





## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR IRC

Book Week 2018 – “Find your treasure”

The long lost riddles of the Ancient Library of Alexandria have now been solved! **Sarah K** (Year 12) successfully solved the most riddles. Congratulations! Sarah has won a \$30 movie voucher.

**Annika G** and **Konstantina O** (Both Year 7) were the two runners up. Annika and Konstantina have both won a book of their choice. Thank you to all the students who participated in this competition.

### Book in a Jar Competition

The Book in Jar competition for 2018 is now over. Eight students were successfully able to name all five of the books found in the five jars. This year's winners were **Sebastian A** (Year 9), **Joseph A** (Year 9), **Benjamin W** (Year 9), **Krystal G** (Year 10), **Jessica W** (Year 11), **Caleb C** (Year 11), **Zachariah I** (Year 11) and **Sarah K** (Year 12).

Thank you to all students who participated in this year's competition. Keep an out in 2019, the Books in the Jars will be coming back!

### Year 12 Library Loans

Year 12 students will need to return all of their Library loans before they sign out of the College after the HSC exams. Students who have lost books will be invoiced for a replacement copy. Any students who require a list of their loans need to speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith.

### Stocktake 2018

This year's Library Stocktake will be starting on **Monday 5th November**. All students will need to have returned all of their Library loans no later than **Friday 2 November**. Any students who require a list of their loans need to speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith.

### Library closed for HSC

Due to the HSC examinations, the IRC will be closed at lunchtime during Weeks 1 to 3 next term. Senior students (Years 10-12) needing to study will still be able to access the Library during this time. For more information please speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith.

### What's new on the Shelf?

*Travel back to the American War of Independence with this great book by Bernard Cornwell.*

## **The Fort - Bernard Cornwell**

*“Summer 1779.*

*Seven hundred and fifty British soldiers and three small ships of the Royal Navy. Their orders: to build a fort above a harbour to create a base from which to control the New England seaboard. Forty-one American ships and over nine hundred men. Their orders: to expel the British. The battle that followed was a classic example of how the best-laid plans can be disrupted by personality and politics, and of how warfare can bring out both the best and worst in men. It is a timeless tale of men at war, written by a master storyteller.”*

**‘The Fort’** written by veteran historical fiction author Bernard Cornwell is an exciting and dramatic story based on a mostly unknown battle of the American War of Independence, the Penobscot Expedition of 1779. Action packed and suspenseful, this is a novel that not only depicts the horrors of war, but also the great bravery and heroism that people can display during terrible circumstances. Author Bernard Cornwell brings this period of history to life with great detail of what life was like in 18th Century America, as well as extensive characterization of both imaginary characters and real life figures such as Sir John Moore and revolutionary icon Paul Revere. Cornwell also objectively portrays both sides of this famous conflict, giving readers a balanced insight of both the good and the bad of the British and the new American Republic. This a fantastic story that will be enjoyed by all fans of history and historical fiction. One side fights for independence, the other for King and Country, make sure you come into the Library and borrow this great new addition to the IRC!

Lots more great historical novels have just arrived in the IRC, travel back in time today!

**Mrs Annette Comiskey & Mr Michael Smith**

Senior IRC Library Team

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