

Gunnedah South Public School

PROUD OF OUR PAST, FOCUSED ON OUR FUTURE

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Dates for your Diary

TERM 4

Wk 9	Wed 6th Dec	Year 6 Farewell– 5pm– 8pm
		Year 6 P & C parent's gathering
	Thurs 7th	Whole School Reward Day– Water Fun Day
Wk 10	Mon 11th	Year 4 Drama Presentation
	Tues 12 Dec	Presentation Day
	Wed 13 Dec	Year 6 Night of the Notables– 4:30pm
	Thurs 14th	Year 6 Fun Day– Pool and Movie
	Fri 15th	Year 6 farewell tunnel & ringing of the bell
	Fri 15th Dec	FINAL DAY OF 2023!
TERM 1		
Wk 1	Tues 30 Jan	School Development Day– staff only
	Wed 31st Jan	School Development Day– staff only Uniform Shop is OPEN
	Thurs 1st Feb	First Day of school– Year's 1-6
Wk 2	Tues 6th Feb	First Day for Kindergarten
	Wed 7th Feb	Swimming Carnival– Yrs3-6 and 8 yr old competitive swimmers
Wk 6	Mon 4th Mar	Halogen Leadership Conference Darling Harbour School leadership team
Wk 7	Mon 11th Mar	Northwest Swimming Carnival
	Thurs 14th Fri 15th Mar	Leadership Camp– Warrumbungles
Wk 9	Thurs 28th Mar	Easter Hat Parade
	Fri 29th Mar	Good Friday Holiday
Wk 10	Mon 1st April	Easter Monday Holiday
Wk 11	Thurs 11th & Fri 12th Apr	PSSA State swimming– Sydney Aquatic Centre
	Fri 12th Apr	Final Day of Term 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are heading into the final two weeks of the year, I thought it was timely to send a newsletter so you are up to date with happenings around the school and into Term 1.

We are so glad to have Baringa printed and ready to hand out to students this coming Friday. This is the culmination of weeks of hard work from Mrs Sally Hathway and a team of editors to produce a quality school magazine to mark the year 2023 at South. Thank you to the P&C for their financial contribution to assist with part of the printing costs.

Presentation Day will be next Tuesday 12th December in the school hall. The parents of those receiving awards will be notified by your child's classroom teacher prior to the day. K-2 will begin at 9:15 and 3-6 at 11:30am. There are several events being held over the next fortnight, so keep an eye on FB and schoolbytes for information, (and of course, the front page calendar).

It was a very proud moment as principal to attend the CAPERS performance a few weeks ago. The talent within public education schools throughout the whole region was simply amazing! What an impressive event for our students to be a part of. I can truly say I have never been to a student performance of this magnitude and to be able to facilitate our choirs and dancers in their quest to be part of it was an absolute pleasure. Thank you to the P & C for the financial contribution that allowed for the cost to families to be subsidised. We applaud Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Smith, Mrs McGowan, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Jones and Mrs West for supervising, rehearsing and providing our students with this fabulous opportunity and for creating memory that our students will have forever!

What a great morning we had last Friday at the South Jump Off, to celebrate the end to Jump Rope For Heart. Skipping fever certainly hit us this term with students raising a staggering \$4949. Congratulations to Cooper Cannon who came away as the highest fundraiser as well as the student with the highest hours skipping logged. This once again illustrates the resilience, determination of our students and the giving nature of our whole school community.

A friendly reminder that if you are not on School bytes yet, then you will be missing important information.



Please make sure that your contact details are up to date and that we have the right phone, email and emergency contacts in our system. Feel free to call the ladies in the office at any time to check the information currently on our system.

The executive are currently working on staffing structures for 2024, end of year school evaluations and the update of the school improvement plan. Evaluations have been collected from parents, students and teachers and staff. Feedback is so important, both positive and not so positive; and I appreciate all the parents who gave their time to answer questions over the phone. Feedback is something that is required to continually reflect and improve and I thank you all for your honesty and sincerity during this process.

What a pleasure it was to watch the 31 aspiring leaders make speeches last week. After watching the Year 5 students speak on the stage, with microphone, in front of peers and parents, it appears that each and every one of them would make excellent school leaders. For those who are not announced as being in the leadership team for 2024, please be assured that there will be several opportunities to lead and represent the school throughout 2024.

