

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This is a very special year for reading and the Premier's Reading Challenge, as 2012 has been designated the National Year of Reading. The NYoR is a national campaign to promote reading undertaken by the Australian state and public library sectors, to take place throughout 2012. Further information is available at [www.love2read.org.au](http://www.love2read.org.au).



It would be great if you could support your son/daughter in completing their Reading Challenge to read 12 books before September. This will be so that they can receive their Challenge award or medal, *especially* in the National Year of Reading.

There are many NYoR activities for you to be involved in, with some outlined below. Also, for more ideas on reading, go to [www.love2read.org.au](http://www.love2read.org.au)

- ✚ [World Book Day](#) – 1<sup>st</sup> March. Designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, it is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. It is a partnership of publishers, booksellers and interested parties who work together to promote books and reading for the personal enrichment and enjoyment of all.
- ✚ [Read Mob Event](#) – 19<sup>th</sup> March. Colonel Light Gardens' students will be putting on their 'funky' glasses, picking up a book and heading to the park where they will be involved in a 'Freeze and Read' activity. We will be reading for five minutes together in the park. Another enjoyable way to promote literature and reading!
- ✚ [International Children's Book Day](#) – 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Since 1967, on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday ICBBD is celebrated to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.
- ✚ [Children's Book Week](#) – 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> August. Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia. Each year, many schools and public libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians develop activities, offer competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. The theme for 2012 is "**Champions Read**".
- ✚ [The Reading Hour](#) – 25<sup>th</sup> August, nominally from 6 – 7 pm. You could also have a reading hour during the week, share a book with your child, and so forth.

We are hoping that reading features in Australia in many ways this year and our goal at CLGPS is that the Premier's Reading Challenge is completed by 100% of our students. Please encourage your children to participate.

Yours Sincerely,  
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