



Bramble Bay Bulletin

Term 1 2009

Hello Librarians & Readers

Welcome to 2009. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and have come back refreshed and looking forward to a great year ahead. We are certainly looking forward to the challenges a new year brings.

As most of you would be aware, our wonderful Sales Exec, Jean Delzoppo left Bramble Bay Books late in 2008 after 8 years of dedicated service. Jean was the original owner of BBB and thankfully, agreed to stay on with us when the business changed hands. She has been my teacher and mentor for the last 3 years. Jean has been a wonderful representative of BBB with a wealth of knowledge and whilst we shall miss her, we wish her all the luck and success in her new position. We promise to continue to service you our clients with the same dedication and enthusiasm shown by Jean.

I would like to clarify some information in our newsletter in Term 3 last year regarding minimum orders. It was in regard to "Special Orders". Special Orders are any orders given to us either by fax, email or verbally. In order to qualify for our 10% discount on "Special Orders" the order must be over \$175.00. If we come to your school and you buy books directly from our boxes then there is no minimum amount, the discount is automatically given, whether it is \$50.00 or \$500.00. I apologise for any confusion this may have caused. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this.



EdAlliance

Bramble Bay Books is extremely proud to get involved with EdAlliance to promote literacy amongst our children and that is why we are supporting this fantastic product.

What is Accelerated Reader???

Accelerated Reader is a software tool used by teachers and librarians to individually monitor the reading practice of all students. Regardless of the reading age of your students, from Year 1 to Year 12, the process is the same & students get great results. As students complete formative assessment quizzes, a teacher receives data that informs & confirms professional judgements about each students reading skill.

I stumbled upon this product whilst in a library recently and had to find out more about it. It has become a vital tool in many libraries to encourage reading in children of all ages. Accelerated Reader is simple to implement, the student reads a book then takes a computer based quiz on the book. Through this quiz both the teacher/librarian and student get feedback on their comprehension. The results from the quiz can be used in many ways.

In the library I visited, they use a points system whereby for every book the student reads and every quiz they get correct, they collect points to eventually become part of the "Millionaires Club" which was set up specifically for Accelerated Readers. Once they joined the "Millionaires Club" a photo was put on their Wall of Fame in the library. There are numerous rewards systems teacher/librarians can put in place to encourage children to participate in this wonderful program. The excitement and enthusiasm I witnessed amongst those Year 7 students was unbelievable. One student had read something like 350 books since Grade 4 and was the schools top Millionaire.

Bramble Bay Books will be able to provide a list of books that come with quizzes in the near future and will promote them through our newsletter each term.

If you would like any further information about this program, have a look at their website www.accelreader.com.au or alternatively you can give me a call or we can discuss it when we visit you next.

New Releases: Picture Books

My Mother's Eyes
Wilson, Mark
\$24.99 (Special) March



This boy's story in this unique, stirring picture book is based on true stories of the twenty-three teenage soldiers one only fourteen who fought with the Australian army in World War I

Clinton Gregory's Secret
Whatley, Bruce
\$15.99 February



Every night, when no-one else is looking, Clinton does extraordinary things: he befriends a dragon, teaches a stegosaurus a new trick, and flies around the world on a plate of spaghetti. But it's a secret . . .

The Scarlet Stocking, The Enchanted Riddle
Kandel, Charlotte
\$24.95 March



As an infant, Daphne was abandoned on the doorstep of an all-girls school. Now, at thirteen, she longs to discover the truth about her past and to fulfil her lifelong dream of becoming a prima ballerina.

The I Love You Book
Parr, Todd
\$14.95 February



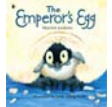
The message - 'I love you just the way you are' - is illustrated with Parr's usual spectacular, multicultural mix of blue, green, brown, yellow and purple faces.

Q Pootle 5
Butterworth, Nick
\$14.99 March



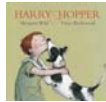
Q Pootle 5 is on his way to a moon party when his rocket falls to Earth in need of some repairs...

The Emperor's Egg
Jenkins, Martin
\$15.95 January



An award-winning picture book about the Emperor penguin's parenting.

Harry and Hopper
Wild, Margaret
\$24.99 February



A beautiful poignant story about love and loss by Margaret Wild.

