Why it's so important to read with your child

- Reading and talking about stories are wonderful ways to show your child how enjoyable and important reading is – and a great way to spend time together.
- Reading with your child makes books and characters come alive.
- Reading helps your child learn that stories have a beginning, middle and end, and about sounds and patterns in words.
- Reading helps your child find out what kinds of stories they enjoy.
- Your child is more likely to read when they see you reading as well.
- Children who enjoy reading at home are more likely to be successful when learning to read at school.

(Department of Education, WA)

The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.
Dr Suess
**Tambrey Reading KAPER**

Reading is a vital skill that all children need to acquire. Success in learning to read is related to the literary experiences a child has in the early years, primarily through talking to and reading with trusted adults.

**What is it?**

Kids and Parents Enjoying Reading is Tambrey Primary School encouraging parents to read daily to their children to give them stimulating oral language experiences and build great foundations for learning to read.

**The Books**

One book will be the focus for each fortnight. That’s ten for a semester. These books are great examples of children’s literature from Australia and beyond. Some are old favourites, while others may be more recent releases. Reading a book many times will enable your child to learn from it at many levels and help it to become a favourite in your home.

All Tambrey Kindy and Pre-Primary parents are provided with a KAPER card, which is signed each time your child completes a book. Books can be purchased online and they will be available in the school library. You could even share the cost of a set with a friend.

The list of books for the current semester will be included with this brochure, available separately from the school and listed on the school’s website. There will be enough booklists available to see your child through the whole 2 years of their early childhood education (4 semesters).

Whilst tempting to read all the books at once, we recommend waiting until the Parent Notes for each one are released each fortnight.

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**Parent Notes**

Each book will be accompanied by the release of Parent Notes containing ideas for how you can get the most out of reading that book to your child, with a strong focus on oral language.

**Rewards**

Each time you complete a book and some of the Parent Notes activities, approach your child’s teacher. They will sign the back of your KAPER card. Prizes to outstanding KAPER students will be issued by teachers.

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*Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.*

Emilie Buchwald

For more information, please contact your child’s teacher or Tanya Gibson or Di Hall (Deputy Principals) on 9144 2020.