

SLAV Bendigo Branch Report 2019

Branch Co-Convenor – Sharon Wallace

We held 3 Branch meetings at different School libraries and local cafes and participants shared what was happening in their Library.

We did not hold a network day in 2019

We will continue try and hold termly meetings in 2020

Our AGM for 2020 was scheduled for March 19th.

2019 Meetings:

Term 1 - AGM March 7th

Election of Office Bearers followed by General Business

- General discussion - staffing and Term 1 in each Library.
- Strathdale PS – Cheryl Fitzpatrick - .6 time to see students has drastically reduced
- Bendigo Senior Secondary College – Connie Greblo – all T/Ls are teaching and technical staff are part time.
- Lisa – Weeroona College – Lisa 5 days Ria 2 days
- Brenda – East Loddon .6 This year 12 Year 12s but no. increasing in lower Years 26 year 8s
- Sharon – CMC - Rachel Cross is the new Head of Library located at Coolock. Sharon is located at St Marys.

Term 2 - meeting cancelled

Term 3 – Meeting at Weerona College Library –

A sharing of Book Week activities

General discussion:

- **Sharon** – read email from **Christine** – Highview College Maryborough - who was absent but sent information about her Bookweek. See information below:

‘Super Hero Storytime’

During Children’s Book Week four of the Year 7 Book Club Members visited the St. Augustine’s Prep classes conducting a fantastic storytime session showing that **READING** is a super power. They read stories, sang songs and made a story come to life with an interactive story followed by a craft activity.

‘The AMAZING Highview Library Race’ on Wednesday 28th August seven of our dedicated lunchtime book club members hosted a Library Race, which was loosely based on the television show “The Amazing Race” but in this game teams had to complete challenges based on different subject areas. This was one of the activities that the Book Club Members had done last year and thought it would be fantastic to host and were all super excited that this was made possible.

As the classes arrived they were divided into teams of 3 to 5 students. Each team received a passport and a sealed clue that directed them to their starting point. The teams had to work

together and stay together throughout the entire race collecting passport stamps and points as they went.

There was a “Challenge” choice at each station. The teams had to choose one of the two activities to complete per station. For most challenges team were to work together. However, for some only one team member of the team could perform the challenge. After a team had successfully completed a challenge their passport would get stamped then directed to the next station.

Each challenge activity had a point value, so teams had to decide which activity was better suited to their strengths – or which will be easier to accomplish. The winning team was not necessarily the first to check in at the finish line, it was the team with the highest TOTAL points.

- **Sharon – CMC** – A quieter Book Week – Sharon at the junior site 1 day per week, rest of time at the senior site. Book Quizzes in all Reading classes on the Tuesday, Trivia at lunchtime and the annual Edible Book comp was held on the Thursday.
- **Cheryl – Strath PS** - Leigh Hobbs presented to the whole school and ran sessions with individual groups. He is a great advocate for PS Libraries. It was a n excellent day and Leigh had students enthralled.
- **Lisa and Ria – Weroona College** - both dressed up and had many activities happening during the week. Their biggest book week yet

Nibbles for staff – daily staff quiz – staff emailed a question each day

Who Am I comp for book Clubbers

Guess the Book quotes comp and more

Kathryn – BSE – Harry Potter reading comp, choose a new book and write a review, Book marks making activity, movie

Term 4 - dinner meeting at The National Hotel

General discussion of where each Library is at:

- **Brenda – East Loddon** – will cont. 3 days in 2020, looking at planning for new Library space, new building.
- **Connie and Julie – BSSC** – Julie has an article in the FYI magazine, first edition in 2020 – describing move into new library space. **Step up** for 11s into 12 and 10s into 11 starts soon – 10s from Weeroona complete their exams at BSSC. Currently clearing all DVDS – only keeping movies. Moving DVDs to departments or on clickview – movies on shelf for students to borrow.
- **Lisa – Weroona College** – Stocktaking – Ria will be doing book talks next year as they are opening up an extra room where classes can go. Given some \$ for Literacy so getting new shelving – levelled readers – Barrington Stoke – easy readers. **Fluer Ferris** is visiting during Book Week 2020 – author of Risk, Black, Wreck Found – super exciting news!
- **Sharon – CMC**- Cathy Samson new T/L starting at Coolock in 2020. Sharon Head of Library, while R Cross is on maternity leave, based at the senior site.
- **General Discussion:**

BSSC, Weeroona and East Loddon – mobile phones out of sight all day 2020 phone policy

BSSC – subscribes to Gale databases

Question raised for BSSC – as staff retire will they be replaced?

