

The HPS Summer Challenge

It's time for the annual 'HPS Summer Challenge' (Reading) to begin!

All children K-5 will be issued with a 'Summer Challenge Bookmark' which should be initialed by a parent every time they read (and returned to school in Week 1, 2017 to be eligible to go in the prize draw).

★**Every** child that *participates* in **The HPS Summer Challenge** will receive an extended recess with ice cream during Week 2, 2017.

★**In order to go into the major draw to win a prize** your child must return their 'Summer Challenge bookmark' to their teacher with a minimum of 25 boxes initialed. The prizes have been kindly donated by our P&C.

★When

The HPS Summer Challenge runs from Tuesday 6th December, 2016 through to Tuesday 31st January, 2017.

★What

The HPS Summer Challenge encourages children to keep reading over the school holiday period. Simply initial the challenge bookmark every time your child reads a book, a chapter of a book or listens to you read a book.

★How

Find some great books and start reading! You might like to join our local library at Helensburgh to access even more reading material.



Ask your child's teacher if you have any questions or contact Ms Dowling via email jennifer.dowling@det.nsw.edu.au

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★ Why summer reading is important

There are many lifetime benefits you gain from being a voracious reader. Here are some of them!

- **It broadens your perspective.**
Reading helps you see the world from a new perspective. Among other things, it helps you foresee new opportunities and threats. You will also be able to assess a situation more accurately.
- **It helps you be more creative.**
By feeding your mind with many different ideas, there is a good chance that your various thoughts will cross-pollinate and produce fresh ideas. You may become more creative as a result.
- **It relaxes your mind.**
Immersing yourself in a good book is like watching a good movie. It can take you to new worlds. Such an experience is entertaining and relaxing for your mind.
- **It gives you a deeper appreciation of the world.**
Sometimes we don't appreciate something because we don't know how wonderful it actually is. Reading can give you a deeper understanding of the world around you which, in turn, will grow your appreciation of it.
- **It enriches your conversational repertoire.**
Knowing more about the world around you means having more topics to converse with. That will help you connect with different kinds of people.

.....**That's just to name a few reasons!**

★ What can you do to help your child become a voracious reader?

Join in the fun with the HPS Summer Challenge!