

2021 Premier's Reading Challenge

School information Kit



ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) challenges students from Prep to Year 6 to make reading a fun part of their day and read 10 books in 10 weeks. This 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.

This year, the challenge begins on Monday 26 April and ends on Friday 2 July 2021.

Students record the books they have read using the Log books which is accessible online as an editable pdf. This and extra pages can be downloaded from the PRC website.

Students can save their Logbook to their devices or print it to keep as a hard copy.

Teachers record students who have completed the Challenge in the PRC Application. This can be done at any time between Monday 26 April and Friday 30 July 2021.

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 30 July.

The PRC Team liaise with a PRC School Coordinator in each school.

HOW DO WE GET INVOLVED

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

1. School sign up is through an online form and is open from Monday 22 February to Friday 26 March 2021.
2. Registration of individual students participating in the PRC is through the PRC Application. Registrations will be open from Monday 1 March to Friday, 23 April 2021.



PRC SCHOOL COORDINATORS

Schools nominate a staff member(s) to act as PRC School Coordinator.

For DoE schools it is preferable for the PRC coordinator not to be a staff member who works across multiple school locations as access to the PRC Application is problematic. If this is the only option then the staff member acting as the PRC coordinator will need to access the application using another staff member's login details.

PRC coordinators, receive resources and incentives from the PRC Team to help run the program in their school. The PRC coordinators:

- Put PRC posters up
- Distribute reading logs (available online to download and print), to classroom teachers
- Encourage teachers to use the PRC website, particularly Register, About tabs
- Remind students and teachers about the great prizes available for themselves and their school
- Forward PRC updates to classroom teachers and school library staff
- Coordinate the registration of students participating in the Challenge and the recording of those students who complete the Challenge, via the PRC Application tab located on the PRC website.

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”.

These websites may help students choose books to read:

Libraries Tasmania – Early Learning Online Resources

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

Good Reading Magazine – For kids

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



The Children's Book Council of Australia Reading Time – children's book reviews and news

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

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

The survey closes

At 5pm on 6 August 2021.

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.

Home Educators submitting the home educator survey by the due date have the chance to win a \$100 voucher towards books for their school library.

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/>

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