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Hello Challenge Coordinators

It has been an extraordinary year in which reading has played a significant role in buoying our spirits. I hope you and your students have lost yourselves in the pages of a book or two. Now winter is here, there is even more time and inclination to read on!

Thank you for promoting the various competitions from our last update – entries are open for our Indonesian and STEM competitions. Don't forget to encourage your students to enter these competitions! Also, thank you for handing on information regarding the Premier's *be active* Challenge to staff in your school.

As we work towards the end of the Challenge this year, it is important you apply the following guide...

DATA ENTRY OPENS SOON – 6 July to 18 September

Please note:

Catholic and independent schools will have their passwords and usernames sent during week 10 for access from 6 July. If you are no longer the PRC coordinator at your school, please contact us to ensure your school's coordinator details are correct.

Government schools will be able to enter data via EDSAS from the afternoon of 6 July.

Instructions on how to enter your data will be available on the website for government and non-government schools from 6 July. Please delete and **destroy ALL previous copies of instructions**, as new ones will be sent out this year.

Government schools are no longer required to enter enrolled numbers of students. Census figures will be automatically dropped in to the database on your behalf.

1. Challenges within the Challenge

Don't forget to submit your entries to the Indonesian Reading Challenge and the Inspiring SA STEM Challenge!

Information about these sub-challenges can be found on the [PRC website home page](#), under "News Flash". Closing dates are as follows:

- The Indonesian Reading Challenge closes on **Friday 21 August**
- The Inspiring SA STEM Challenge finishes **Friday 3 July**

Send your entries in today! You can do so via:

Email – prc@sa.gov.au, or

Post – Education Department, Premier's Reading Challenge, STEM Competition/Indonesian Reading Challenge, GPO Box 1152, ADELAIDE SA 5001

2. Keeping past PRC Reading Records

When you click on the "Staff and Teachers" tab on the website, you will be taken to the [Staff and Teachers homepage](#), which provides the following information on keeping past student reading records for the Challenge:

"It is currently suggested that Student Reading Records be kept for at least 3 years after the student has left your schools. E.g. for a Primary School, records of students who were in year 7 in 2016 may be disposed of in 2020. However, it is strongly advised that the reports printed at data entry, and the awards lists sent to you each year by the PRC office, are kept for all years in case queries arise for past students. These could be kept electronically to save space and paper.

Another option is to save all student reading records electronically and discard the paper records each year. Or, get the students to fill out their reading records on the computer and save to a class file, which would save printing them out and help to avoid lost records."

3. Award level enquiries

Also provided on the [Staff and Teachers homepage](#) is information regarding enquiring about past participation histories and award levels for students new to your school.

Of particular importance is the following:

- We do not have access to interstate records. Please view certificates/awards from interstate transferees prior to contacting the PRC office to let us know which years the student/s participated in the PRC in another state. We can then update our records to acknowledge the prior participation.
- If you are in a public school, and have students transfer to your school from the private sector, please send us the student's(s') full name (including preferred name if different from the given name), date of birth, previous school, and EDSAS ID number. This is so we can update students' records and enable our system to continue their participation history.

4. Features on the Premier's Reading Challenge website

- Top 10 Lists
Remember to view Top 10 lists for [all books](#) and each age level ([R – 2](#), [3 – 5](#), [6 – 9](#) and [Mature](#)). Utilising the "like" feature, the data for the Top 10 list is generated by the number of times a title has been "liked" on our website. This feature is live, so will give an up-to-date representation of what students are reading – and liking. We hope students, educators and parents will find this a useful resource.
You can access the Top 10 lists from the 'booklists' section of our website accessed through the main menu on the left hand side of the page. Please encourage students to make use of this feature as it is a great way to share the best and most appreciated literature.

5. Ambassadors' Visits

One of the most motivational and enjoyable aspects of the Premier's Reading Challenge is the ambassador school visits. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has prohibited this much anticipated activity.

We will resume in 2021 if not sooner!

6. Reading ends on September 4

Make sure your students have their Student Reading Records in order. Forms can be found online [here](#).

7. Banner bookings

Due to circumstances around Covid-19, all banner bookings for 2020 have been cancelled. Please feel free to submit a request for a banner in 2021, using [this form](#).

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