of the Hawks Player Reading Ambassadors. School-based SRAs promote interest in the PRC and reading in general within their school community.

PRC coordinators are invited to nominate one outstanding Student Reading Ambassador (or a pair of students who jointly fulfilled the role) for a regional prize.

Details about nominations, closing dates can be found on the About the Challenge page and prizes can be found on the Hall of Fame page.



WHAT CAN I READ?

Students are free to choose which fiction or non-fiction books to read for the challenge.

Large chapter books can be counted as more than one book – students need to talk to their teachers about how many chapters or pages can be counted as “one book”.

If you see a book cover in a ribbon that looks interesting and click on it, you will see details about it from the Libraries Tasmania catalogue.

Students can write a book review for any book they read in the challenge. If they read a book review and want to read the book themselves, it may be found in your school library or at your nearest Libraries Tasmania location.

These websites may help students choose books to read:

Reading Time – children’s book reviews and news

<http://readingtime.com.au/>

Libraries Tasmania – Kids Reading page

<https://libraries.tas.gov.au/kids/Pages/default.aspx>

Good Reading Magazine – For kids

www.goodreadingmagazine.com.au/just-for-kids.html

HOW TO REGISTER

Go to the PRC website <https://premiersreadingchallenge.tas.gov.au/> .

Click on Register, select How to and select the Signup form that applies to your school.

SURVEY SUBMISSION



After the challenge, School PRC Coordinators and Home Educators are invited to participate in a survey about the PRC.

The survey closes

At 5pm on 2nd August 2019

School PRC Coordinators submitting the schools survey by the due date have the chance to win \$500 towards books for their school library. There will be one \$500 prize for each region.

LINKS AND RESOURCES

PRC Website - <https://premiersreadingchallenge.tas.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

Libraries Tasmania - <https://libraries.tas.gov.au/Pages/Home.aspx>

Reading Time – children’s book reviews and news - <http://readingtime.com.au/>

Libraries Tasmania – Kids Reading page -
<https://libraries.tas.gov.au/kids/Pages/default.aspx>

Good Reading Magazine – For kids - www.goodreadingmagazine.com.au/just-for-kids.html