Thank you to the P&C who have contributed to many projects this year. Excursion subsidies, student awards, CAPERS, Baringa, playground spaces Year 6 farewell and intensive swimming to name a few. Through mothers and fathers day stalls, the book bonanza, cup cake days and Easter and Christmas raffles, the parents and citizens association have been able to assist with school projects and their work is much appreciated.

Please note that students return to school on Thursday 1st February. The school uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 1st February if you require new uniforms.

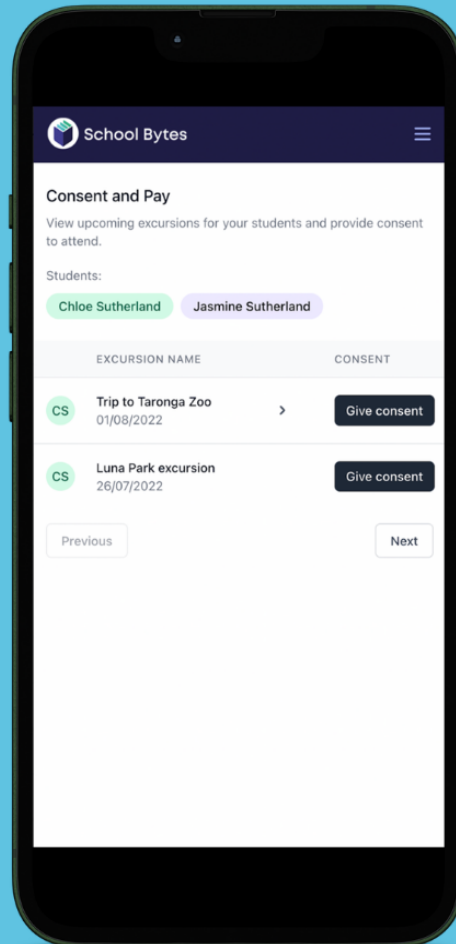
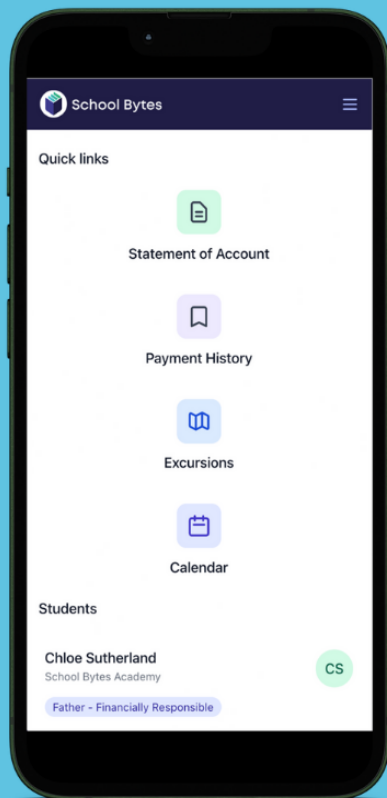
Thank you to all our wonderful staff who work so beautifully as a team to provide your children with quality education.

I wish all of our South School families a happy and joyful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Warmest regards,
Nicki Walsh
Principal

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school offers a flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund



School Bytes

Register for the Parent Portal via the
QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



CAPERS 2023

Looking Forward Looking Back

Congratulations to all students who participated in CAPERS 2023 at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre, (TREC).

Just visiting the TREC was an eye-opener for most of the students who have never been in a venue of this size. It was a very long week with the choir traveling over to Tamworth for a rehearsal on Wednesday, and again Thursday with the Stage 3 dance group. On Friday morning we rehearsed the finale which involved several hundred students from around the region. This was followed by a matinee performance and then an evening performance on Friday night. Students again travelled to Tamworth on Saturday evening for their final performance.

Our thanks go to the P&C who contributed to some of the cost for the buses, as well as all the parents who transported students on Saturday night.





Whole School PBL Reward



Students have been busy filling their PBL jars in their classrooms and adding the coloured balls in the reward metre.

For our whole school reward, the PBL team are planning a **WATER FUN DAY!**

When: Thursday 7th December (Week 9)

What to bring: swimmers, rashie, sunscreen, towel, thongs (optional), plastic bag for wet clothes.

