



Issue 5

What's on

National Simultaneous Storytime 2024 – 22 May



This week our theme is “Birds of Australia” as the National Simultaneous Storytime held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association

(ALIA) is on 22 May. This year's book is *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker. Please feel free to read books about Australian birds from the booklists on our website.

We'd love to share your story on the website and social media so take a photo of you reading and email it with a short book review to cmrc.doe@education.nt.gov.au.

CMRC book tally

Thank you to all our young readers for your continued enthusiasm in participating in the 2024 Chief Minister's Reading Challenge!



To help us keep track of the number of books read, on Friday mornings scan the QR code to enter the number of books read each week.

Around the Libraries

If you are looking for good books to read for the reading challenge, then you can visit your local city council library and the friendly staff are happy to help.

This picture is from the Palmerston library where you can find books of all kinds to interest you. As a bonus, you may like to ask the library staff to find books about this week's theme “Birds of Australia”.



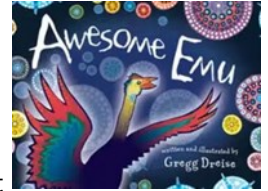
You may read an e-book or listen to an audiobook on your device wherever you are using the BorrowBox App. All you need is your library card, a device, and internet access.

Please ask your local librarian about BorrowBox.

Books of the Week

This week you might like to read these books about Australian birds. Both books and many more are available at your local library.

For our readers aged 3 to 9 years, a fun choice could be 'Awesome Emu' written and illustrated by Gregg Dreise. This story is about an over-confident emu called Dinewah and how he was too busy talking about himself to notice that the other animals thought he was a show-off. This tale reminds us to not let success go to our heads and to be humble. You may like to read other bird themed books by Gregg Dreise like *Silly Birds* and *Kookoo Kookaburra*.



'Amazing Facts about Australian Birds' by Pat Slater is a must read to learn about the unique birds of Australia. This book has more than 150 photographs and illustrations, with easy-to-follow text suitable for children aged 8 and above. Why not get a copy of this book and some binoculars and see how many of the birds you can spot around you.



If you would like to share your reading journey, please email it to cmrc.doe@education.nt.gov.au

Reading at Home

Ahmed Khan, a year 6 student at Driver Primary School is reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar as a part of the reading challenge. He loves reading books and is enjoying this hilarious and powerful story about crime, punishment and redemption. And holes, lots and lots of holes...

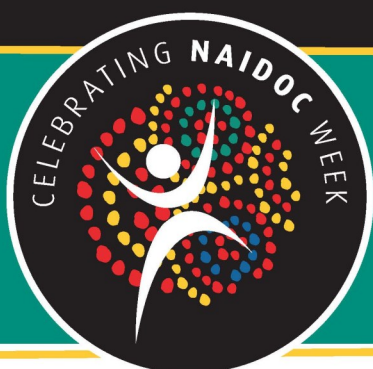


Good on you, Ahmed and keep enjoying the world of books!

Calendar of Events

ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2024	22 May
World Environment Day	5 June
International Bath Day	14 June

2024 SCHOOL NAIDOC POSTER COMPETITION



This competition presents an opportunity to raise awareness and understanding of NAIDOC Week and to recognise and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, culture and contributions.



Make a creative poster showcasing what celebrating NAIDOC Week means to you.

WIN A \$500 ARTS GRANT FOR YOUR CLASS!

Categories:

Early Years (Transition to Year 2)

Primary Years (Year 3 to Year 6)

Middle Years (Year 7 to Year 9)

Senior Years (Year 10 to Year 12)

Entry details will be provided by your school

Opens Tuesday 7 May

Closes Friday 14 June

Winners announced Friday 21 June