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Premier's Reading Challenge

Tips for parents and carers of children participating in the Challenge

Term 1 – prior to Challenge opening

- Find out the names of your school's Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) coordinators and how they plan to administer the Challenge.
- If your child attends a school that does not participate in the PRC, or if your child is homeschooled, complete an independent or homeschool registration form.
- Familiarise yourself with the PRC student website. Watch the video on The Arts Unit website, which explains the PRC, how to log in, and how to add books to your student reading record (SRR). Our support site also provides how-to guides on these same steps.

Note: Students are unable to log onto the PRC website until the Challenge opens.

- Visit the Premier's Reading Challenge Support website. It allows you to search for information about the PRC, how to use the PRC website and also how to contact the PRC team.
- Set reminders for Challenge opening and closing dates in your and your child's calendar.

Once the Challenge opens:

- For younger children, find out your child's logon details.
    - **Public Schools:** Students use their DoE login details – the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school.
    - **Non-government schools:** Students will need to contact the PRC coordinator at their school if they cannot remember their login details.

- Assist your child to check their Challenge history. If your child has recently moved schools and challenge history is missing, please contact the PRC team as their accounts may need to be merged.
- Assist your child to borrow books from the school or local library. Listen to your child read and talk about the story/ characters/ information. Read to or with your child if they are participating in the K-2 Challenge.
- Explore the *Book bites* podcast with your child – listen to authors read the first chapters of their PRC titles to find their next great read!
- Help your child to add books to their online student reading record regularly.
- Follow the PRC Instagram account, @PremiersReadingChallengeNSW and The Arts Unit Facebook page for updates and information throughout the year.

Contact your child's PRC coordinator if:

- Your child has any difficulty using her/his logon details to access the PRC website.
- You are concerned that your child's name is spelt incorrectly in the PRC website.

Before the Challenge closes

- Check your child's online student reading record has the required number of books recorded to complete the Challenge by the student closing date. School PRC coordinators have an extra week to validate the SRR. Only students with a validated SRR are eligible for a certificate.
- In the final weeks of the Challenge, log on regularly to the website to check the status of your child's SRR. Contact your child's PRC coordinator if you are concerned your child's SRR has not been validated.

If your child participates independently or is homeschooled:

- Once your child's reading record is complete, contact the PRC team to request their reading record be validated.

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