



MEDIA RELEASE

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Author Phil Kettle Rewards Mill Park Primary School's Plenty of Reading

The eager young readers at Mill Park Primary School were rewarded for their reading prowess with a visit from Phil Kettle, author of the TooCool books, and the Boyz Rule and Girlz Rock series on Monday, as part of the Yarra Plenty Regional Library Plenty of Reading program.

The annual YPRL Plenty of Reading program is a local edition of the state-wide Premier's Reading Challenge and was established last year to encourage a culture of reading in the local area and to work together with local schools on the Premier's Reading Challenge. Schools register their classrooms, the children read a book from the Premier's Reading Challenge list during the week-long challenge, and registered classrooms enter the draw to win an author visit.

About 800 students from 27 primary and secondary schools took part in the challenge. Twelve Whittlesea schools took part, with 120 children from Mill Park Primary School treated to a visit from Phil Kettle, who is a Premier's Reading Challenge ambassador. Eltham College and Montmorency Primary School also won visits from the author.

"We really want to encourage a love of reading and improve reading, writing and literacy skills," Reading and Literacy Coordinator Kerri Pleydell-Sander says. "With Plenty of Reading we are encouraging children to engage with each other about books and interact with interesting authors. As well as being entertaining, the author visits really do inspire the children to read."

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

Reading and Literacy Coordinator Kerri Pleydell-Sander is available for interview.

Please contact me on 9401 0755 to organise an appropriate time.

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