Book Week is celebrated each year in August. This annual event highlights the importance of reading, as well as celebrating the great quality and creativity of Australian Books. Book Week is also about encouraging students to: learn about and enjoy new books; share favourite writers and illustrators; re-read old, favourite books; as well as make time to just read! The Children’s Book Council of Australia creates a short-list of outstanding Australian books earlier in the year and the winners are announced at the start of Book Week. Each year there is a different theme, this year’s being:

‘ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE’

Students will be involved in a variety of learning activities throughout the week, focussing on both the theme and short-listed books.

**Dress-up Parade**

We will be having a BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP PARADE in the school hall 9:00am on Monday 21st August. Students (and staff) are encouraged to dress-up as a character from a book they enjoy or something to do with the theme ‘ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE’. Stories allow the reader to escape their everyday lives, taking them to other times and places eg. Alice’s wonderland, Harry Potter’s Hogwarts, the world of Minecraft, fairytales, superheroes, ancient times or pirates, other countries and even outer space. These are just a few ideas, but please don’t go to great expense for costumes!

It would be great if students can also bring the book of their character with them to the parade too. Parents, family and friends are all welcome to our special parade. Hope to see you there!

**BOOK SWAP**

On Thursday, 24th August students can bring in their pre-loved books (up to 3 books) and swap them for other pre-loved books to keep. An information and consent note will be sent home soon.

*Di Tulip* (Teacher-librarian)