

# The Challis Community

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The importance of reading at home as part of your child's every day routine cannot be underestimated. As the visual above shows, there is a significant word gap between children who read for 20 mins regularly and children who don't.

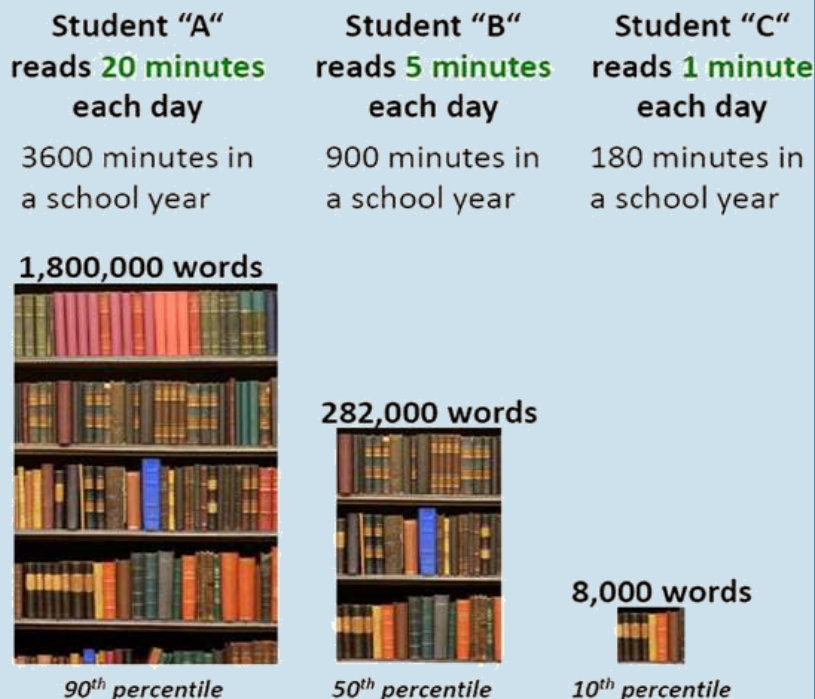
As a school we build on the foundations that parents have created and it is a very difficult task to teach children to read or to build on their understanding of texts if they aren't practicing at home every night. As a school we do not have a prescribed policy on homework, there is very little research to suggest that homework has an impact on academic achievement in the primary years. We do however have a stance on reading at home. We recommend that parents read to or with their children for 20 mins each night (for those too young to read themselves). Children who can read independently need to practice for 20 mins by reading aloud. Children have all been given a home reader signer for parents to record reading practice and to sign each night. This habit is particularly important to establish even prior to starting Kindy and it is equally important for children in the upper grades to continue reading each night even though they may be fluent readers.

At Challis, we have established reading targets for every year level as well as term by term targets. If you are unsure of what reading level is expected by the end of this term, please check the information provided on your home reader signer.

## REMINDER

The Challis P and C AGM will be held tomorrow evening (20th March) at 7pm in the staffroom. All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant and parents are invited to nominate for a position. However, the key part of attending the AGM is not necessarily to nominate for a position. The important part is to increase the number of parents who are interested in learning more about the school and having

## Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

an opinion on how to continue with the improvement agenda of the school. Come along and get involved, meet other parents, learn about the plan for the year ahead, ask questions, find out how to help your children.

## CHALLIS ANGELS

Do you have any spare time to help with simple tasks on Monday mornings, or any morning of the week? Our Challis Angels numbers are dwindling but the number of tasks is increasing! Photocopying, cutting, laminating binding and covering books are all simple tasks but time consuming for teachers. Our wonderful Challis Angels literally save the teachers and assistants hundreds of hours in preparation time and we very much appreciate their work. If you have time to help, please pop in to the office and our friendly office ladies will introduce you and help to get you started.

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## PBS (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT)

Teachers across the school have been impressed with last fortnight's PBS focus of Whole Body Listening. Students have been respectful and attentive during lessons, allowing themselves and others around them to learn. We are now focussing on using the toilets for toileting purposes only. Everyone enjoyed watching the teachers model the incorrect way to use the toilet, which as you can imagine, was pretty funny! All factions have earned their first RISE token award, and are working hard towards their next reward of an Icy Pole. I wonder which faction will earn it first?

"The goal of Positive Behavior Support is not "perfect children." Rather the goal should be creating the perfect environment for enhancing their growth."  
-Randy Sprick



## BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Everyone at Challis is encouraged to follow five broad and basic expectations:

- Come to school every day.
- Wear the school uniform.
- Be in the right place, at the right time, ready to learn (be waiting outside the classroom door at 8:30am)
- Follow instructions the first time and quickly.
- Be prepared to try, make a mistake and keep learning.

The children are responding very well to these expectations however continual reminders are needed.

## ATTENDANCE NEWS

Remember that your child needs to be at school every day unless they are sick.

Parents need to let the school know when their child is away. So far we have only been notified on 51% of absences this term. This means that 49% of the school's absences are unexplained. Notes were sent home in week 6 asking for explanations for unexplained absences. Please complete and return any notes you have received to your child's teacher. This data will be then entered onto our computers.

So far this term our attendance of **94.1%** is below our target of **95%**

**Kindergarten 94.3%**

**Pre Primary 95.5%**

**Year 1 94.2%**

**Year 2 92.00%**

**Year 3 93.2%**

**Year 4 93.3%**

**Year 5 95.2%**

**Year 6 95.2%**



Congratulations to Jarrah 4  
98.67%, Tuart 5 97.95%, Mallee  
12 97.55% and Tuart 1 97.09% for  
the best attendance in the school.



