

Friday 1st September 2023

Dear parents, whānau and caregivers,

‘Reading in Nature’ Book Week 2023
Week 9, Monday 11th to Friday 15th September

Book Week is happening in just over a week at the Mt Albert Campus! There will be school and class-based activities all week as we celebrate books and reading. In addition, there will be books for sale at the ‘Scholastic Book Fair’ on Thursday and Friday.

Book Week activities to mark in your diary:

- **Junior dance sessions Monday and Tuesday morning:** Year 0-6 will create dances inspired by the book, “Joyspring’s Song”.
- **Mystery teacher reader:** teachers will be coming to read in classes on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.
- **Lunchtime story-time:** A special member of staff will read stories in the library during Tuesday lunchtime.
- **Writing workshop on Wednesday morning with author Cheryl Christopher:** 24 students from Years 9-10.
- **“Joyspring’s Song” author and illustrator visit:** A special assembly on Wednesday for Year 0-6 to meet both the author and illustrator of “Joyspring’s Song,” ask them questions and perform dances for them.
- **Visits from Clifford the Big Red Dog and Geronimo Stilton** throughout the week.
- **Scholastic Book Fair Day 1:** Parents are invited to shop at the Book Fair on **Thursday 14th September** in the Rahiri House Ballroom from **1:40pm - 3:30pm**. (See more details below.)
- **Student and Teacher Book Character Parade on Friday 15th September 9:30am - 10:15am on the top field:** Year 0-8 students come to school dressed as their favourite book character. They **must bring the book** the character is from to hold as they parade! ***Please remember all costumes should respect our special character (no Halloween or scary costumes please).***
- **Special Book Week prize-giving on Friday 15th September 10:15am - 10:30am on the top field:** Prizes will be awarded for **Best Costumes, Reading Logs and Best Book Character Drawings**.
- **Scholastic Book Fair Day 2:** Parents invited to shop again at the Book Fair on **Friday 15th September** in the Rahiri House Ballroom from **10:45am - 1pm**.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is your opportunity to purchase great books for your children, or as Christmas gifts, or to donate to the school library. Students will be making a book wish-list at school on Wednesday 13th September with suggestions for you to consider. All purchases will raise funds for our library but there will also be a table of books to donate that our library doesn’t own. A label will go inside the book acknowledging you as the book donor. EFTPOS/Credit card facilities are available, no cash sales.

We look forward to your support as we encourage our children to become lifelong readers!

Yours sincerely,

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