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Welcome to a new year!

Welcome to 2017 in the library!

We have a busy year ahead, and are looking forward to working with the school community to support development across the curriculum in all of our students.

Student Borrowing

Our current student borrowing policy is included with this newsletter. All classes have a scheduled borrowing time during class time each week. Teachers bring their class to the library and assist them to loan. Students are also able to borrow during first break daily. Please be aware that families will be invoiced for a replacement fee for items that are overdue for an extended period. The fee is based on the current retail value of the missing book. Students are required to bring a library bag for borrowing to protect books from damage. Parents wishing to visit the library with their children to borrow can come in from 8:30 am or until 3:15 pm daily.

Class borrowing days:

Monday: PDF, 1N, 1W, 2S, 6I

Tuesday: 1C, 2C, 3M, 4G, 6P

Wednesday: 1B, 3L, 4CR, 5B, 5H, 5M, 5/6G

Thursday: PB, PG, PI, 2B, 4M

Friday: 2P, 3F, 3H, 3/4C, 6G

Borrowing Rewards

All students commence the year with a new borrowers bookmark. This bookmark is stamped each time they borrow a library book and is stored in the library. Students will receive awards to acknowledge frequent borrowing after each 25 loans.

25 - prize bookmark

50 - certificate on assembly

75 - certificate and minor prize

100 - certificate and book prize

125 - certificate and Scholastic \$10 book voucher

150 - certificate and Scholastic \$20 book voucher

Super borrowers achieve super rewards!

Reading Challenge

This term we will be running a reading challenge for all students. The log for this is attached and spare copies can be collected from the library. This is NOT a reading race, it is more like a reading scavenger hunt. Students will need to return their completed form to the library by 3:00 pm 24 March to be eligible for a prize. One completed entry for each year level will be drawn to win a book prize, and the class with the highest number of entries will receive an extra prize. Prep and Year 1 students may have the texts read aloud to them if required. All other students should attempt to read each text listed independently, or may like to read aloud to a family member. The purpose of this challenge is to encourage students to read a variety of text types. Please support your child/ren in this challenge and enjoy exploring a wide range of literature together.

Parent Information Sessions

In Week Three we will be running parent workshops around reading, including guided reading and reading at home. They will be held on **Wednesday 8 February at 9:00-10:00 am and 3:30-4:30 pm in the library**. These are for parents of ALL year levels. These sessions will include discussing and workshopping around how parents can support teachers in classrooms in guided reading sessions, explaining techniques for before, during and after reading, as well as sharing questioning techniques to enhance comprehension. We will also be exploring and modelling supporting student reading at home. This includes both home readers and general texts. This session will include topics such as text selection, decoding strategies, text types and promoting a passion for reading in children. All attendees will be given bookmarks containing information to support student reading.

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Throughout the year we process large numbers of resources. All books added to the library need protective covering. We also have an enormous amount of shelving to complete regularly (over 2500 books are loaned/returned on average each week!). Any parents who have some free time are more than welcome to drop in to the library to assist. At times when we receive particularly large deliveries of resources, a notice will be placed in the newsletter asking for parents to join us in the library to help. All training is provided and your support in getting resources out to students as quickly as possible is greatly appreciated.

Library Lessons

Students in Prep to Year 2 have weekly library lessons with the teacher librarian. These lessons focus on literacy, literature and library skills. We explore a wide range of texts, with a particular focus on quality contemporary Australian children's literature. This year our Year 3 classes will also have a weekly library lesson, focusing on extending our school writing program.

Library Monitors

Year 5 and 6 students have nominated themselves for library monitor positions. The successful nominees were announced at the final assembly in 2016. Congratulations to: Emma, Malek, Rohan, Harshada, Elisa, Dita, Lara, Kaia, Ella, Luna, Aimee, Ka Bo, and Saida

The library monitor position is a student support role, in which children assist with loans and returns, shelving, library events, and library promotion on assembly. It is a role in which students have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and engage with the entire school community. Library Monitors are required to meet in the library every Tuesday at second break.

