

# Our Library

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Dear Parent / Caregivers,

**Welcome back to the library for 2025, 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 recess/lunch time Monday to Friday; Kindy – Yr2 **lunch** and Yr3 – Yr6 **recess**. The library offers children an alternate environment where they can borrow or read books, conduct research, play quiet games, or draw/colour in.

## 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 in Flexi schools from the Uniform Shop for \$10. Alternatively, a cloth bag, pillowcase 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 will incur a small replacement fee payable to the school.

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

**Please note that library borrowing will begin Term 1 Week 4.**

### Term 1 Library Lessons:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5B	4S	6I	3P	All K-2 classes
5S	4B	6S	3K	
5MC	4F	6B	3J	
5R	4JS		3M	
			5/6DW	

## 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 2025 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 educational games at reduced prices. Catalogues are distributed to classes twice a term and orders can be made via Scholastic's online LOOP payment system. Information on how to pay using LOOP is regularly communicated to the school community via Sentral notifications. Orders will not be processed if returned past the designated due date to avoid delays in processing.

Book Club due dates are generally promoted in the library and classroom windows. Announcements will also be made to the school community through Sentral. Book Club can take between 1-2 weeks to arrive after the due date, with orders sent to classrooms soon after they arrive.

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 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).

## 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, however, key dates are noted further below.

## Year 5 Library Monitors

Library monitors assist in the library during recess and lunch times. Becoming a library monitor provides an opportunity for students to take on a leadership role within the school and learn management skills. Application forms will be shared with interested Year 5 in the coming weeks. Successful students will be presented with their badge at a Stage 3 assembly later this term.

## Library Calendar of events for 2025

<b>Term One</b>	
PRC continues (from Term 4 2025)	06 Feb
Borrowing Begins	17 Feb
PRC online registration begins	24 Feb
<b>Term Three</b>	
PRC ends	22 Aug
Scholastic Book Fair begins	18 Aug
Book Parade	20 Aug
Scholastic Book Fair ends	27 Aug
Book Week Author visit (K-6)	28 Aug
<b>Term Four</b>	
Borrowing ends	07 Nov

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email any of our library staff through the school office:  
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