Please ensure everything is **labelled**.



Yr 6 Parent Catch up ✨

While Year 6 is celebrating the end of primary school, their parents and siblings are invited to join us for a chat and some nibbles ✨

When- 6th December

Where- Railway Hotel beer garden

Time- from 5pm

PLEASE RSVP TO BEC GILBERT
0423428910
BY 3RD DECEMBER
FOR CATERING PURPOSES



ICAS assessments

ICAS is an academic competition that challenges students and recognises their achievements in core subjects such as English, Maths and Science. The competition was started over 40 years ago and has since become an internationally-recognised annual event completed across 41 countries.

This year saw 17 students from South participate in the 2023 ICAS Assessments.

Congratulations to Cyril De Guzman for achieving a High Distinction in Science and Henry Avard for achieving a High Distinction in Spelling.

To his already high level of achievement, Henry was also awarded a Distinction for English and a Credit for mathematics and Cyril a Credit for mathematics.

Annabelle Mitchell (Spelling), Georgina Stuart (Science), Darcy Thompson (English) all received Distinctions.

We are pleased to be able to continue to administer ICAS assessments at South and congratulate all those who participated.

The full results are as follows;

Writing

Credit – Harry Langdon

Participation – Arthur Graham, Hannah Harris and Catherine Orozco

Mathematics

Credit – Georgina Stuart, Annabelle Mitchell, Liam Wise, Art Cyril De Guzman, Darcy Thomson, Henry Avard, Theo May

Merit – Harry Langdon, Marsel Tikhonskiy

Participation – Luca Beasley, Harry Stuart, Joshua Herd, Catherine Orozco, Archie Yianakis, Arthur Graham, Cameron Yianakis

Spelling

High Distinction – Henry Avard

Distinction – Annabelle Mitchell

Credit – Catherine Orozco, Harry Langdon, Georgina Stuart, Harry Stuart

Merit – Theo May

Participation – Cameron Yianakis

Science

High Distinction – Art Cyril De Guzman

Distinction – Georgina Stuart

Credit – Annabelle Mitchell, Liam Wise

Participation – Catherine Orozco, Archie Yianakis

English

Distinction – Darcy Thompson, Henry Avard

Credit – Annabelle Mitchell, Georgina Stuart, Harry Langdon

Merit – Catherine Orozco

Participation – Catherine Orozco, Archie Yianakis

Mrs Sarah Smith
ICAS Coordinator

MERIT AWARD SUPERSTARS

Term 3, Week 10 - Term 4, Week 1

TITANIUM

6 Magpie Addison Morris

6 Cockatoo Jessie Johnstone, Leo Dowling

6 Parrot Evan Thomas

GOLD

6 Cockatoo William Long, Jessie Johnstone, Leo Dowling

6 Parrot Xavier Barlow, Evan Thomas, Jaydah Budden-Talbott

6 Magpie Addison Morris

5 Eagle Xander Howes

4 Brolga Mason Colbran

4 Fish Merinda McCauley

3 Kookaburra Lucinda Hoade

K6 Koala Elijah Woodward

1 Dingo Madeline Formann, Sophie Mitchell, Ivy Northey

K Bee Gina Mason, Riley Evans

SILVER

6 Crow Bailey Hoare, Destiny Cook

6 Cockatoo William Long, Charlize Fouracre, Jessie Johnstone, Chelsea Williams, Jye Dundas, Leo Dowling

6 Parrot Breanna Kemp, Addison Hathway, Mackenzie Cole, Archie Ryman, Maddison Craig, Xavier Barlow, Evan Thomas, Jaydah Budden-Talbott

6 Magpie Addison Morris, Darcy Wicks

5 Galah Allie Neilsen, Tyler Small, Victor Dwyer, Brooklyn Hunt

5 Eagle Isabel O'Neill, Damien McAlpine, Xander Howes, Braiden Hilton, Florence Wright, Amelia Anscombe, Bell Lennan

5 Owl Harlow Suey, Olivia Collier, Izaac Orchard

4 Duck Yasmine Sahota, Georgina Stuart, Charlotte Morris, Keanu Petriaton, Liam Wise

4 Pelican Elena Simson

4 Brolga Deeza Jain, Ryan Williams, Nathan Reeves, Mason Colbran, Audrey Barlow, Penny Gilbert, Callie Berryman, Mayrah Leaney