Book Club

Book Club is issued twice each term. Order forms are distributed by classroom teachers or can be collected from the library. The due date for orders for each issue is advertised in the school newsletter. Each order contributes towards free resources for the school. There is an option for parents to order and pay directly through the Scholastic website. Please go to scholastic.com.au/loop for further information. Payments can also be made by downloading the Loop App for iOS or Android. Cash payments can be made at the office prior to the due date and should include the correct change in a sealed, named envelope.

Home Reading

Home reading is a valuable part of our literacy program. It enables children to practice their reading and share their success with their family. Home readers are designed to allow children to use a wide range of textual and visual cues to decode and comprehend texts. Children will borrow readers from the library as part of their weekly borrowing. These will be approximately 2-3 levels BELOW their assessed instructional reading level, as this promotes confidence and good reading practices. Readers for Years 1-3 children will be sent home from next week. Prep readers will commence going home around Week 5, as children are ready to engage with these. Please see your class teacher if you have any questions around home reading.

I am looking forward to supporting our students and families in their reading journey in 2017.

Happy Reading,
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State School eBooks Digital Library

Students who attended Robertson State School in 2016 currently have access to the [Queensland State School eBooks Digital Library](#), while students who are new to the school will gain access in early February when our subscription is renewed. This is an excellent service providing students with access to a large range of digital books to read on their personal devices. Students can access this on iPads or laptops at school, as well as on their personal devices at home. Instructions on how to use the service are included below. If students do not know their MIS ID (their school network username) please contact their class teacher.

All students will be shown how to use the digital library in their web browser this term. If you would like them to use OverDrive to download books, please note that a guardian over the age of 13 will be required to set this up.

The screenshot shows the 'Queensland State Schools eBooks Digital Library' interface. At the top right, it says 'Department of Education and Training'. The main heading is 'Digital Library' with the 'OverDrive' logo. Below this, there is a grid of book covers with their titles and authors: 'Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer' by Megan McDonald, 'Boxcar Children' by Gertrude Chandler Warner, 'Rise of the Evening' by Brandon Mull, 'Allegiant' by Veronica Roth, 'Divergent' by Veronica Roth, 'The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad' by Megan McDonald, 'The Mighty Miss Malone' by Christopher Paul Curtis, and 'Ivy and Bean Break' by Annie Barrows. Below the grid, the text reads 'Get reading..get eBooks!' and 'Easy to use - available 24/7 - eBooks for all age groups'. It then lists 'Start reading eBooks in 4 easy steps: 1. Go to <http://educationqld.lib.overdrive.com> and enter your MIS ID/Corporate Login; 2. Search or browse for eBooks; 3. Sample before you borrow; 4. Borrow and download. Sub-points for step 4 include 'Read online using OverDrive Read' and 'Read offline using the OverDrive app or Adobe Digital Editions'. To the right of these steps are icons for 'Search & Sample', 'Borrow & Download', and 'READ!'. A QR code is located at the bottom right of the interface. The URL <http://educationqld.lib.overdrive.com> is displayed at the bottom left. The Queensland Government logo is at the bottom right.

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Student Borrowing Policy

Effective January 2017

Number of Loans

All students may have up to 2 library loans at a time, plus up to 5 home readers in grades P-3

Loan Period

All student loans are for a period of 7 days

Borrowing times

Class teachers schedule borrowing times during classroom hours. During these sessions the classroom teacher is responsible for the return and issue of materials through the library management system. Materials may also be borrowed/returned during the first lunch break Monday-Friday. Library monitors, the teacher librarian and/or library aide return and issue materials at this time.

Returns and loan extensions

All students are expected to return loaned materials to the Library by the due date through the returns slot. If an extension is required, students will need to approach the teacher librarian (or library aide) directly to make a request.

Overdue loans

Students with overdue loans will not be allowed to borrow any further resources until the overdue item/s have been returned or a replacement fee is paid.

Overdue notices will be printed and issued through the classroom teacher when a loan is overdue by at least 7 days. When a loan is overdue by at least 30 days, an invoice will be sent home requesting a replacement fee be paid.

If the book is not returned or a replacement fee paid within 60 days of the book's due date, the principal will be advised of the situation to address as required.

Replacement fees

A replacement fee for the current retail cost of the lost item will be invoiced for items over 30 days overdue.

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