



LET'S READ Newsletter

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Welcome

This is the second edition of the Let's Read Newsletter. We hope that you find this simple update a valuable resource.



Let's Read website – new material

We are continuing to grow the material on the Let's Read website. The following information has been added:

- *Parent Information – Going to the Library*
This provides some simple advice about the importance of the library and links for locating your local library and the activities they are offering.
- *Parent Information – Links to other parent information*
This provides two other websites that parents may wish to access for more information.
- *Research – Introduction*
A new resource on "literacy promotion" has been linked. This resource provides an introduction to the topic, a summary of the latest research and practical strategies to give to parents.
- *Research – Links*
Included is a range of links to other relevant research papers.
- *About Let's Read – Underpinning Philosophy*
A simplified version has replaced the previous, more jargonistic outline. Worth a quick read.



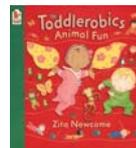
Books to purchase

As you know, you can purchase a range of books from the Let's Read National Office.

Three new books are available to be purchased, these being:

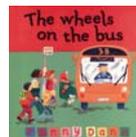
- ***Toddlers Animal Fun***

By Zita Newcome
Recommended on the
"From 12 months" booklist



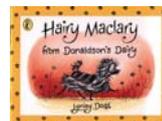
- ***Wheels on the bus***

By Penny Dan
Recommended on the
"From 18 months" booklist



- ***Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy***

By Lynley Dodd
Recommended on the
"From 3½ years" booklist



All of these books are included on the DVD. The cost to purchase these books is \$6.00 each. New order forms are available to download on the secure section of the Let's Read website.

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Communities involved

The number of communities offering Let's Read is growing, so more children are being exposed to the joy of reading. We are pleased that the following communities / areas have completed an agreement and on their way to implementing Let's Read:

- Taree – NSW
- Narromine – NSW
- Cessnock – NSW
- Lismore – NSW
- Coffs Harbour – NSW
- Dubbo – NSW
- Wellington – NSW
- Parramatta – NSW
- Fairfield – NSW
- Mirrabooka – WA
- East Gippsland – Vic
- Bridgehaven – Vic
- Wodonga – Vic
- Corio – Vic
- Warrnambool – Vic
- Kyabram – Vic
- Preston – Vic
- Bacchus Marsh – Vic
- Doveton – Vic
- Albany - Vic
- Sunshine West – Vic
- Western Melbourne – Vic
- Port Adelaide – SA
- Birkenhead – SA
- Deception Bay – Qld
- Inala – Qld
- Gladstone – Qld
- Penguin – Tas
- Devonport – Tas
- Riana - Tas
- Burnie – Tas
- Central Coast (Wyong) – Burnside Uniting Care NSW

Ross Coverdale and Michelle Croker, in their roles as the community facilitators, are having discussions with lots more communities around Australia.

Documenting models of delivery

We believe that it is important to share the experiences of each community, when implementing Let's Read. The process of documenting the models of delivery is well underway and we hope to publish this material to the Let's Read website in the near future. This is one way for you to learn about how the other communities are progressing.

CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) Communities

The development work for addressing the needs of the CALD communities is underway. We are working with three Communities for Children sites and will be exploring the issues for eleven different CALD groups in Australia. This process involves the preparation of background papers to raise awareness of the issues facing the CALD groups and undertake focus groups to hear directly from the CALD groups. At the completion of this process we are hoping to be able to provide the necessary support materials to enable a message about early literacy to be delivered in the CALD communities.

Your input

Please take the time to let us know how things are progressing, so that we can share your experiences with the other communities that are implementing Let's Read. The next edition of the newsletter will be produced in December. Please email your stories to community@letsread.com.au, by November 30, 2006.

