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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to the 2021 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge.

As you know, reading helps our children build important literacy skills that will be with them for life.

Just as importantly, reading is a fun way to foster a lifelong love of learning in children.

When your child completes the Premiers' Reading Challenge, they will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. This year, with more than 12,000 titles on the Premiers' Reading Challenge reading list, there really is a book for everyone.

For children not yet at school, the Premiers' Reading Challenge invites parents and carers to experience 40 books with their child. For students from Prep to Grade 2, the Premiers' Reading Challenge is to read or experience 30 books, and for students in years 3 to 10, the Premiers' Reading Challenge is to read 15 books.

I encourage you to visit the official [Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge Facebook page](#), and join a community of participating parents and teachers. Here you can share stories, stay informed and celebrate your child's journey through the Premiers' Reading Challenge.

Good luck to you and your children as you embark on this year's Premiers' Reading Challenge!

Yours sincerely

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