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BOOK WEEK IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL MONDAY 18 – FRIDAY 22 AUGUST

That exciting time of year is almost upon us, when we get to celebrate books on so many levels. The Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week theme this year is: **'BOOK AN ADVENTURE'**, and we love that SMC embraces the importance of literacy and reading, for learning, as well as pleasure. Our professional Library team know that it takes our whole school community to ensure this event's success... Thank you in advance for your commitment and support.

THIS YEAR WE WILL RUN:

- Our **DROP EVERYTHING AND READ** event. Students in the Senior School will buddy up with Junior School students to read a story together.
- **IN-HOUSE COMPETITIONS** for students to enter:
 - Colouring-in competitions for K-2
 - Book Week Poster Design for Years 3-4
 - Badge Design Challenge for Years 5-6
 - Pet-Reading photo competition for Years 3-12 (entry via the link on the Orbit homepage using your student's tablet)

ALL COMPETITION ENTRIES DUE BY FRIDAY 15 AUGUST

To ensure a fair and level playing field, we ask that you remind students that all entries must be their own work/penmanship.

MONDAY 18 – WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST JUNIOR SCHOOL BOOK SWAP – Timetabled visits for year levels

Our bi-annual **BOOK SWAP** is on again! Start going through your bookshelves – during the week leading up to Book Week, students can bring in unwanted books that are in excellent condition. For each book donated, they'll receive a token to use during the swap (these tokens can be redeemed during Book Week from the



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donated collection). There is a swap limit of five books for K-2 and 10 books for Years 3-6.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to support SMC's sustainability efforts and update their reading collection without spending any money. Any unredeemed titles will be forwarded on to charities.

Keep an eye out for the posters promoting our Junior School Book Swap and the extra reminders published on Connect and in *The Fountain* newsletter.

To ensure enough relevant material for our students' ages, we will not be accepting any Early Years board books this year.

WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST **K-6 BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP PARADE**

We are holding the parade indoors again this year, and parents and friends are welcome to attend and cheer the students and staff along!

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST, 1.30pm–3.00pm

WHERE: SMC Nagle Centre

Please remember that we encourage creativity and resourcefulness, so borrow, make or reuse any costumes. We are adamant that this not be an expensive or stressful event for families.

Students again have permission to wear their costumes for the entire school day, and if being transported privately to school, they may arrive and depart in costume. If travelling on public transport or walking to and from school, they will be expected to wear their PE uniform.

Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather. Please wear layers, suitable footwear and a coat to stay warm throughout the day. Makeup should be kept minimal, and face paint may only be applied at lunchtime before the parade.