

**It's Registration time for**

# **THE 2017 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

**In 2016, 176 St Gregory's students completed the Challenge**

**HOW DID THEY DO IT? BY READING LOTS OF BOOKS!**

## **K, Years 1 & 2**

Read 30 books from the PRC list for their level. An adult or sibling can read with them or to them.

What they read in class or Library lessons ALL COUNT.

Books in our Libraries have red stickers that say **K/2** level.

They can borrow 2 books a week and change them in Library lesson time.

## **Years 3 & 4**

Read 20 books from the PRC list for their level.

Books in our school Libraries will have green stickers that say **3/4** level.

You can borrow 2-3 books a week and change them in your Library lesson.

## **Years 5 & 6**

Read 20 books from the PRC list for their level.

Books in our school Libraries purple stickers that say **5/6** level.

You can borrow 2-3 books a week and change them in your Library lesson.

Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) is a program to encourage children to read and enjoy a variety of quality stories. Successful completion of the Challenge is rewarded with a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW and recognition is given to students who participate regularly – a gold certificate is awarded following participation for 4 years and participation for 7 years, K-Yr6 receives a platinum certificate. Participation often drops off in the higher grades. This year we would love to have more than 176 students complete PRC and also would like to see more Year 5 & Year 6 students show leadership and participate.

The reading is to be done mostly at home and the recording done at home by the student or parent. We help students achieve their goal to completion by having eligible books marked and displayed prominently in the library. Students participating in the Challenge are highlighted in our loans system and we encourage them to borrow eligible books for their level. However, parents must communicate to their child that they are participating. Encouragement is given to students in Library lessons and older students are shown how to record their own reading online. Books read to children in class (K-Yr2 only) are also eligible and we automatically add these books to student records. The Challenge allows books from 1 September 2016 to be included and we have a borrowing history which can be accessed to help out. Recognition is given to students during the Challenge with prizes given for first completed, most completed students in a class, lucky draw with all completed students having a chance to win. The newsletter and our library page publishes a list of students who have completed the Challenge. Last year all Gold and Platinum Certificate recipients attended a special celebration party.

A separate PRC newsletter is also published for families who participate offering tips and support. If you think this is something you and your child might like to participate in, please fill in the form on the back and sent it back to school ASAP and start your reading now.

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All participating students must register each year.

To register for 2017, complete this permission form and return it to Mrs Wythes asap

I \_\_\_\_\_ am the parent/carer for

(Please list the name and class of each child registering)

I give permission for them to take part in the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge. User name and password for Reading Record access and PRC newsletters are emailed to parents where possible

(Please print email address clearly)

Email Address.....

Has your child ever participated in any PRC Challenge before, even if they did not complete the challenge? Please check which applies. This is very important and helps with administration. A big thank you in advance for those parents/carers who safely stored their child's user name and password!

**Please circle one option from below.**

- No, my child has never attempted PRC before or I am a Kindergarten student
- Yes, but I have lost my user name & password and need a new one.
- Yes, I have my user name & password from 2016
- Yes, but it was with another school in NSW - Please name school ..... this will ensure your child's record is merged and ensure they remain eligible for gold and/or platinum certificates.

Questions or queries can be emailed to [rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rosalind.wythes@cg.catholic.edu.au)