Dear Home Tutor,

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a state-wide initiative for all Queensland state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 7. “The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts.”

The Premier is challenging all Queensland primary school students to read or experience an allocated number of books for their reading level between 20 May and 5 September 2014. Every child who meets the challenge will be presented with a certificate signed by the Premier to recognise their achievement.

You can use the books which are currently being sent to you from the BSDE Library. If you haven’t borrowed yet I encourage you to do so.

Let Julie Sharpe, the Primary Teacher Librarian know if you are participating as she will send a couple of extra books each time you borrow to help you achieve the required amount of reading.

To complete the challenge the students must “experience” or read the number of books in the table below.

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<th>Year level</th>
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<td>Prep to Year 2</td>
<td>Read or experience* 20 books</td>
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<td>Years 5 to 7</td>
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*Experiencing a book can include classroom or at-home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a text, or being read to.”

Children in Years 5, 6 or 7 are required to read 15 books. The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 7 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read.
How do I become involved?

Send to the Library:

1. The completed form below. Send it to Julie Sharpe, our Primary Teacher Librarian and Premier’s Reading Challenge co-ordinator. If Julie knows that you are participating and has your current email address she usually sends a reminder email when your forms are due.

2. The completed reading record when you have finished reading the required number of books.

Keep at home:

- The student reading record which is attached. Each time your child reads or experiences a book you need to print the title, author and give it a rating. Put your signature next to the entry. Home Tutors must initial each book entry to indicate the student has experienced or read the book. It is a good idea to keep the reading record in a plastic sleeve for cleanliness.

The books that students read for the Premier's Reading Challenge can also count towards the MS Readathon and vice versa. For further information on the MS Readathon, visit http://www.msreadathon.org.au/.

Dates to Remember

- Reading commences May 20 and forms must be returned to the library by Friday, September 5.

- You will really need to complete your reading by August 29 so that you can send in your reading record with the titles of all books to the library by Friday, September 5. (You must ensure that your form is in by this date as you may miss out if it is sent in late. Schools must submit participants’ names by a due date to ensure that the students will receive the certificate.)

- If you have any queries contact Julie whose details are below. You can go to the website address to find out more about the Challenge at http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/about-challenge.html . There are also some lists of books there that you might like to try as well.

Julie Sharpe Phone: 07 37272729 Email: jshar31@eq.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Alan Sampson – Executive Principal
Premier’s Reading Challenge Participant

I will be taking part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. I will send my completed Reading Record back to the Library Resource Centre by **September 5**.

Name: ........................................... Year.............. Teacher .............................................

Email address .............................................................. Phone .............................................

Home Tutor Signature .............................................................

Please tick the appropriate box below:

☐ I am currently receiving books from the BSDE library.

☐ I’d like to be sent books from the BSDE library.

☐ I am a student living overseas.