

Premier's Reading Challenge e-newsletter

2015 Term 2

Welcome to a very literary Term 2 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) e-newsletter! An upcoming Authors Online video conference features David Metzenthen and Michael Camilleri; it's Alice in Wonderland's 150th birthday; the annual National Simultaneous Storytime is approaching; and the Children's Book Council of Australia short list has been announced!

This edition of the PRC e-newsletter also provides you with tips on tracking your students' participation in the PRC so their efforts can be acknowledged at the completion of the 2015 Challenge.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Challenge. We greatly appreciate your effort and expertise in supporting your students' literacy learning through the PRC.

PRC Team

Important PRC dates

27 May National Simultaneous Storytime

1 June DCC Authors Online: David Metzenthen and Michael Camilleri

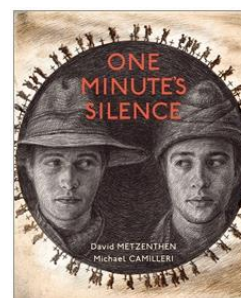
22 August (11:59 pm) PRC closes for students

29 August (11:59 pm) PRC closes for coordinators

Dymocks Children's Charities Authors Online Series – *One minute's silence*

The Premier's Reading Challenge and Dymocks Children's Charities are pleased to present a Video Conference with author David Metzenthen and illustrator Michael Camilleri, discussing the creation of *One minute's silence*. This powerful and moving story about the meaning of Remembrance Day is shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia 2015 picture book of the year.

Students in Years 5-9 will have the opportunity to pose questions to David and Michael. [Details and registration.](#)



One minute's silence by David Metzenthen and Michael Camilleri

Tracking students' progress in PRC

The PRC website contains a number of reports you can generate to track your students' progress in the Challenge:

- To generate a list of your Validated students go to Reports > Validated
- To see which students have started a Student Reading Record and how many books they have entered go to Reports > Not Validated
- Any student not showing on either report has not logged in at all for the current Challenge.

Student Reading Records

Students

User Preferences

Reports

Student Reports

Validated

Not Validated

Duplicate Historical

SRR Count

School Reports

PRC website menu - Reports

Correcting student names

If a student's name is showing incorrectly in the PRC website, the student's ERN record needs to be amended.

In ERN, check and amend the 'Preferred Family Name' and/or 'Preferred Given Name' fields.

Allow one week for any changes made in ERN to synchronise with the PRC website.

Family Name :

Given Name :

Other Name :

Preferred Family Name :

Preferred Given Name :

Amend the 'Preferred Name' fields in ERN

Post-Challenge validation enquiries

Later this term a new validation system for the previous Challenge year will be launched. Further information will be available on the [Home page](#) of the PRC website.

PRC e-newsletters available on website

Previous 2015 PRC e-newsletters are now available on the [Home page](#) of the PRC website.

Update PRC coordinators in AMU

We recommend having at least **two current coordinators** at your school in case of leave occurring at key times of the Challenge.

Please ask your principal to check AMU (Access Management Utility) and:

- Grant 'PRC coordinator' access to any new coordinators for 2015
- Remove 'PRC coordinator' access for any staff members who are not PRC coordinators in 2015

This will allow us to investigate enquiries more efficiently and will ensure all current coordinators receive correspondence from us. For any teachers who have left your school and are no longer visible to your principal in AMU – please contact the IT helpdesk (1800 338 483).

Staff List	PRC Coordinator
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In AMU principals tick or un-tick the box next to a staff member's name to grant or revoke PRC coordinator access.

Downloadable certificates

Coordinators are able to download and print 2014 Challenge Completion certificates for students. Instructions are on the [Home page](#) of the PRC website. The 2015 Challenge Completion certificates will be available for schools to **download and print** from the PRC website in Term 4. The PRC team will continue to send gold and platinum certificates and medals.

Alice in Wonderland is 150 years old!

Lewis Carroll's *Alice's adventures in Wonderland* was first published in 1865. How will your school celebrate Alice's 150th birthday?



Alice's adventures in Wonderland was illustrated by Sir John Tenniel

Adding books to more than one Student Reading Record

1. Copy all books from one student to a class/grade (K-2 only):

Enter books to be copied in one student's SRR. Go to: Student Reading Records > Copy Student Entry. Search for student who has the books entered. Scroll down to search criteria and select correct grade. Select Search. Tick students you want to copy the books to. Select Copy.

2. Copy one or two books to a class/grade:

Go to: Student Reading Records > Copy Student Entry. Select Create Virtual Student Reading Record tab. On this page, enter the PRC book/s, then scroll down to Search Criteria and change Grade to the grade you want to copy the books to. Select Search. Tick the students you want to copy the books to. Select Copy.



