

Mt Roskill Intermediate School Library

Newsletter #2, August 2021



Hi MRI Students!

Half way through the year! How is your reading going?

When you choose your books, check a few pages, read a bit.. Ask yourself, does this seem like something I will enjoy?

Reading is such an important life skill, and the great thing about it, is that if you choose books you will like, reading is fun, entertaining, enjoyable and transports you to another place away from our rainy Auckland winter...

Meanwhile, The Book Fair is on in Week 5...



Check out the competitions and activities that are on.

Happy creating and happy reading!

Whaea Rachel
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Dress up as a book character day!
Friday, 27th August 2021

Gold coin donation towards new Mandarin, Arabic and Manga books.

House points and spot prizes to be won!

Writing Competition



Write a **DIARY** entry for:
a DAY IN YOUR LIFE in ANCIENT EGYPT..

Are you a sailor on the Nile? A farmer? Anubis's acolyte? A herder of scarab beetles in a tomb? How is your day going?

All entries are due to the Library (library@mri.school.nz) by **Thursday, 19th August 2021** and will go in a draw. Please submit your entry by email.

The winners will receive a \$20 voucher to spend at the Book Fair.

Write a **DIARY** entry for a **DAY IN YOUR LIFE** in **ANCIENT EGYPT...** Please submit your entry by email to the Librarian at

library@mri.school.nz

Due by Thursday, 19th August 2021

[Entry form here](#), or just start a google doc.

Drawing Competition



Illustrate a scene from Ancient Egypt

What did Ancient Egypt look like? Yes, there are pyramids - but what else was there? In Ancient Egypt:

- What would a street scene look like?
- What type of fashion was there?
- Were there classrooms - what did they write with?
- What would the supermarket look like and the food?

Draw, paint, colour a picture that would fit in a book about Ancient Egypt.

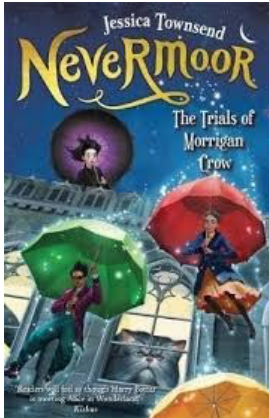
Entries are due to the Library (library@mri.school.nz) by **Wednesday, 18th August 2021** and will go in a draw. In the event of a Covid Lockdown, please scan/photo and submit by email. The winners will receive a \$20 voucher to spend at the Book Fair.

Illustrate a scene from Ancient Egypt - not too many pyramids please!

Please get your entries to the Librarian by Wednesday, 18th August 2021.

REVIEWS

Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend
Review by Whaea Rachel



Nevermoor is a story about a girl who is cursed from birth, but maybe not..

Morrigan is rescued and taken to a new environment and starts to learn how she fits into it. There is magic, fun friendships formed, interesting pets and animals, and some shady characters in the background.

Nevermoor reads a lot like the Harry Potter series, in terms of discovering new ideas, found families and lurking menace, so is ideal for anyone wanting something more after HP. There are three books in the *Nevermoor* series so far.

The Land of Stories : Wishing Spell
Review by Tayyiba, Room 2



The land of stories: The wishing spell is the first tale written by the author Chris Colfer of the series *The Land of Stories*.

This book is an incredible book to read for individuals who like reading about adventure, fantasy and Unexpected twists. At first I didn't want to read this book because of how long it was, but I got it anyways and it made me feel wonderful in the inside, the book is heart-warming and mysterious, featuring two young kids named Alex and Conner leaving their world and entering the dangerous, magical fairytale world, The story goes deep into the secrets of every common fairytale character known, from how the evil queen became evil, to who the fairy godmother really is.

The book is frequently rated 5 stars and is loved by many readers.

It is a wonderful book, so my advice to you is to read it. It may take you long, but it's worth it.

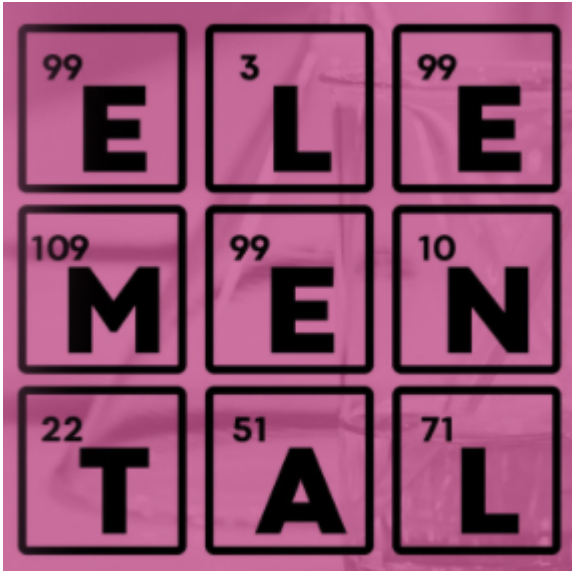
DON'T FORGET TO READ THIS BOOK & THE NEXT BOOK:
The Land of Stories: The Enchantress Returns

<p>Unite against COVID-19</p>	<p>Looking for information on Covid-19</p> <p>Go to the source of official information here: https://covid19.govt.nz/</p>
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INTERESTING RESOURCES

Want to know about CHEMISTRY?

Are you interested in chemistry? Do you enjoy listening to podcasts?



Then try the Elemental podcast: A journey through the periodic table of elements, produced by RNZ.

There are 5-10 minute sessions on each element of the periodic table, its history, application and miscellaneous facts.

Find the podcast at the RNZ website:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/programmes/elemental>

A Great History Show



Take a voyage through the history of New Zealand with The Aotearoa History Show from RNZ - a part-animated web-series that travels all the way through from 100 million years ago to the modern day, capturing the highlights of our nation's story.

Each episode is 15-20mins long and looks not just at the when and what, but also the how and why of events in our history.

Co-presented by RNZ's Maori Issues Correspondent Leigh-Marama McLachlan and William Ray, this series is a fantastic way to learn about the viewpoints of our history.

Find the series on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGyilcb-T6kQ_KNpfG6ehVA

Finalists in the New Zealand Children's Book Awards

