



Dear Parents, Carers and Teachers,

As Patron of Book Bonus, I am pleased to commend this wonderful opportunity for your school community to raise funds to boost literacy and encourage reading by expanding childrens access to quality books.

Book Bonus complements the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge and together these programs encourage a love of reading that will hopefully stay with all the participants throughout their lives.

The ability to read is fundamental, not only to being able to participate in school, but to carry out simple everyday tasks in adult life with dignity and independence. Without the ability to read, the opportunities for academic and occupational success are limited.

Unfortunately there are still many children who struggle with literacy. Book Bonus also raises money to help support these children by contributing to the Dymocks Children's Charities. Dymocks Children's Charities donates quality books to children in need, through their Book Bank programs and other literacy support projects.

I encourage your school to undertake Book Bonus as one of your major school fundraisers for 2013.



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