Ssssh Duck Don't Wake the Baby
Alborough, Jez
\$14.99 November



Duck doesn't expect to have to wait while the baby is being looked after. Duck tries to speed things up but being Duck he only manages to make them worse!

The Mozart Question
Morpurgo, Michael
\$14.95 January



A moving tale of secrets and survival bound together by the power of music.

New Releases: Junior Fiction

The Remarkable Secret of Aurelie Bonhoffen
Abela, Deborah
\$15.95 March



A quirky & mysterious tale of friends, fire-twirlers & ghosts from the Australian author of Max Remy Superspy and Jazper Zammit.

Mascot Madness
Griffiths, Andy
\$14.99 March



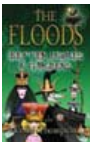
Mascot Madness is a very funny book about running, jumping, throwing, winning, losing, cheating, chasing, biting and really hard squeezing.

The Pain and the Great One 3
Blume, Judy
\$14.99 November



A new series for young readers from Judy Blume.

The Floods : Better Homes and Gardens
Thompson, Colin
\$14.95 March



Number 8 in this popular series. In Transylvania Waters, Mordonna & Nerlin should be King & Queen. But there are some seriously nasty characters standing in their way.

Horrible Histories Gory Stories
Deary, Terry
\$14.99 February



A brand new series of horribly hilarious stories from Terry Deary. 4 titles being released in February. Shadow of the Gallows, Tomb of Treasure, Tower of Terror & Wall of Woe.

Kasper
Morpurgo, Michael
\$19.99 November



Read about the unexpected around the world adventures of a cat (Prince Kasper), a boy and an American Heiress.

Scream Street
Donbavand, Tommy
\$12.95 January



New series of humorous ghoulish stories.

New Releases: Bridging Fiction

Princess Diaries, Ten out of Ten
Cabot, Meg
\$14.99 January



Top Secret! This is the last ever instalment of the million-selling memoirs of Princess Mia. The Princess Diaries have reached their tenth and final episode.

A Ghost in my Suitcase
Wang, Gabrielle
\$16.99 February



When Celeste travels to China to visit her grandmother, she uncovers an incredible family secret. And with this secret comes danger and adventure. If Celeste is to save her family and friends, she must learn to harness her rare and powerful gift . . .

Henderson's Boys: The Escape
Muchamore, Robert
\$17.99 March



2 of the most frequently asked questions: How did CHERUB start & What does CHERUB stand for. HB will answer these questions & more & will provide a whole new world for CHERUB fans to lose themselves in.

Boy in the Striped Pyjama's (film tie in)
Boyne, John
\$23.95 February



Now a major motion picture due for release in March 2009. Read the book then see the film.

Grizzly Trap: Extreme Adv.
D'Ath, Justin
\$14.95 March



The next in this exciting popular series.

Ranger's Apprentice 8: The Kings of Clonmel
Flanagan, John
\$16.95 November



The Australian bestselling series continues with a new adventure.

Cross my heart & hope to spy
Carter, Ally
\$16.99 January



Cammie continues her education at the elite girls school for spies.

New Releases: Older Fiction

Heroes of the Valley Stroud, Jonathan \$29.95 January

Blood feuds, epic battles and a undersized but fearless hero come together in this brilliant new fantasy adventure from the author of the best-selling Bartimaeus trilogy.



The Dangerous Days of Daniel X Patterson, James \$19.95 February

The first action-packed adventure in a new blockbuster series from James Patterson, the world's best-selling thriller writer.



The Nest Jennings, Paul \$16.99 March

16 yr old Robin lives with his single father in the Victorian alps. Robin's mother left when he was a baby which is why his father hates him, but is there something more sinister to her disappearance. The fast-paced thriller of a finale will have you guessing to the end.

Tantalize Leitch Smith, Cynthia \$16.95 January

Terrific teenage gothic novel—vampires & werewolves abound. Perfect for fans of the Twilight series.



Necropolis: Welcome to the City of the Dead Horowitz, Anthony \$16.95 January

The thrilling fourth book in the supernatural series from Anthony Horowitz.



Code Red 5: Twister Ryan, Chris \$29.95 January

Page-turning action from the SAS hero as a young lad gets caught up in a plane crash and a kidnap - in the heart of a tornado.



