

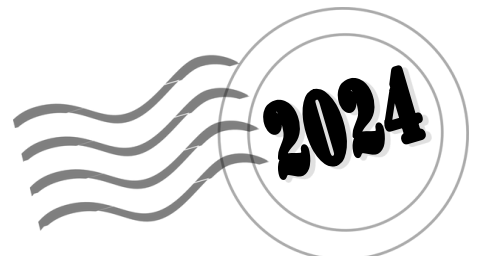


Riding the Waves to Success



**Accelerated
Reader™**

PARENT INFORMATION



ACCELERATED READER:

- ◆ Is an exciting online program designed to follow on from 'take home reading' in earlier year levels.
- ◆ Is a reading incentive program for students in Years Three to Six

ABOUT ACCELERATED READER:

- Gives students the opportunity to read for enjoyment and to earn points for recognition and certificate rewards as well.
- Is based on the principle that practise improves reading. (Research has shown that most growth occurs when children are reading in their comfort zone – books that are not too easy and not too hard).
- Children are allocated a reading range through an online reading test called the **STAR reading test**.
- Students select books that are on the AR reading list and read at their own pace. They may have the books **read to them** or you may read **with them** or they can **read independently**.
- Students then take a multiple-choice comprehension quiz. The computer scores the quiz, awards points based on the results, and keeps a complete record.
- Each student will receive a **TOPS Report (The Opportunity to Praise Students)** that gives immediate feedback to students, teachers and parents and shows cumulative data.
- Students keep track of their progress in their AR log books.

Accelerated Reading Section in the Library:

- At Currimundi all of our AR Books are marked with a coloured dot indicating the zone that each book falls into.
- All students are allocated a zone that is just right for them, based on their results in the Star Reading Test
- Most students will borrow from their zone
- Students, with teacher guidance, can read books outside their zone – especially when individual titles in a series are in different zones.

AR Reading Level Colours	
0.0-0.9	Green
1.0-1.9	Fluro Green
2.0-2.9	Orange
3.0-3.9	Dark Blue
4.0-4.9	Pink
5.0-5.9	Yellow
6.0-6.9	Silver
7.0-7.9	Red
8.0-8.9	Gold
9.0-9.9	Black

TAKING ACCELERATED READER QUIZZES:

- Quizzes can only be completed at school
- Quizzes can be taken on **ANY** book the student has read, whether that be a current book (from the library, home or town library) or one that they have read in the past.
- Quizzes can only be taken once. A student cannot re-take a quiz next year to help boost word count results.
- All student data (including word count) will be reset at the start of each school year

2024 WORD COUNT TARGETS—READ AROUND THE WORLD:

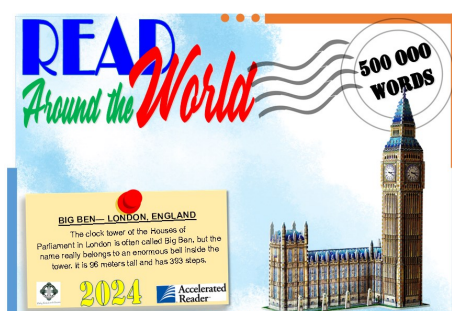
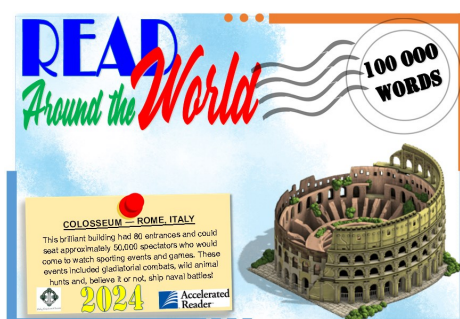
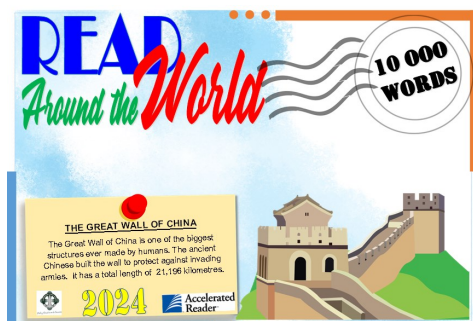
As students read and successfully complete the quizzes they accumulate the word count from each book.

The word milestones are 10 000, 50 000, 100 000, 250 000, 500 000 and 1,000,000 words.

Certificates are presented by the classroom teacher for 10 and 50-thousand words; then by the DPs for 100,000 and 250,000 words in the class, and then presented at assembly for 500,000 and 1,000,000 words.

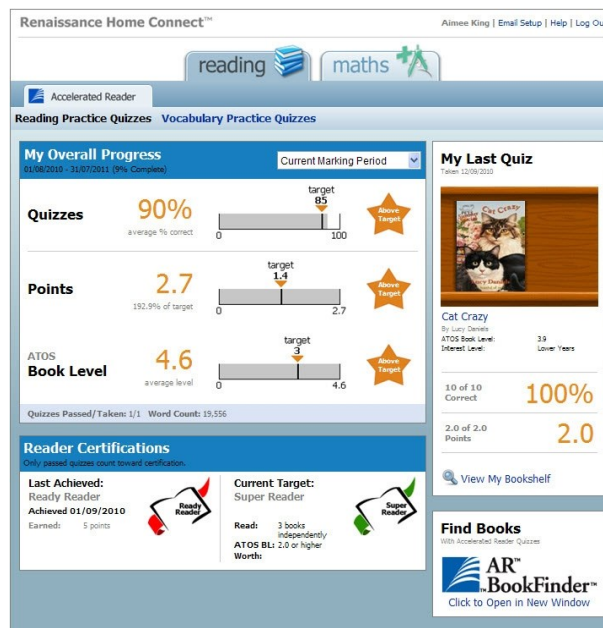
Their picture is placed on the Around the World wall in the library to acknowledge their efforts and encourage others.

This project gets students talking about their reading success and makes reading 'cool'. Since we started with AR we have found more students at all reading levels are borrowing and reading more books.



HOME CONNECT:

Accelerated Reader has a special feature called Renaissance Home Connect, which you can access outside of school from any computer with an Internet connection. Renaissance Home Connect is fun and easy to use. It allows the teacher, you and your child to share information about their progress in Accelerated Reader.



- Allows parents to continue the positive experience of successful reading practice.
- Students and parents can see their progress towards goals and certificates in an easy-to-read format.
- Books read are displayed on a colourful bookshelf.
- Parents can opt to receive emails each time their child takes a quiz.
- To log on go to: <https://global-zone60.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=1453600>
- Students log in with the **Username and Password that they use at school.**

AR BOOKFINDER

- There are thousands of quizzes on AR and the library will not house every possible book.
- Students may take a quiz on books they own or books they have borrowed from other libraries.
- Quizzes may only be taken at school, so when using a book from another source other than our school library, a student should bring the completed book to school, or write the title and author in their diary.
- To access the Australian BookFinder go to <http://www.arbookfind.com.au/default.aspx>

HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN:

- Ensure that your child is reading as part of their daily homework
- Show interest in your child's results by logging on to **Home Connect**
- Help your child to find any books of interest from home or the local library that may have an AR quiz attached (by using the **Australian BookFinder**)
- Read **with** and **to** your child (when requested) as well as encouraging **independent** reading (these are three categories of quizzes)
- Read the **Parent's Guide to Accelerated Reader: Questions and Answers.** (This can be found by clicking 'Help' on Home Connect)
- Receive emails with instant updates of your child's quiz results by clicking on 'Email Setup' on Home Connect. (This would also be a nice way to involve grandparents)