

# Our Library

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Dear Parent / Caregivers,

**Welcome back to the library for 2021, and a huge welcome to all our new families beginning at Barnier this year. This note will guide you through general information about the school library and the services it provides throughout the year.**

## Teaching Staff

This year Mrs Renee Losiak and Mrs Angelina Gross will be teaching in the library.

Our role includes being the school's information and resource specialists. We support and implement the vision of the school community through effective library and information services and programs that contribute to the development of lifelong learners.

## Opening Hours

Generally, the school library is open for students at lunch time Monday to Friday; Kindy – Yr2 **Monday/Tuesday** and Yr3 – Yr6 **Wednesday/Thursday**. The library offers children an alternate environment where they can borrow or read books, conduct research, play quiet games or use the available technology. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, the library will be closed for play during Term 1, however, we hope to be able to reopen next term.

## 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 due to their tendency to tear.

Library bags can be purchased from the Uniform Shop for \$8. Alternatively, a cloth bag or an environmentally friendly bag from the supermarket is acceptable. Please ensure that library bags are clearly labelled with student's name and class.

## Borrowing

All books are loaned to students for a maximum of 2 weeks. Loans may 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 library for a small fee.

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 previous years.

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

### Maximum Loans

|      |         |
|------|---------|
| K-2: | 2 Books |
| 3-4: | 3 Books |
| 5-6: | 4 Books |

### Term 1 borrowing begins Week 3

| Mon | Tue  | Wed | Thu  | Fri             |
|-----|------|-----|------|-----------------|
| 3S  | 5/6W | 4C  | 3/4H | All K-2 classes |
| 3G  | 6B   | 6M  | 4R   |                 |
| 3M  | 6D   | 5R  | 4W   |                 |
| 3A  | 6F   | 5P  | 4T   |                 |
|     |      | 5MH |      |                 |

## Premier's Reading Challenge

PRC aims to enable students to experience quality literature whilst also instilling a love of reading for both enjoyment and improvement. Kindy-Year2 participate in the challenge by reading PRC books in both their classroom and library lessons. Year 3-Year 6 students can choose to participate in the challenge by selecting PRC books to read independently. All students in Year 3 who complete the challenge in 2021 will receive their Gold Award in December (4 consecutive years). Students in Year 6 who have completed the PRC each year will receive a Platinum Award (7 consecutive years).

Students who participate in the challenge receive a certificate from the Premier of NSW. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

## Book Club

Book Club allows parents and students to purchase age appropriate books and software at reduced prices. Catalogues are distributed to classes twice a term and orders can be made either online or through the school library. All cash orders, in a sealed envelope or snap lock bag with a name, class and amount written on it, are placed in the money/payment box in the office window. Book Club will take between 1 – 2 weeks to arrive after the due date.

Book Club due dates are generally promoted in the library and classroom windows. Announcements will also be made on the school's app.

All book club purchases help the library to fundraise and purchase more exciting resources for the students.

## Parent helpers

If you are interested in helping in the library - to shelf or cover books - please speak with the teachers in the library or email Renee Losiak – [renee.losiak1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:renee.losiak1@det.nsw.edu.au). Please note that this will be dependent on DoE Covid restrictions in 2021.

## Book Week

The library will host Book Week during Term 3. Students will experience a number of literature-based activities throughout the week. Further details of these activities will be sent out closer to the event.

## Year 5 Library Monitors

Library monitors assist 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. Due to the library currently being closed at lunch time, application forms will be shared with interested Year 5 students towards the end of Term 1. Successful students will be presented with their badge at a Stage 3 assembly during Term 2.

## Library Calendar of events for 2021

| Term One                         |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| PRC continues (from Term 4 2020) | 29 Jan |
| Borrowing Begins                 | 8 Feb  |
| PRC online registration begins   | 1 Mar  |
| Term Three                       |        |
| Scholastic Book Fair begins      | 20 Aug |
| Book Week                        | 25 Aug |
| Book Parade                      | 25 Aug |
| Scholastic Book Fair ends        | TBA    |
| Book Week Author Visit (3-6)     | 26 Aug |
| Book Week Author Visit (K-2)     | 27 Aug |
| PRC ends                         | 20 Aug |
| Term Four                        |        |
| Borrowing ends                   | 12 Nov |

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email any of our library staff through the school office:  
[barnier-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:barnier-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

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