4 Fish Miley Cahill, Hannah Neale, Quinton Irwin, Ruby Rayward, Merinda McCauley, Sunny Baker

3 Platypus Nate Suey

3 Kookaburra Lucinda Hoade

K6 Koala Elijah Woodward, Hunter Evans

2 Turtle Darcy Thomson

2 Bilby Katey Muggleton, Shelby Trembath, Zara Hartog, Henry Payne, Emmett Hirst, Shaun Reeves, Audrey Brady, Mahli Stonham, Jhai-Lyric Walker

2 Goanna Ella Mackay

2 Echidna Archer Cannon, Lilly Steele, Charlie Burge

1 Possum Lara Zirger, Max Schalk

1 Dingo Madeline Formann, Millie-May Wise, Sophie Mitchell, Tui Raitala, Matisse Walters, Luca Heath, Ivy Northey

1 Emu Karter Stevens, Coby McLachlan

1 Kangaroo Nora Sullivan

K Snake Elsie Hathway, Frankie Crane

K Butterfly Jason Davis, Emma Short, Lennox Sheridan, Harper Morris, Olivia Steele, Noah Chedzey, Lewis Barlow

K Bee Cameron Scott, Logan Endicott, Tyrone Price, Gina Mason, Sadie Peterson, Hudson McLoughlin, Kirk Beyzade-Conlan, Lily Berryman, Jett Roberts, Tyrone Price, Loklan McIvor, Sophie Downey, Riley Evans

K Ant Azarlie-May Edmunds, Nicholas Beasley, Edge Richards



MERIT AWARD SUPERSTARS

Term 4, Weeks 2 & 3

TITANIUM

6 Magpie Keith Borradaile, Chaise Meredith

6 Crow Anya Weerasinghe

GOLD

6 Crow Anya Weerasinghe

6 Cockatoo Charlize Fouracre

6 Parrot Layla Budden

6 Magpie Keith Borradaile, Chaise Meredith

2 Goanna Bodie Ley, Miley Mitchell, Bryce Morton

1 Kangaroo Willow Mackellar

K Snake Emmett Thomson

K Bee Adam Breen

K Caterpillar James Formann, Elijah Hudson

SILVER

6 Crow Anya Weerasinghe

6 Cockatoo Oakley Kitchingman, Jai Holmes, Lila Mortimer, Charlize Fouracre, Indie Beasley

6 Parrot Lara Formann, Reuben Crawford, Layla Budden, Oliver Friend, Jaydah Budden-Talbot, Ellie Beasley, Xavier Barlow

6 Magpie Zavier Bischoff, Keith Borradaile, Eloise Hector, Chaise Meredith

5 Galah Shakira Talbot

4 Duck Cooper Stacey

4 Pelican Kenzie Stonham, Nicholas Swain, Isabella Pung

4 Brolga Carter Mackay, Isaac Morgan

3 Platypus Cooper Cannon, Lilah Hector, Makalya Towe, Samuel Holmes

3 Frog Bailey Craig, Trayston Gordon

3 Kookaburra Isabella Jones, Scarlett Richards

K6 Koala Connor Peterkin

2 Turtle Bobbie Crane, Miley Mitchell

2 Goanna Evie Formann, Bodie Ley, Henry Avar, Theo May, Luca Beasley, James Pooley, Bryce Morton

2 Echidna Scarlett Hinton, Madisyn Beasley, Maddison Hill

1 Possum Caleb Dorrington, Violet Maybury, Hunter Fenech

1 Dingo Grace Laurie

1 Kangaroo Rivah McDonald, Willow Mackellar, Jensen Delaney

K Snake Emmett Thomson

K Butterfly Indya Tozer, Bella Ryan, Lottie Wicks, Emma Short, Wyatt Powell, River Mackellar, Logan Williams, Phoenix Turner

K Bee Adam Breen

K Ant Carter O'Hearn, Stellah Welsh

K Caterpillar Sienna Bradshaw, Ashton Bruyn, James Formann, Elijah Hudson, Evie Winner



