



## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR IRC

Lots of exciting things happening in the IRC in 2018!

### Year 10 Work Experience in the IRC

Last week the IRC had six Year 10 students assisting Library staff with a wide range of Library activities including stock take for student work experience week. Mrs Comiskey and Mr Smith would like to thank these students for their hard work and the professional manner in which they undertook these tasks.

## Term 1 2018 Competition Sneak Peak

Which is better ... the video game or its novel?

How similar are game novels to their electronic cousins?

Are there major differences or are they all the same?

Can a game novel be better than its video game?

Stay tuned for more information next year! Great prizes to be won!

## What's new on the shelf?

Before you see the movie ... make sure you read the book first!

Wonder - R. J. Palacio

*'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.'*

*"Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.*

*Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?"*

*Wonder*, the debut novel by R. J. Palacio is a beautifully written heartfelt book of one young boy's struggle to find acceptance in his new school. Sad, happy, heartbreaking and inspiring, this is a story that will stay with you for a long time. Main character Auggie is a wonderful protagonist, a person of great heart, personality and character which readers cannot help but cheer for. The novel also provides the viewpoints of other people Auggie interacts with, providing a unique insight into how our words and actions impact others.

The novel *Wonder* provides an important lesson for all readers, that we shouldn't judge someone based on their appearance. Though written for young people, this is a novel that everyone should read, young and old alike.

Before you see the recently released movie version starring Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson, make sure you read the novel first and experience a story that you will never forget!

Many great new books will be arriving in the IRC during 2018! Make sure you check 'The Way' for all the latest releases!

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Comiskey and Mr Smith would like to wish all students and their parents and guardians a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

**Mrs A Comiskey & Mr M Smith**  
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