What do you have to do?

It’s easy!

On National Reading Day simply present what your students are reading in your classroom to a wider audience. Showcase your students’ engagement with reading to the school community, to parents, to other schools, and to the world!

Teachers, students and parents are invited to share information on what they are reading through mediums such as websites, podcasts, and gatherings held at schools on National Reading Day. The texts students read on the day are not restricted to books. They can read texts such as magazines or newspapers. Schools are encouraged to share their activities within the school and their school community.

How to get involved in National Reading Day

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Great Prizes!

- Register online at www.nlnw.edu.au and download activities that suit your class.
- Schools that participate in National Reading Day activities and who complete a survey about their involvement will be in the running to win some great prizes.
- Participating schools could win one of two libraries of books valued at over $7,000 each provided by Scholastic Australia or one of 5 packs of 10 Macquarie dictionaries provided by Franklin Electronic Publishers (Aust) valued at around $1,000 per pack.

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National Reading Day – 3 September 2008

What are you reading today?

You are invited to get involved in National Reading Day on Wednesday 3 September 2008. National Reading Day is a key event of National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Excellent teaching resources, fantastic networking opportunities and great prizes are available to schools who share their responses online to the 2008 National Reading Day question: What are you reading today?

Activities in 2008

In 2008, students will be encouraged to select their own texts and share information about what they have read in response to this year’s theme ‘What are you reading today?’ A wide range of suggestions for activities are available on the National Reading Day website to assist your students present information about the texts they are reading at www.nlnw.edu.au.

Activities are suggested for the following categories:

i. early primary students
ii. middle primary students and
iii. upper primary/junior secondary school students.

The activities have been developed by the Australian Literacy Educators Association and the Australian Association for the Teaching of English, and are designed to promote reading and the development of your students’ reading and literacy skills.

National Reading Day is set to be a huge day of reading.

There are many ways to participate. Examples of suggested activities include:

- Create a website that showcases the texts your students have read for recent research assignments e.g. loggerhead turtles, bushrangers, national parks, gold.
- Publish the web search links that your class made on its most recent Google Earth Literary trip to explore the setting of various texts e.g. Macbeth, Streetcar Named Desire, The Red Shoe, Daughter of the Regiment.
- Create and display, at your local shopping mall, a tourist map of Australia that charts the journey undertaken by characters in Possum Magic by Mem Fox.
- Design posters encouraging conservation and preservation of our flora and fauna in response to reading texts such as Miss Lily’s Pink Feather Boa by Margaret Wild or The Story of Rosie Dock by Jeannie Baker.
- Create advertisements using pod casts, posters or other mediums to promote an approach to stop bullying in response to I am Jack or Super Jack by Suzanne Gervay, or Buzzard Breath and Brains by James Moloney.
- Create Photo Story presentations in response to students’ reading of TruckDogs, by Graeme Base or A Roomful of Magic by John Marsden or The Window by Jeannie Baker.
- Make a pod cast of your students interviewing their parents about their best remembered childhood reading material. Follow up with the opinions of contemporary student readers.
- Create a wiki that records the favourite book title of everyone in the classroom.
- Make a classroom display of the best pages from everyone’s favourite graphic novels. Let your students be tour guides for other classes.
- Hold an online discussion with another class on ways to conquer challenging texts.
- Invite other classes, teachers and parents to join group discussions led by your students on their favourite books.
- Plus many more activities available on the website.

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