





## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR IRC

Library loans from 2018

Students in Years 8 to 11 who still have library books from 2018 need to return them to the IRC as soon as possible. Students who do not return their books will receive an invoice for a replacement copy. Please speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith if you require a printed list of your loans.

### **Tuesday lunchtime in the IRC**

The IRC will now be open on Tuesdays during lunchtime.

### **The IRC needs you!**

Are you in Year 7? Want to help out in the IRC? Want to see how a school library works? If you answered yes to all three questions, then the IRC needs you! Library monitors are needed! Please speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith if you are interested in applying.

### **Term 1 competition coming soon!**

Early vs later. Older vs newer. Classic vs modern. In the world of Science Fiction which is better.... Classic sci-Fi or modern sci-fi? Are the books of Issac Asimov better than those of Orson Scott

Card? Or are the stories by Marie Lu more engaging than those of H. G. Wells? Is Science Fiction getting better or is the past where it is best?

Have your say during Term 1 2019. Great prizes to be won!

### **IRC on Canvas**

The senior IRC has recently launched its canvas page. As well as providing information on the latest Library news and competitions, students will also have access to HSC and career resources, Year 11 and 12 subject guides, a library catalogue guide as well as help with the Dewey Decimal System. Research hints and tips and bibliography help guides are also available. Lots of great resources are to be found on the IRC Canvas page!

For more information please speak to Mr Smith or Mrs Comiskey.

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

*Go on an epic journey across a dangerous land only in the IRC!*

#### **'The Dog Runner' - Bren MacDibble**

*"'We're gonna starve if we stay here,' Emery said. 'If we're gonna go, best go now.' And he said it like going was something easy. Like all we have to do is walk away."*

*"Ella and her brother Emery are alone in a city that's starving to death. If they are going to survive, they must get away, upcountry, to find Emery's mum. But how can two kids travel such big distances across a dry, barren, and dangerous landscape? Well, when you've got five big doggos and a dry-land dogsled, the answer is you go mushing. But when Emery is injured, Ella must find a way to navigate them through rough terrain, and even rougher encounters with desperate people..."*

**'The Dog Runner'** written by Bren MacDibble is fast paced and suspenseful novel that is guaranteed to be a hit with readers from the very first page. Set in a terrifying future Australia in which all grass crops are dead and extreme hunger grips the country, **'The Dog Runner'** tells the dramatic journey of two siblings and five loyal dogs as they travel across a ravaged and dangerous landscape in an effort to try and find a better life for themselves. The novel is told through the eyes of one of the siblings Ella. She is young, brave and resourceful, understanding how deadly the world she lives in is. A wonderful trait of this character is her unwavering hope which carries her through and past each obstacle she faces, this giving her the strength not only to survive but to grow.

**'The Dog Runner'** is a wonderful novel that is bound to be enjoyed by a wide range of readers. It is a very appropriate book for young people to read, especially in regards to the world's uncertain future regarding climate change and global warming. Not only does it provide an example of why mankind needs to protect the planet, but also highlights the importance of family, trust and hope in times of struggle and uncertainty.

Many more great new novels have just arrived in the IRC! Check out the new book stand for all the latest releases.

#### **Mrs Annette Comiskey & Mr Michael Smith**

Senior IRC Library Team

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