





NEWS FROM THE SENIOR IRC

Book Bites - Take a book bite to see if it is to your taste

'Detention' - Tristan Bancks

"A daring escape. A school lockdown. A thrilling chase. What would you risk to save a life? It's 5.28 am. Sima is pressed to the rough, cold ground among about fifty others, next to a tall fence designed to keep them in. The wires are cut one by one. When they make their move, a guard raises the alarm. There's shouting, smoke bombs, people tackled to the ground. In the chaos Sima is separated from her parents and baby sister. Dad told her to run. So she does. At 8.03 am, Dan is in class when the lockdown sound blares. He's worried it's because of the injured dog he found this morning. Maybe it's attacked someone. He convinces his teacher to let him go to the bathroom. Then Dan finds Sima, hiding in the toilet block. She's terrified of being caught. What does Dan do? Help her? Dob her in? She's breaking the law, but is it right to lock kids up? And if he offers to help, should Sima trust him? Or run?"

A fast paced thrilling and thought provoking story that gives readers a real insight into the lives of asylum seekers and how they are treated in our country. A great book that helps young people further understand this important issue.

'Promise' - Alexandria Alt

"At 15, Lene is questioning everything. She is sick of the compulsory League of German Girls' meetings, and everyone being made to fight for a final victory that never seems to come. She is in love with Ludwig who lives upstairs and listens to enemy broadcasts. Like Lene, he rejects the war and the endless Nazi indoctrination. But he has caught the attention of his ruthless Hitler Youth squad leader, Kurt. Unwittingly drawn into a dangerous game of cat and mouse, Lene has to watch every step, every word to protect those she loves. When Ludwig is ordered to the Eastern Front, can Lene and Ludwig hold on to their promise to one another and resurface from the darkness of the abyss in post-war Berlin?"

A wonderful story of young love in a city filled with hate, death and destruction. Suspenseful and moving, a story about survival, where every word, every gesture could be used against you and those you care about. A fantastic first novel from a new Australian author.

'As Happy as Here' - Jane Godwin

"Evie would never have met Lucy and Jemma if the accident hadn't happened. But here they are

sharing a hospital ward. When the three girls witness a crime in the park below their window, it sets off a chain of events that will change each of them forever, and force Evie to confront what it means to grow up, and how to live truly, with courage, as yourself."

A lovely coming of age story of three girls who though very different are able to find friendship, belonging and acceptance together as they solve a strange mystery. A book that will be enjoyed by students in years 7 to 9.

IRC Crossword - Term 2 Competition

The IRC Crossword competition has now finished. A number of students were able to successfully complete the crossword. Congratulations to **Charles Khoury** (Year 7), **Sienna Nohra** (Year 8), **Mia Zinghini** (Year 8), **Emily Cook** (Year 11) and **Camille Leslie** (Year 12).

The IRC would like to thank all students who participated in this competition.

Book Week 2019

Book Week 2019 is coming soon. It will be held in the IRC during **Week 5** this term. (**Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August**) The theme for this year is ...Superpowers! As well as the yearly favourite 'Book in the Jar' competition, the IRC will be pitting two of the greatest superhero franchises against each other... DC VS MARVEL! Lots of great prizes to be won! For more information please speak to Library staff.

Overdue notices

Overdue notices have been sent out. If any students require a printed list of their loans please speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith.

Students who do not return their books after receiving their third notice as well as an email will be invoiced for a replacement copy.

Please remember that all invoices will still stand if books are returned after this final date.

If you have any problems or questions regarding overdue books please speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith who will be happy to help.

Mrs Annette Comiskey & Mr Michael Smith

Senior IRC Library Team
