Helping Your Child
– to read, write, spell and speak

Helping your child read with the Premier's Reading Challenge

Who started the Challenge and what is it for?

The *Premier's Reading Challenge* was initiated by the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Bob Carr, as a strategy to engage students to read for pleasure and interest.

The Challenge began in 2001 for children in Years 5 to 8. It has been so successful that it is being expanded to include students from Kindergarten to Year 4.

The Challenge is a wonderful way to encourage your child to read.

What do you have to do to participate in the Challenge?

To do the Challenge, children must read 15 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge book list and 5 books of their own choice, or 5 more from the list. The reading must be done in one year, from September to September.

What is on the book lists?

There are over 1000 titles on the list in categories such as classics, Australian, historical, humorous, fantasy, poetry, mystery, picture books and factual texts.

What can parents and caregivers do?

Parents and caregivers can assist their children by encouraging them to join the Challenge and discussing the books they are reading. Many of the books can be enjoyed by both adults and children and shared reading allows for great discussions.

Where can I get more information on the Challenge?

Information about the rules of the Challenge, how to participate, the book lists (with annotations) and the latest news on the Challenge can be found on the Internet at:
http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/index.htm

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