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PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TO: THE PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY

RE: PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Welcome back to a new school year and the 20th year of the Premier's Reading Challenge in South Australia.

I am challenging South Australian students from Reception to Year 12 to read 12 books by 8 September 2023.

The Premier's Reading Challenge continues, with over 124,880 students from 691 schools completing the Challenge in 2022. Many students educated at home also took part in the Challenge.

Almost 97 per cent of all South Australian schools had students completing the Challenge. This is an outstanding achievement and I thank you all for your time and efforts in supporting children and their families to complete the Challenge.

I congratulate all these schools on their results.

The Challenge has been fortunate to have 22 high profile and enthusiastic ambassadors who inspire students to enjoy reading and achieve their goals. Adelaide United Football Club, Adelaide Lightning Basketball Club, Adelaide 36ers Basketball Club, Port Adelaide Football Club, Adelaide Football Club, Thunderbirds Netball Club and SA Scorpions have also thrown their support behind the Challenge and Premier's *be active* Challenge as joint ambassador teams.

The Premier's Reading Challenge continues to be an important initiative that supports the State Government's commitment to Literacy Guarantee for young South Australians and encourages them to enjoy reading.

All information about the Challenge is on the Premier's Reading Challenge website at www.prc.sa.edu.au, phone (08) 8226 2006 or email prc@sa.gov.au. A school contact person is requested to coordinate your school's participation on behalf of all teachers, staff and students at your school.

I encourage all students to discover the world of reading with the Premier's Reading Challenge and keep up the momentum. I wish you every success in 2023.

Yours sincerely

Hon Peter Malinauskas MP

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