



William, Sienna, Rose, Lucia, Mia and Neva with their Reconciliation certificates.

How to Promote a Love of Reading

We hope you are enjoying the excitement of BookWeek so far. These days, there are so many different gadgets and activities competing for the attention of our children. Having said that, something that has not changed is the value of our children getting into the habit of regularly reading a good old-fashioned book.

Do you have a reluctant reader at home? Perhaps some of these tips could help:

Give Them Something to Read

The first step in getting your child to read more is to help them enjoy doing it. The best way to accomplish this is by providing them with something that they actually want to read. Today's kids are more drawn to short readings, such as magazine articles or articles on websites. And that's okay! Getting them to read, whether it's a 500-word blog post or a 500-page classic novel, is the point.

Remember as well that many readers feel that once they start a book, they have to finish it, even if it isn't a good read. This makes reading a chore, not a fun activity! To help your child enjoy reading, remind them that it's okay to quit a book and start again with another one.

Be a Good Reading Model

What you do will highly influence what your child does. If you sit in front of the TV, that's what they will want to do. Conversely, if you read for pleasure, it establishes the notion that reading is fun. In fact, research shows that children that are surrounded by readers – be that parents, siblings, friends, or teachers – are more likely to become readers themselves.



Get the Whole Family Involved

Fostering a love of reading can be facilitated by involving the whole family in the process. Scheduling times to read together or have individual reading time can help get your kids into the routine of picking up a book and putting down their PlayStation controller. If there are older children in the house, encouraging them to sit down and read with their younger siblings can bring benefits for them both. Playing reading-related games can be a fun way to introduce reading to children as well.

Having discussions about what you've read can also promote the enjoyment of reading. This doesn't need to be a book club-type discussion, rather, asking your child what they liked best about their book, or how they felt when they read a certain passage will get them thinking about their reading in a critical manner. Discussing it with you will also promote enhanced verbal skills, which, in turn, promotes improved reading skills.

Read to Solve Everyday, Real-life Problems

There is also an opportunity to promote learning in completing everyday tasks around the house. If your child has a question about the way you're cooking dinner, encourage them to get online and read about it. When trying to solve a problem, such as fixing a leaky tap, work with your kids to find a solution, and have them read the solution aloud to you. This type of engagement in reading will work at home, at the supermarket, or on the road.

It can be frustrating trying to get your child to read, and in those moments, it is easy to rely on unsuccessful methods for encouraging reading. Sometimes the first inclination is to nag your child into submission, or perhaps bribe them to read by offering them a reward for doing so.

Unfortunately, these methods often do more harm than good. Nagging can easily wear on your child's nerves and lead him or her to resent the fact that they are being forced to read. And while rewarding your child for reading isn't bad in and of itself, it shouldn't be relied upon to get your child to read, otherwise the reward for reading becomes the outside reward, rather than the experience of reading itself.

Sometimes parents can be too overzealous in their efforts to encourage reading. Getting your child to read doesn't need to involve over-the-top overtures because then the act of reading occurs not out of your child's desire to do so, but out of a feeling of obligation to please you. Setting unrealistic goals can also turn reading into a chore. If your child has picked up his or her first book for fun, don't expect them to finish it over the weekend!

It is similarly important to reserve judgment regarding what your child chooses to read. While it might be your goal for your child to read *To Kill a Mockingbird*, reading about their favourite band in a teen magazine will also suffice. Reading is reading, and the more your child does it, the more he or she will enjoy it. And with increased enjoyment comes more frequent reading. Hiding your feelings about their reading choices and reserving judgment is paramount if your child is to develop a positive attitude about reading for fun.

BookWeek Update

Don't forget our BookFair is open all this week in the school library. Aside from having heaps of cool books for sale, there is a range of games and competitions to enjoy also. Hope you are able to come in and have a look.

