











## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR IRC

Can you guess your teacher's favourite book?

Only one week remains in the IRC's 'Can you guess your teachers favourite book?' Competition.

Students need to have submitted their form to the IRC by 3:00pm Friday 29 June.

Winners will be announced on Monday 30th July (Week 2 Term 3)

*For more information please speak to Library staff.*

### **Book Week 2018 Sneak Peek**

Long lost riddles from the Ancient Library of Alexandria have been discovered in the IRC, rumoured to be the source of great treasure (and prizes!) for any students able to decipher them.

Will you be able to solve the five riddles of the Ancient Library during Book Week 2018.

### **What's new on the shelf?**

*A moving story of courage and determination has arrived in the IRC*

#### **The Thunderbolt Pony - Stacy Gregg**

*"When a devastating earthquake hits Evie's hometown of Parnassus on New Zealand's South Island, she and the rest of the town are forced to evacuate. Evie's injured mum is one of the first to be rescued by helicopter and Evie will be next. But when she realises that she will be forced to leave her beloved pony, Gus, her dog, Jock, and her cat Moxy behind, she is determined to find another way.*

*Before the rescue helicopter returns, Evie flees with Gus, Jock and Moxy in a race against time across difficult terrain to reach the port of Kaikoura, where she has heard that people will be evacuated by ship in three day's time. Surely there will be space for her, Gus, Jock and Moxy there?"*

**The Thunderbolt Pony** by Stacy Gregg is a wonderful story of one young girl's determination to stand by her beloved animals and her refusal to ever give up even in the face of impossible odds.

Dramatic and emotional, this is a novel that will have readers cheering, laughing and crying as main protagonist Evie battles raging rivers, wild weather and other terrifying obstacles that stand between getting her animals, her friends to safety.

Physical barriers are only one of Evie's obstacles, her constant battle with OCD is another great challenge for this character, this is sensitively handled by author Stacy Gregg, who through flashbacks and detailed descriptions of how Evie's anxiety impacts her life, gives readers a greater understanding of the daily challenges people with this illness have to endure.

**The Thunderbolt Pony** is more than just a story about an incredible journey. It is a story of friendship and loyalty, mental health and grief, as well as courage and determination. This is not just a book for animal lovers, all readers will enjoy this amazing story.

Many more great new books have arrived in the IRC, make sure you check the 'New Books' stand to see all the latest titles.

### **Overdue books**

Overdue notices will be sent out this week. If any students require a printed list of their loans please speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith.

This year the IRC has introduced a new overdue policy. Students who do not return their books after receiving their third notice as well as an email will be invoiced for a replacement copy.

All invoices will still stand if books are returned after this final date.

**Mrs A Comiskey & Mr M Smith**

Senior IRC Library Team

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