

Reading begins at home!

Tips on making reading at home a beneficial family experience.

- ★ Look through the Book Club brochures with your child and talk about books you would like to read together. Discuss what you think the books might be about.
- ★ Be a reading role model and let your children see you reading—for enjoyment, for news and for information in cookbooks, magazines, online etc. This way they see that reading is important for many reasons.
- ★ Assign a place in your home for your family's books to show your child that books are special and deserve an organised storage space. Fill your home with lots of reading materials.
- ★ Pick a comfortable space in the home that is assigned just for reading and read together—one person can read the book aloud or you can take turns, have older siblings read to younger siblings or perhaps have everyone sit quietly in the designated area and read independently.
- ★ Make reading a daily habit by setting aside at least 10 minutes every day entirely for reading. It could be at bedtime or straight after homework.
- ★ Tie books and TV together; for example, read about sea life after watching a 'Whales' TV special. Or connect books and experiences together; for example, after a school excursion to the zoo, read books about animals.
- ★ Write easy-to-read notes and leave them in lunchboxes, on pillows or on mirrors and promote a sense of fun and eagerness about reading. Write your shopping list clearly and ask your child to help you read it in the supermarket.
- ★ Cut up old magazines and make a scrap box of pictures and words then have fun creating a new story by pasting the cut-out pictures and words.

Dear Teacher,
Scholastic believes reading begins at home and we would love you to share this with your pupils' families. We believe that literacy is a pathway to succeed in school and realise a complete life.