3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows Brashares, Ann \$17.95 February

A new Sisterhood series from the author of the popular Summer of the Sisterhood series and movie Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants.

Guantanamo Boy Perera, Anna \$19.99 March

"Guantanamo Boy" is a glimpse into the horror and paranoia of America, post 9/11. When innocent children are plucked from the streets, detained and mistreated by the authorities - of any nationality - simply for being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The Sniper Riordan, James \$16.95 January

A taut action story with a heroine at its centre will appeal to both boys and girls.



New Non Fiction

An Awkward Truth: The Bombing of Darwin February 1942 Grose, Peter \$32.95 February

This is the story of the Japanese attack on Darwin on 19 February 1942 as it was the first wartime assault on Australian soil. More bombs fell on Darwin, more civilians were killed, and more ships were sunk, than in Pearl Harbour 10 weeks earlier.

Suzuki's Green Guide Suzuki, David \$29.95 March

The undisputed planet-sustainability expert reveals how we can all live, travel, eat, and shop greener.



Off to War: Soldiers' Children Speak Ellis, Deborah \$16.95 March

Sad, scared, funny, angry, loving, eloquent, powerful stories about soldiers' children and the burdens they bear when their fathers go to war.



Payne VC: The Story of Australia's most Decorated Soldier from the Vietnam War. Colman, Mike \$35.00 March

The story of the last Australian Soldier to be awarded the Victorian Cross.



Pizza, Pigs and Poetry: How to Write a Poem Prelutsky, Jack \$12.99 February

If you are a poet, want to be a poet or if you have to write a poem for homework and you just need some help this is the book for you!



Poems by Young Australians Vol 6 Taronga Foundation \$17.95 March

A collection of the very best poems for young people, by young people.



New Indigenous Titles

First Australians Perkins, Rachel \$89.99 November

This is the story of the violent clash of culture, religion and ideas at the heart of Australia's history, it chronicles the fierce war with colonists, the bloody massacres and the earliest civil rights movement the world has ever seen.



People Under Threat: Australian Aboriginals Nile, Dr Richard \$37.99 January

This book introduces readers to people from different parts of the world whose culture and way of life is under threat from western influences.



The Dreaming and Other Essays Stanner, W E H \$32.95 March

This is a collection of work by W.E.H. Stanner, one of Australia's finest essayists. A superb anthropologist, he was both perceptive and prophetic about the Aboriginal people he knew; yet his work has been out of print and astonishingly hard to find for many years. The revival of these essays, selected and introduced by Robert Manne, is a significant event.



Black Politics Maddison, Sarah \$35.00 February

Drawing on extensive interviews with activists and politicians, *Black Politics* explains the dynamics of Aboriginal politics.



The Little Red Yellow Black Book Pascoe, Bruce \$14.95 January

This new edition is a superb introduction to Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; their history and their cultures.



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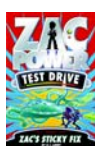
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Zac Power Test Drive

A new Zac Power series for a younger audience. Taking school readers to a new level, doing it Zac's way.



- A Fabulous new early reader series for boys aged 5 and up
- Kicking off this 16 book series by launching 4 titles in February 2009
- Each title features Zac testing a gadget and vehicle
- A Maximum of 40 words per pages and packed with illustrations
- At only 48 pages, young readers can feel a sense of achievement with each read
- Older readers can also enjoy each title for the quick read and cool illustrations.



Bramble Bay Bookfairs

Thank you everyone who supported us last year by having a BBB Bookfair. There were some hugely successful bookfairs and once again, we have supplied many schools with many free books over the last 12 months and look forward to doing the same again this year.

If you are considering a bookfair this year, please give us a call, we would love the opportunity of talking to you about the way we do our bookfairs and the benefits for your school. We have had many comments saying how easy a BBB Bookfair is with little fuss but great success. Unpacking boxes and setting up bookfairs can be time consuming and not particularly fun, that is why we do it for you, we continuously stock throughout the week of the bookfair then come along at the end, pack everything away and leave your library how we found it.

We tailor bookfairs to suit individual schools so things are constantly changing and the children are not seeing the same things over and over again. Want to know more, please give us a call.