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Dear Parents/Guardians

EXCITING NEWS!

Our inaugural Primary Library Reading Challenge will be commencing very soon. A child's reading skills are very important to their success in learning and work. Reading is important for children because:

- Children who read often and widely get better at it.
- Reading exercises our brains. Reading strengthens and builds connections in the brain.
- Reading improves concentration.
- Reading teaches children about the world about them.
- Reading improves a child's imagination.
- Reading helps children develop empathy.
- Reading is fun and a great form of entertainment.
- Reading relaxes the body and calms the mind.

Now that you are convinced, make sure you click on Passmarc, Letters to Parents, to join the Primary Library Reading Challenge.

- Registration on Passmarc begins on Monday 15 May and is open until Monday 22 May. Forms must be returned to Primary Administration.
- The challenge commences Monday 29 May and concludes in Term 3 on Wednesday 13 September.
- Students must meet all the requirements of the Reading Challenge. Please ensure you and your child read the Terms and Conditions document together so your child is familiar with the rules of the challenge. Part of the challenge is to complete the reading and activities within the timeframes provided.
- Students in Years 3-6 who successfully complete the challenge will have it recorded on their Semester Two academic report and participate in a special assembly in Term 4, 2017 when awards will be issued.

Students will be informed about the challenge at assembly and during library times. Please encourage your child to get hooked on reading in 2017!

If you have any questions about the Reading Challenge, please contact Mrs Barbara Wellham, Teacher Librarian on email: bwellham@cac.qld.edu.au or phone 07 5585 9950.

Yours sincerely

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