MERIT AWARD SUPERSTARS

Term 4, Weeks 4 & 5

TITANIUM

6 Magpie Ekam Sahota, Stella Syphers, Eloise Hector

5 Eagle Amelia Roberts

GOLD

6 Crow Taya Barton-Collins

6 Cockatoo Kaidyn Maguire

6 Parrot Addison Hathway

6 Magpie Ekam Sahota, Stella Syphers, Lachlan Severin, Eloise Hector

5 Eagle Amelia Roberts

4 Duck Camden Many

4 Fish Levi Dick, Tylor Dagge, Cameron Yianakis, Arley Winner

3 Platypus Georgia Wyllie

2 Goanna Carma Simpson, Henry Avard

1 Dingo Grace Howes

1 Emu Aubrey Matthews

1 Kangaroo Hayley Montgomery, Kaiden Talbott-Fletcher

K Snake Colby Gard, Bronte Fleming

K Butterfly Lewis Barlow, Willow Voysey

SILVER

6 Crow Taya Barton-Collins, Caden McKinnon, Zac Thompson, Kate Mitchell

6 Cockatoo Sienna Swain, Nate Wise, Kaidyn Maguire

6 Parrot Addison Hathway, Kayla Poss, Breeanna Peachey, Cordelia Esther

6 Magpie Ekam Sahota, Stella Syphers, Lachlan Severin, Charlie Ellison, Eloise Hector Jacobi Morris, Ally Mutton, Lincoln Ross

5 Galah Connor Casey, Ruby Shields, Linden Miller, Lucas Gallacher, Bray Jones-Stuart, Catherine Orozco, Baxter Carlyon, Kallie Walters, Josh Herd

5 Eagle Amelia Roberts, Florence Wright

5 Owl Harlow Suey, Mia Stevens, Nella Newman, Marlee Murphy, Kaiden Matthews, Kane Laws, Jett Baker

4 Duck Camden Many, Reuben West, Trey Donaldson, Alex Budden, Ace Villamin, Cooper Stacey, Georgina Stuart

4 Pelican Henry Allan

4 Brolga Audrey Barlow, Scarlett Hall, Thomas Evans

4 Fish Levi Dick, Tylor Dagge, Cameron Yianakis, Arley Winner, Quade Young, Brodie Rodway, Abby Wilson, Tyler Jaeger, Max Northey

3 Platypus Georgia Wyllie, Joshua Pooley, Adalie Muddle. Lewis Friend, Dustin Crawford, Nate Suey, Liam McKenzie, Cohen McDonald

K6 Koala Tullie Wheeler

2 Bilby Liam Sevil

2 Goanna Ella Mackay, Carma Simpson, Henry Avard

2 Echidna Benji Hoare, Daniel Walsh-Cloake

1 Possum Thomas Pracy

1 Dingo Grace Howes, Blake Woods, Sophie Fleming, Alex Cahill

1 Emu Jade Cooper, Amelyne Groth, Ava-May Berry, Charlee Childs, Arlo Rose, Aubrey Matthews, Jackson Marsh, Penelope Graham

1 Kangaroo Hayley Montgomery, Kaiden Talbott-Fletcher, Ayva Peterkin, Amelia Smith, Layla Bailey

K Snake Colby Gard, Harper Certoma, Tommy Boxsell, Elsie Hathway, Bronte Fleming, Ellie-May Bracken, Hally Bush

K Butterfly Olivia Steele, Harper Morris, Lewis Barlow, Willow Voysey

K Bee Charlie Bratton, Hudson McLoughlin, Marlee Allen, Quentin Hirst, Rebiesha Williams

K Ant Jorja Weston, Lewis Hausmann-King, Taj Fitzroy, Grayson Matthews, Braxton Pullen, Mia Taylor

