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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to the 2017 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge.

For over a decade, the Challenge has promoted the importance of reading among children and students, encouraging them and their families to read more widely and more often.

We know that reading is critical to the development of our kids. It's why the Challenge is so important. It helps children understand the world around them, developing their language skills and nurturing their imagination. Catering for all interests from birth to Year 10, the Challenge has more than 9,000 titles.

For children from birth to five, the challenge is for parents and carers to read 40 books with their child/children. For students from Prep to Year 2, the challenge is to read or experience 30 books and for students in Years 3 to 10, the challenge is to read 15 books.

Children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement. They will also have the opportunity to see their name on an online honour roll.

More information about the Challenge can be found on the official website at **www.education.vic.gov.au/prc**. Here you will find key dates, Challenge guidelines, frequently asked questions and the 2017 Challenge booklist which is regularly updated. You can also stay informed, share stories and recommend books on the Challenge Facebook page at **www.facebook.com.au/VicPRC**.

I wish every child and student undertaking the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge in 2017 a fun, enjoyable and fulfilling experience. I look forward to hearing about their discoveries, adventures and achievements.

Yours sincerely

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