



Dear Parents

In her library lesson next week, your daughter will hear about a major event leading up to Book Week, in which they will be encouraged to participate:

The TEAR Readathon 2020
from Monday 24 August until Friday 23 October

The purpose of this note is to inform you of how this event will be organised and how you can support your daughter not only in her reading, but also to boost other children's educational opportunities.

Throughout the readathon, Tara girls will be raising money to provide access to education for people who would otherwise miss out. We are aiming to raise \$1,650. This amount will help fund 15 community school classes and help train 15 teachers, which would be a lovely effort from our 15 classes at Tara. Please see the attached letter from TEAR for more information about the work of the TEAR organisation.

How does my daughter start?

- Collect a participant pack from the Junior School Library
- Seek financial sponsorship for their reading from family members or community contacts that are known and trusted by you. Sponsors can choose to donate a certain amount per book or as a one-off gift. All payments are to be made online at our TEAR fundraising site: <https://readathon2020.tear.org.au/tara> . No cash payments will be handled at School.

What is the Badge Challenge?

- In addition to raising funds, we will also be encouraging students to earn badges for their reading
- Every student participating in the TEAR Readathon will receive a participant badge on commencement
- Badges can be worn on the School uniform for the duration of the TEAR Readathon and for Book Week, which commences in Junior School on 26 October

How does the Readathon work for ELC to Year 1 students?

- Students read picture books or home readers
- The following milestones of total books read will be honoured with a badge: 20 books, 40 books, 60 books and so on for every subsequent 20 books read.

How does the Readathon work for Year 2 to Year 6 students?

- Students read novels or non-fiction books to earn their badge
- The following milestones of total pages read will be honoured with a badge: 500 pages, 1000 pages, 2000 pages and so on for every subsequent 1000 pages read

Important points to note

- Students who do not wish to participate in the Badge Challenge are very welcome to participate in the fundraising aspect only
- Reading can be independent, or children can be read to
- Books do not need to be sourced from Junior School Library
- Parents are asked to add their signature to the reading record to authenticate each milestone achieved
- Each badge will be distributed once the child's reading record is handed in to the Junior School Library for processing

Need to ask a question?

Please direct any queries about the TEAR Readathon to your child's Teacher Librarian:

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