Each morning in BookWeek will start in a special way, with students splitting into small groups and spending the first 10 minutes of each day listening to a teacher share a favourite story. We hope that the students enjoy being read to by a range of different teachers throughout the week.

Thank you also to all parents for organising the incredible costumes for the children for the BookWeek Parade yesterday. We really admired and appreciated the creativity that went into putting these costumes together. The parade was so much fun- we hope you enjoyed it.

Due to overwhelming interest unfortunately the Walrus Pencil Pull is SOLD OUT! Don't be disappointed – there are still plenty of Raffle Tickets available at only \$1 per ticket.

There are also plenty of wonderful books for sale so don't forget to come and have a browse. BookFair will conclude Friday afternoon – don't miss out!

Change of Date- Christmas Concert

Unfortunately, we have had to change the date of our Christmas Concert- it has now been brought forward a day to the evening of **Wednesday 9th December**. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Mathademic

Congratulations to Mia, Shelby, Neva, Charli, Alex and Lia who represented our school with such pride at the Mathademic competition in Manjimup today. **The problems that these children were asked to solve were extremely tricky, but I was so proud of our girls for displaying such a positive attitude.**



School Board/P&F Meeting

Don't forget tonight we have a P&F Meeting (5.30pm) and School Board Meeting (7.00pm).

Membership of the School Board/P&F 2021

If there are any parents out there willing to be a member of our School Board or P&F Executive for 2021, please let us know in the office. No particular skillset is required; just the ability to attend two meetings a term. This is a great way to contribute to our school community. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like more information. We hope to finalise membership of our 2021 School Board and P&F Executive at our Annual Community Meeting on Wednesday 25th November.

Kaboom Music Excursion

Thank you to Mrs Ellis for organising the awesome Kaboom Music incursion last week. These two musicians were super-talented- who knew that so many different objects can be used as percussion instruments? I have no doubt that this experience has really ignited students' passion for music even further. Hope your children haven't had too many saucepans out at home to practice their drumming!



Year 1/2 All Saints Liturgy

On Monday, we celebrate the special Feast Day of All Saints Day, with our Year 1/2 Class leading us in a special All Saints liturgy. This liturgy will be at 9.00am in the Year 1/2 Classroom. There are so many saints who inspire us and show us a great example of how to live our lives, so what a great chance to honour them! All are welcome to join us for this liturgy.

Lemonade Fundraiser- Mia and Lucia

Mia and Lucia continue with their PBL project this Friday- selling home-made lemonade to raise money to put towards the cost of the new swings. If you wish to purchase some of their delicious lemonade, please bring some coins this Friday- lemonade available for purchase at lunch time for \$1.

God Bless,
Brett Wilkie





The awesome library set up for BookWeek 2020. Thank you Mrs Moynihan!



VacSwim 2021

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim in January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Not only are they a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old. Don't wait! Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim



WAAPA Summer School 2021

This summer WAAPA is thrilled to be able to offer an exciting school holiday program at our campus in Mount Lawley. There are classes for students from Year 1 to Year 12 in drama, acting, screen performance, film making, music theatre and of course Shakespeare. For information about the many courses on offer please visit waapa.ecu.edu.au/summer-school or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at explore.waapa@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.

Canteen Roster:

Tuesday 3rd November – Morina Pratt

Tuesday 10th November – Pip Ellis

My apologies for last week's mistake.



THURSDAY MORNING

RUNNING CLUB



Calling all students in Year 1-6! Each **Thursday morning**, between **8.15am and 8.45am**, we will hold a running club. The idea is pretty simple- you run laps of our school oval, Mr Wilkie records your number of laps run and you try to beat it each week.

This should be good fitness training for our Athletics Carnival, so I hope to see you on the oval!

It's not goodbye.

Its just see you later.....

Sarah's Farewell....excuse for a Ladies outing

Saturday 14th November
@ Hidden River Winery
From 12pm
Grazing Table Style Food
\$50 per person

RSVP Friday 6th November to 042876263
Prepayment will be required
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