

From the Bookshelf

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to the library for 2020, and welcome to all of our new families beginning at Grose View this year. This note will guide you through general information about the school library and the services it provides throughout the year.

Teacher Librarian

Mrs Thomas will be teaching in the library this year.

The library teacher works with students, teachers and parents to support learning in the classroom, at home, and for further education. You are welcome to visit before or after school, or arrange a time to see me.

Opening Hours

The school library is open for students at lunch times Monday-Wednesday. The library offers children an alternate lunch area where they can borrow or read books, conduct research, play quiet games and use the technology available in the library.

Student items required for the library

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 require a library bag to borrow their books. Their bag must be a cloth bag – no plastic bags are allowed because they have a tendency to tear. Please ensure that library bags are labelled with student names as many look similar and often students become confused.

Borrowing

All books are borrowed to students for a maximum of two weeks. Loans can be extended if books are brought back to the library for renewal. Books that are damaged or not returned to the library need to be paid for at the office.

Students are encouraged to borrow at least one book per week. However, students will be unable to borrow books if they have overdue books outstanding on their account from 2019.

Please encourage good habits with your children and practice looking after library books while they are at home.

Borrowing days for Term 1:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
KB	1/2A	4/5P
KL	1/2S	5/6E
	3/4C	1/2KM
	3/4H	
	5/6H	

Book Club

Book Club allows parents and students to purchase books and software at bargain prices. Book Club also provides a way to fundraise for the Grose View library! Please place orders online using the LOOP system

Book Club can take a couple of weeks to arrive after the due date and will be then be distributed to students.

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

The Premier's Reading Challenge begins online on Monday 2 March 2020.

The PRC aims to encourage in students, a love of reading and expose them to a wide variety of quality literature. Kindergarten to Year 2 participate in the challenge through reading PRC books with their classroom and library teachers. Years 3-6 students can choose to participate in the challenge through selecting PRC books to read independently. Students in Year 3, who have completed the challenge each year, will receive their Gold award in December (4 years completing the PRC). Students in Year 6 who have completed the PRC each year will receive a Platinum award (7 years completing the PRC). Students who participate in the challenge receive a certificate from the Premier of NSW.

Any book a student has read after the completion of last year's PRC can be added to their personal reading log. Therefore, any holiday reading, or books read during Term 4 of last year can be included.

More information can be found on the PRC website.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

All students need to do is logon with the same username and password that they use at school.

Book Week

The library will host Book Week in Term 4. Students will experience a number of story-based activities throughout the week including teacher storytelling, Book Character Parade and a Scholastic Book Fair. This year's theme is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds".

Book Fair

Grose View will hold a Scholastic Book Fair during Book Week in Term 4. Students and parents are able to visit

and purchase from a selection of new and popular titles. You can even donate a book to the school. Further information will be sent home closer to the Fair.

Reading Photographs

I am still after photographs of students for a display in the library to promote reading. I am interested in any photographs of GVPS students reading in all sorts of places! They could be reading anything (bus timetable, sign poster, magazine, newspaper, website, book). Feel free to send photographs in to be scanned and returned to you, or email them directly to me if they are in a digital format.



Library Assistants

Library Assistants help in the library before school and during lunch times. Becoming a library monitor provides an opportunity for students to take on a leadership role within the school and learn management skills. Year 5 students will be able to nominate themselves in the next few weeks, and, after a trial period students who are selected will be presented with their badge at the Week 8 assembly this term.

Parent helpers

If you are interested in helping in the library - to shelve or cover books - please visit me in the library or send me an email.

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