

Welcome to Term Two in the Library!

This term in the Library all students will explore the picture story book, "The Truck Cat" written by Deborah Frenkel and illustrated by Danny Snell. This book was chosen to be the National Simultaneous Story Book by ALIA - Australian Library and Information Association. This book will be read all over Australia on 21st May around the time of 12:00pm. (We may need to tweak things a little bit with the time - but the story will be read!)

"*The Truck Cat* is a story about cats and humans, immigration and identity, and homes lost and found. Along with his human, Yacoub, Tinka travels roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away – for both of them. When Tinka and Yacoub are unexpectedly separated, they are determined to find their way back to each other – and, in doing so, might find more than they expected..."

https://alia.org.au/Web/Web/News/Articles/2024/October-2024/NSS_book_announcement.aspx

This book also plays wonderfully with the Book Week Theme 2025 which is "Book an Adventure."



Anzac Day Picture Fiction books were made available to children for reading in the first week of Term 2

Library sessions generally take the format of a "Read To," at the beginning of a lesson where I choose a text based on differing criteria, however in the Senior School this term, students will be encouraged to use their student voice in advocating for things they would like to see in Library Lessons. It may be that they choose more poetry or humour to be read to them. Or, they might decide that they want to spend more time reading. In Week 2 of Term 2 they will begin to

formulate a plan for themselves as to how they will use their Library sessions. Towards the end of the term they will begin to be exposed to the books that have been chosen for Book Week and learn to articulate what makes a good picture book.

Students also use Library time to choose books to take home and read. Thank you so much for getting your Library books back on a Wednesday - it helps enormously with the challenge of books being returned, borrowed and shelved!

Years Prep to 4 will still be looking at a variety of books following the theme of adventure and how we can use books to explore our imagination and go on different journeys. Towards the end of the term they will begin to be exposed to the books that have been chosen for Book Week and learn to articulate what makes a good picture book.



Looking forward to an adventurous term!

Regards
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