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2018 Read Like a Demon Program Guide

Read Like a Demon is an innovative literacy program created by the Melbourne Football Club and Monash University which aims to inspire a love of reading among children. The program has been carefully designed to complement school literacy programs in Years 3 to 6 and features players from the Melbourne Football Club as reading role models, demonstrating the importance of reading in everyday life and celebrating the joy of reading.

Teacher Professional Development

The Melbourne Football Club and Monash University are proud to present two exciting opportunities for professional learning in 2018. These sessions are open to teachers of Year 3 to 6 classes at schools in either the Casey region or in the Stonnington, Boroondara and Glen Eira region. There is no cost to attend these sessions and submissions of interest can be emailed to olivia.toms@melbournefc.com.au

Please see below for details of each session:

'Picture Books and Augmented Reading Experiences'

(for schools in Stonnington, Boroondara, Glen Eira)

Friday 16th March 2018, 1.00-4.00pm

Monash University, Clayton Campus

This session will provide an introduction to a book analysis framework, which teachers will use to work through the selected text 'ANZAC Biscuits', by Phil Cummings. Teachers will then explore the potential of two applications that can be utilized by teachers and students to increase reading engagement through augmented reading experiences.

'Using Picture Books as Mentor Texts in Upper Primary Classrooms'

(for schools in Casey)

Monday 19th March 2018, 1.00-4.00pm

Monash University, Clayton Campus

This session will explore the reciprocity of reading and writing. Teachers will also be introduced to the 2018 web-based resources for schools participating in the Read Like a Demon program. In addition, Monash University will briefly present the results of the 2017 research project on reader engagement.

Please note that registration will be limited to 25 places. Some funding is available on application to Melbourne Football Club for CRT costs for schools who participate in the program.

Gala Day

The Read Like a Demon Gala Day is an annual event which celebrates the achievements of the students involved in the program throughout the year. It



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is held at the readily accessible MCG early in Term 3 (2018 date to be confirmed) and we invite groups of students from all our Read Like a Demon schools to attend. Events and activities include a presentation from a guest author, a football clinic with players from the Melbourne Football Club, a tour of the National Sports Museum, a scavenger hunt around the MCG, as well as hands on literacy activities coordinated by pre-service teachers from Monash University. Details regarding the program and allocated places for each school will be outlined in Term 2, 2017.

Research

In 2016, Monash University began the first stage of a two-year research project to gain deeper insights into the program's impact from the perspective of both teachers and students. In response to this investigation, Monash literacy educators designed and created the ANZAC Day website, which is accessible through our Read Like a Demon teacher resource page, that can either be navigated by students independently or be used by teachers as the base for a two-week unit of work.

In Term 3 2017, Monash University worked with several Read Like a Demon schools to gather survey and interview data with teachers and some students. Any schools who are interested in finding out more information about the research aspect of the program, please contact Jane Kirkby via email jane.kirkby@monash.edu.au

In addition, schools participating in the Read Like a Demon program in 2018, have the opportunity to engage in:

- Read Like a Demon classroom visits – a fantastic opportunity to have players from the Melbourne Football Club share a story with students at your school
- To compliment these school visits, access to online content including the teacher resource collection, created by Monash University's Faculty of Education, and online digital book chats featuring players from the Melbourne Football Club reviewing some of the latest children's literature
- The 'Read Like a Demon Book Club', featuring updates of the latest and most popular literature for students in Years 3 to 6 and a book review competition for students
- Our Write Like a Demon creative writing competition with great prizes on offer!



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Registration of Interest

If your school would like to be involved in the Read Like a Demon program, please register via our Expression of Interest form on our website at <http://deezone.com.au/10078-2>.

If you have any further questions about the program, please contact Olivia Toms on 9652 1179 or at Olivia.Toms@melbournefc.com.au