

## Book Fair and Book Week

Tuesday 30 July 2019

Dear Families,

What an exciting term in our library! We will be hosting the annual Scholastic **Book Fair** during **Week 4 (13 August- 16 August)**. Opening hours will be, Tuesday-Thursday 8:00am-9:00am, 1:00pm-1:30pm and 3:00pm-4:00pm. Friday will be the final day for sales and we will only be open in the morning, 8:00am-9:00am. The Book Fair has a large selection of children's picture, fiction and nonfiction books for all ages. Every dollar spent at the fair gives us Scholastic rewards points to buy new resources for our library.

This year a very special guest, '**Clifford the Big Red Dog**', will be visiting our school hall on **Friday 16 August from 1:10pm-1:40pm**. We will share one of Clifford's favourite stories, from the popular Norman Bridwell picture books, and Clifford will be available for photos, hugs and lots of high fives. Families and siblings are welcome to join.

**Week 5 (19 August- 23 August) is the much loved and anticipated Book Week!** Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) celebrates Children's Book Week. During this time schools and libraries around Australia celebrate Australian Children's literature. It is also when the CBCA judges choose the Children's Australian Book of the Year. You can view the shortlisted books at <https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2019>. The Book of the Year winner will be announced during Book Week.

The theme for the 2019 CBCA Book Week is **Reading is my Secret Power**. All students will be creating art using this theme and their work will be displayed in and around the library. The library will also be decorated with this theme in mind so drop on in and have a look!

Throughout Book Week, classes will be participating in a variety of book related activities, including reading the shortlisted books with buddy classes, craft activities, discussions, sharing and more. During lunch time, Krissy will be reading the shortlisted books and doing a craft in the library. Teachers will choose 5 students per day from their class to participate in these activities.

Book character dress up is always an exciting part of Book Week! This year our book week dress up day will be **Friday 23 August**, culminating with a 'Book Character Parade' at recess. Families are welcome to join. One student in each class will win a prize for the most creative costume. We strongly encourage children and parents to use bits and pieces found around the home or at Op shops as opposed to going out and buying expensive costumes.

In September we will be collecting unwanted, gently used books to participate in the *Indigenous Literacy Foundations Great Book Swap*. A separate note will go home with more information but essentially the idea is to swap a book for another book and donate a gold coin that will be used to buy books for remote communities. You can drop off donations at the front office or the library at any time.

Kind regards,  
Krissy McCombe, Library Coordinator