## MULTISPORT CARNIVAL

On Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, 20 girls from years 4 to 6 took part in the South Metropolitan Primary School Girls Multisport Carnival at Success Sports Facility in Success. Challis entered 2 teams which both played games of football, netball and cricket against girls from other schools.

In preparation for the event the girls spent several weeks training at recess three times a week, working as a team to support each other and develop their skills. The dedication the group showed in their training was evident out on the field as they played hard throughout the day.

Both teams won games in all sports and came close to taking the championship for the cricket but just missed out at the end. It was fantastic to see the girls apply the skills they had learnt during the term in such a confident manner. We are looking forward to more success in Term 4 when we enter the Multisport Carnival again.



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## Save the Date for the Challis Ladies Day High Tea

To all Years 4-6 female students  
and female adult guest.

Please save this date **8th May  
2018**

Tuesday 3.30 – 5.30.



More information will follow

Thank You to everyone for your amazing support in sending your Sports Vouchers to Challis or placing them in our box at North Armadale Coles.

The response has been outstanding. Our students will benefit greatly from your support of this programme.



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## Coles Sports for Schools is back!

Coles Sports for Schools is back to help Aussie kids stay fit and healthy. When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers that your local school can exchange for sports gear. The more vouchers you collect, the more sports gear they'll receive. Start collecting today because the race is on!

Challis have collection box at Reception and there is also a box at North Armadale Coles

**North Armadale**  
 Champion Dr & Seville Dr, Armadale, WA 6112  
 (08) 9399 8011  
**Open today : 8am - 9pm**

### HARMONY DAY - DRESS UP



Harmony Day is next week. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Classes will be doing activities related to Harmony Day during Week 8. Next **Tuesday, 20th March**, Challis Community Primary School will have a Whole School Harmony Day Assembly at 9:00 am in the old undercover area. Tuart 2 and Wattle 6 are hosting the Assembly. On Tuesday, children are invited to dress up in clothing from their family's country of origin or in orange clothes (Harmony Day Colour). Please note: this is not a free dress day

## The Shed Father-Son Soccer

**Thursday 29th of March**



We are calling all **Year 3 and 4** Challis Dads (or male significant others) to attend The Shed Father-Son Soccer Match.

This is your chance to spend an afternoon with your son striving for soccer glory. The game will be held on Thursday the 29th of March at 4.00 pm on the oval near the soccer goals.

A BBQ and soft drinks will be provided.

***"Show them how it's done"***



Please return your expression of interest form to your classroom teacher by **Monday 26th of March.**

I will be attending the Shed Father-Son Soccer Match on  
Thursday the 29th of March.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Son's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

## TERM PLANNER TERM ONE 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week Seven</b>	12th March	13th March JUNIOR ASSEMBLY M3	14th March	15th March	16th March DENTAL CLINIC PP Yr 3 and 6
<b>Week Eight</b>	19th March	20th March ASSEMBLY TUART 2, WATTLE 6 COMBINED	21st March BOARD MEETING	22nd March	23rd March Immunisation Clinic
<b>Week Nine</b>	26th March	27th March JUNIOR ASSEMBLY M1 EASTER ASSEMBLY	28th March	29th March MAD MATHS DAY	30th March GOOD FRIDAY
<b>Week Ten</b>	2nd April EASTER MONDAY	3rd April EASTER TUESDAY	4th April	5th April YEAR 4 ANZAC INCURSION	6th April
<b>Week Eleven</b>	9th April	10th April ANZAC ASSEMBLY	11th April	12th April	13th April

## TERM PLANNER TERM TWO 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1 April</b>	30th April	1st May	2nd May	3rd May	4th May
<b>Week 2 May</b>	7th May	8th May ASSEMBLY SENIOR M12	9th May	10th May	11th May
<b>Week 3 May Naplan</b>	14th May	15th May ASSEMBLY JUNIOR T3 NAPLAN BEGINS	16th May	17th May	18th May Immunisation Clinic
<b>Week 4 May Naplan</b>	21st May	22nd May ASSEMBLY SENIOR T6	23rd May BOARD MEETING NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TELLING	24th May	25th May NAPLAN ENDS
<b>Week 5 May</b>	28th May	29th May ASSEMBLY JUNIOR W1	30th May	31st May	1st June
<b>Week 6 June</b>	4th June	5th June ASSEMBLY SENIOR T5	6th June	7th June	8th June
<b>Week 7 June</b>	11th June CROSS COUNTRY	12th June ASSEMBLY JUNIOR W2	13th June	14th June	15th June Immunisation Clinic
<b>Week 8 June</b>	18th June	19th June YEAR 6 CAMP	20th June YEAR 6 CAMP	21st June YEAR 6 CAMP	22nd June YEAR 6 CAMP
<b>Week 9 June</b>	25th June READING ASSEMBLY JUNIOR 2.00-2.30 SENIOR 2.30-3.00	26th June JUNIOR ASSEMBLY W3	27th June	28th June LAST DAY OF TERM TWO FOR STUDENTS	29th June

### IMMUNISATION CLINIC 2018

Challis Parenting and Early Learning Centre

March 23rd	August 24th
April 20th	September 21st
May 18th	October 19th
June 15th	November 16th
July 27th	December—no clinic

Payments for Year Six School Camp, and Voluntary contributions can be made at the School Office. If it is more convenient for you we accept regular small payments by either cash or EFTPOS.

PR1ME Math book payments (\$14.00) can also be made at the School Office.

Once these books are paid for, they will be released to the students in their class.