

# READING FLYING GANG

Of all the skills that children must learn, <u>**READING**</u> is the most important. To be able to read, more specifically, understand what you read, means that you have the ability to not only broaden and deepen learning in other areas throughout life but you are given "<u>the key</u>" to productively engage in modern life. We expect that **ALL** McDowall State School students will excel as competent readers, reading for pleasure, purpose and understanding. As with any skill, it is only mastered through practise.

### YOU CAN MAKE A REAL AND LASTING DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

Whether parent or grandparent, if you can read, then you can be involved. We want you to commit to either one or two, hour long sessions each week to join our "Reading Flying Gang". Should you sign up as a "Reading Flying Gang" member, you will attend your designated Year Level at pre-agreed times to hear children read to you. Every 15minutes you may work with up to three children. Children delight in sharing their learning achievements. Children will look forward to your next attendance. Teachers plan for and value your regular involvement. It is therefore essential, that an attendance commitment be required of those seeking to join our "Reading Flying Gang".

#### FLYING GANG WEEKLY DRAW

The 'Flying Gang' is an inclusive term referring to all adult volunteers who assist teachers in the delivery of quality educational programmes for students. We seek to acknowledge your involvement by issuing you with a 'Flying Gang' card. Simply fill in the details and lodge this card in the Year Level box. Each Friday, three cards will be drawn for a certificate to be issued to the volunteer via a student in attendance at formal assembly. Should an adult volunteer have the most 'Flying Gang' cards (*minimum of two and ties are broken by a lucky draw*) in the box, they will be declared the weekly prize winner. At the Principal's discretion, the weekly prize winner will be issued either a Metro Street Car Park access code (*for use during the school day for approx. one month*) or a 'Tartan Tuckerbox Voucher' for a free drink (*or item of equivalent value*).

When involved, we are sure that "Reading Flying Gang" members will be keen to encourage other parents and grandparents to join too. Please refer to the reading days and times requested by teachers.

## WANT TO JOIN THE "READING FLYING GANG"?

YOUR NAME:

CONTACT PHONE NO:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

ARE YOU AN ENROLLED CHILD'S PARENT? Yes / No

ENROLLED CHILD'S NAME:

CLASS:

**GRANDPARENT?** Yes / No

#### When would you be available to attend each week?:

Thank you for completing and returning this form to the Class Teacher. Please understand that involvement within this programme is at the Principal's discretion. The Class Teacher will confirm days and times. We may not be able to accommodate all requested time preferences.