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Dear Parents/Carers

2020 LITERACY PLANET PROGRAM

This year our school has once again subscribed to Literacy Planet. Literacy Planet has been utilised school-wide at Grose View over the past two years as part of our English programming. It has given teachers the capacity to set tasks for students using current and familiar content and for the students to be rewarded when completing tasks which can be used within the program.

Literacy Planet is used during literacy rotations, as part of whole class activities and as tasks for homework. Literacy Planet encompasses pre-reading skills, phonics, sight words, reading, spelling, comprehension, grammar and punctuation and writing skills, whilst giving students a fun and motivating digital aspect in their learning.

Already this year, students have received their personal username and password. Students are using the program at school during literacy rotations and/or as part of their homework tasks. The log in details may have been glued into your child's homework book. If you require a copy of your child's student username and password please speak to your child's teacher or send a message through ClassDojo.

The cost for the Literacy Planet subscription will be \$13.50 per student. The subscription is valid until the start of the new school year in 2021 which means that students have access to their account until the end of the summer holidays. Please return the slip below with payment by **Thursday 30 April 2020**.

To find out more information, please contact the school or visit www.literacyplanet.com/au.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Tamara Hopkins
Assistant Principal

GROSE VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL Literacy Planet Subscription



I have included payment of \$13.50 per student for:

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

I enclose \$ _____

I have paid \$ _____ by POP. Receipt No: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____

LITERACY PLANET FACs for Parents and Guardians *from the Literacy Planet website*

Is the program easy to use?

YES. Literacy Planet is a very user-friendly program. Audio-visual prompts guide students throughout the program, including positive reinforcement to encourage achievement.

Does Literacy Planet support the educational content covered in school?

YES. This web-based literacy program supports the English curriculum and meets essential learning standards. Literacy Planet is an educational resource that can be implemented into the classroom or used at home to support school literacy programs.

What key literacy areas are covered by the program?

Literacy Planet is a comprehensive literacy resource that covers Pre-Reading, Phonics, Vocabulary, Spelling, Reading, Comprehension and Grammar. Activities are interactive, fun and engaging, promoting students' willingness to learn while facilitating their literacy development.

Is the program suitable for preschool aged children?

YES. The program is suitable for students aged 3 to adult. Pre-reading content is aimed at improving reading readiness and articulation. Literacy Planet understands that the early childhood years (birth to 5 years) are the time of most rapid cognitive development, where a child's brain is primed for learning. The program provides high-quality play-based exercises aimed at developing a child's visual and auditory perception, alphabet knowledge and letter sound recognition. These essential literacy skills are necessary before a child can begin learning how to read words.

Will Literacy Planet improve my child's literacy performance?

YES. Literacy Planet was written by experienced Australian educators and literacy specialists. When used in conjunction with a formal education program, Literacy Planet will improve a child's literacy outcomes, while boosting their confidence as a learner. Students can work at their own pace or compete against other students in real-time literacy games.

Is there enough content to challenge my child?

YES. There is enough stimulating content in Literacy Planet to keep students actively engaged for years. Students can choose from thousands of literacy exercises in the Academy. Different levels within each literacy skill ensure that students are consistently challenged and can map their progress. Positive reinforcement is used throughout the program to actively encourage students to achieve and 'have another go'. The 'Arcade' also motivates students by appealing to their natural competitive spirit.

How does Literacy Planet keep my child interested?

Literacy Planet is an incentive based program where students earn credit for every exercise completed. Credit points can be used to purchase clothing and accessories for their avatar or used to play cool digital games in the 'Arcade'.

Can the program determine my child's literacy ability?

YES. Diagnostic tests can be used to determine a student's literacy level. A prescribed learning schedule is generated at the completion of the diagnostics to meet their unique learning needs.* Students are re-tested to ensure they have reached competencies in these literacy skills before they advance to the next level.

How can I keep track of my child's progress?

Parents have access to reports in the 'Admin' section of the program. A report is instantly generated for every exercise completed. Teaching tips are available to help parents understand the nature of the literacy skills tested. Additionally, Literacy Planet alerts parents if their child is experiencing significant difficulty in a particular literacy area. Access to diagnostic graphs and tables also enable parents to 'track' their child's progress over time.

Is Literacy Planet safe to use?

YES. Literacy Planet provides a safe and controlled learning environment where interaction between students is controlled. Students only interact with others using predetermined messages that are designed to foster a spirit of support, encouragement and shared learning. No private details are accessible.

Can Literacy Planet help my child prepare for the National Literacy and Numeracy Test (NAPLAN)?

YES. Literacy Planet can help students prepare for the literacy component of this test as they can practice their reading, writing, spelling, comprehension, punctuation and grammar skills.