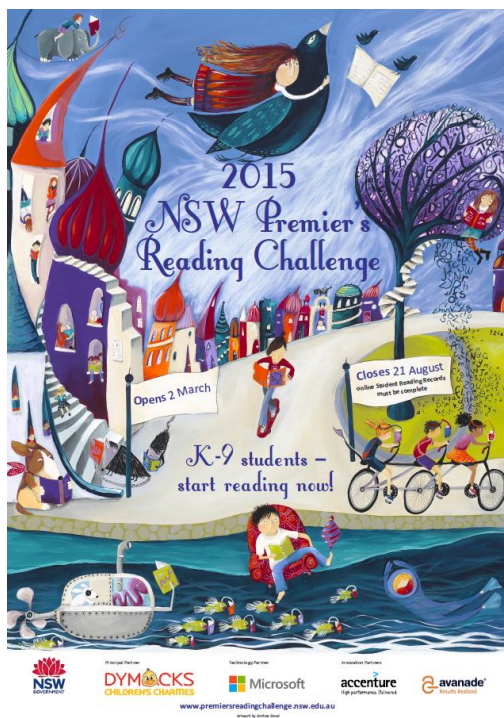
The screenshot shows the PRC website interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Administration, Student Reading Records, Add Student Entry, Copy Student Entry, Validation, Students, Schools, User Preferences, Reports, Booklists, and Data. The 'Copy Student Entry' option is highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Copy Student Reading Records' and includes instructions: 'Search for a source Student Reading Record, or alternatively create a virtual Student Reading Record. This Student Reading Record will be the source list of books that gets copied to the target Student Reading Records.' Below this are two tabs: 'Copy Existing Student Reading Record' and 'Create Virtual Student Reading Record'. The 'Copy Existing Student Reading Record' tab is active, showing input fields for 'SRN', 'First Name', and 'Last Name', with an 'or' option between SRN and First Name. A 'Search' button is in the top right corner.

PRC website menu - copy Student Reading Record

The Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards - 2015 Short List

The 2015 CBCA short list has been announced. The following books are already on the PRC booklists with more titles to be added in 2016.

Category	Title	Author and/or Illustrator	PRC booklist	PRC ID
Book of the Year: Older Readers	<i>Are you seeing me?</i>	Darren Groth	7-9	2511
	<i>The minnow</i>	Diana Sweeney	7-9	2380
	<i>The protected</i>	Claire Zorn	7-9	875
Book of the Year: Younger Readers	<i>The Cleo stories: The necklace and the present</i>	Libby Gleeson and Freya Blackwood (ill)	3-4	1309
	<i>The simple things</i>	Bill Condon & Beth Norling (ill)	5-6	2156
	<i>Bleakboy and Hunter stand out in the rain</i>	Steven Herrick	5-6	2225
Book of the Year: Early Childhood	<i>Noni the pony goes to the beach</i>	Alison Lester	K-2	9953
	<i>Pig the Pug</i>	Aaron Blabey	K-2	987
	<i>Snail and turtle are friends</i>	Stephen Michael King	K-2	2318
Picture Book of the Year	<i>Fire</i>	Bruce Whatley (ill) & Jackie French (text)	5-6	6166
	<i>Rivertime</i>	Trace Balla (ill)	5-6	2355
	<i>The duck and the Darklings</i>	Stephen Michael King (ill) & Glenda Millard (text)	5-6	2183
	<i>One minute's silence</i>	Michael Camilleri (ill) & David Metzenthen (text)	7-9	45432
Eve Pownall Award for Information Books	<i>Emu</i>	Claire Saxby & Graham Byrne (ill)	3-4	41911
	<i>Mary's Australia: How Mary Mackillop changed Australia</i>	Pamela Freeman	5-6	2349
Crichton Award for New Illustrators	<i>Little dog and the Christmas wish</i>	Robin Cowcher (ill) & Corinne Fenton (text)	K-2	4926
	<i>The lost girl</i>	Leanne Tobin (ill) & Ambelin Kwaymullina (text)	3-4	2326
	<i>Rivertime</i>	Trace Balla	5-6	2355
	<i>One minute's silence</i>	Michael Camilleri (ill) & David Metzenthen (text)	7-9	45432



2015 PRC poster

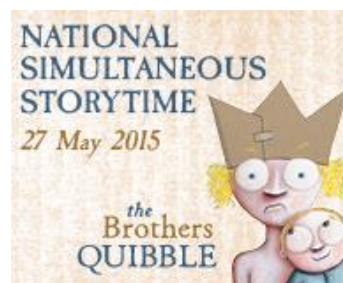
The 2015 poster was mailed to all schools and public libraries early this term. It is available to download on the [PRC website](#). The poster was designed by Anthea Stead, illustrator of PRC book *Somebody's house* by Katrina Germein. We had a lovely time working with Anthea and thank her for her engaging design!

2014 coordinator survey

Thank you to all coordinators who completed our 2014 PRC Coordinator survey last term. We greatly appreciate your insights and are currently analysing your valuable feedback. We are pleased to announce the two prize winners are Martin Bain and Justine Shumack. Each coordinator will receive a book package, supplied by our principal partner, Dymocks Children's Charities, valued at approximately \$200. Congratulations!

National Simultaneous Storytime

This year, National Simultaneous Storytime takes place on Wednesday 27 May at 11 am. Join the fun by sharing *The brothers Quibble* by Aaron Blabey with your students. [More information.](#)



Need more PRC Books?

Marrickville Public School discovered how easy it is to resource their library. Assistant Principal Louise Wood said "Book Bonus was so simple! We sent a newsletter message and our families did the rest. When the PRC ended we chose almost \$3,000 in new books." More information visit [Book Bonus](#) or (02) 9224 0453.

Microsoft

Technology Partner of the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge, Microsoft, is excited to announce a new [NSW DEC Office 365 User website](#) for teachers and students. Here you can find all the resources, how-to-guides, case studies and tips and tricks you need, in order to successfully use Office 365 in your classroom. [Find out more.](#)



Help your school Get into the good books



Book Bonus is an exciting optional initiative for students participating in the 2015 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. The campaign can raise thousands of dollars for books for your school as well as schools in need.

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- (a) Contact the Principal of the school to have your coordinator access unchecked. If there is a problem –
- (b) Log a Helpdesk call on 1800 338 483.