K Caterpillar Joshia Tighe, Sadie Bartlett



MERIT AWARD SUPERSTARS

Term 4, Weeks 6 & 7

TITANIUM

6 Crow Jai Wilson, Isaac Vallada

6 Magpie Lachlan Severin, Phoenix Wild, Kayla White

5 Eagle Charli Wyllie

GOLD

6 Crow Jai Wilson, Isaac Vallada

6 Parrot Makayla Mitchell, Ellie Beasley, William Scott

6 Magpie Ally Mutton, Phoenix Wild, Kayla White, Lachlan Severin, Lincoln Ross, Heather Gray, Jed McLoughlin

5 Galah Victor Dwyer

5 Eagle Charli Wyllie

4 Duck Claire Ellison, Ayden Monks

4 Fish Matilda Allan

3 Frog Dallas Gard

1 Possum Caleb Dorrington

1 Dingo Luca Heath

1 Kangaroo Aveah Rolinson

K Butterfly Emma Short, River Mackellar

K Bee Logan Endicott, Cameron Scott, Flinn Morris

K Caterpillar Matilda Bailey, Claire Kelly, Chloe Welch

SILVER

6 Crow Rebecca Partridge, Peter Morgan, Kelly Briggs, Jai Wilson, Isaac Vallada

6 Cockatoo Eden Morgan, Danielle McGregor, Jayla Wortley, Axel Lord, Charlize Fouracre, Jai Holmes, Rylee Roberts, William Long, Helena Jones

6 Parrot Makayla Mitchell, Cyrrah Moore-Duff, Bill Scott, Maddison Craig, Cordelia Esther, Breanna Kemp, Eli Maybury, Oliver Friend, Ellie Beasley, Addison Hathway, Mackenzie Cole, Kayla Poss, Evan Thomas, Jayden Van Den Elst, Layla Budden, Xavier Barlow, William Scott

6 Magpie Jett Crockatt, Tamika Garrett, Heather Gray, Jed McLoughlin, Ally Mutton, Lincoln Ross, Lachlan Severin, Keith Sichter, Kayla White, Phoenix Wild, Darcy Wicks

5 Galah Eva Payne, Mya Hartog, Ruby Shields, Allie Neilsen, Catherine Orozco, Harry Langdon, Lachlan Pringle, Victor Dwyer, Shakira Talbott, Kallie Walters, Coby Woodger, Jahli Budden-Talbott

5 Eagle Claire McIvor, Braiden Hilton, Sophie Lane, Amelia Anscombe, Charlie Evans, Charli Wyllie

5 Owl Baylen Bacon, Alister Hoade

4 Duck Claire Ellison, Ayden Monks, Liam Wise

4 Pelican Alex Villamin, Poppie Scotford, Arthur Graham, Jake Howes, Summer Maybury, Riley Mutton

4 Brolga Isaac Woolaston, Deeza Jain

4 Fish Matilda Allan, Hannah Neale, Cameron Yianakis

3 Platypus Xavier Sheridan

3 Frog Hayden Dagge, London-Grace Jolliffe, Dallas Fard, Viyana Weerasinghe, Aaron Wilkinson, Georgie Duff, Evie Bradshaw, Ki-Lari Bartman, Ally Allen

3 Kookaburra Elliott Melick

2 Turtle Floyd Dorrington, Jarvis Goodall, Sapphire Walsh-Cloake, Evelyn Pepper

2 Goanna Bella Adams, Jack Wright, Theo May

2 Echidna Gianna Firth, Rylan Peterson

1 Possum Caleb Dorrington, Oscar De Groot

1 Dingo Fletcher Lennox, Sienna Adams, Harrison Gallacher, Matisse Walters, Vann Campbell, Luca Heath

1 Emu Riley Collet, Bailey Irwin, Leo Brennan

1 Kangaroo Aveah Rolinson, Braxton Howes

K Snake Liam Pepper

K Butterfly Aurora Rose, Indya Tozer, Lottie Wicks, Emma Short, River Mackellar, Wyatt Powell, Logan Williams

K Bee Gina Mason, Cameron Scott, Logan Endicott, Flinn Morris, Kirk Beyzade-Conlan, Loklan McIvor

K Caterpillar Jack Casey, Matilda Bailey, Mason Hill, Claire Kelly, Chloe Welch, Koa Suey, Blaze Meredith





2023 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

This year we had a big focus on completing the Premier's Reading Challenge as a part of our library lessons. Student's in K-2 were able to have their books read to them during their lessons and students in 3-6 had to read their own books and keep a log of what they had read. We are very pleased to announce that 292 students completed the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2023. Well done and keep on reading!

Sarah Smith
Library Teacher