

Some ideas from our recent library meeting

Hooking boys into reading

A summary for CBS parents

- Male role models are extremely important
- Have fathers, grandfathers or male friends read to the boys, talk about what the boys are reading, have the male take the boys to the library, discuss how reading helps them with their work – show that it is important to be a good reader and that it is valued. Have a male read aloud to the boys. The best ad on TV shows the Dad reading Hairy McLairy at bedtime.
- Make reading time a priority – allocate time at home **every day**. Turn off the TV
- Make sure they are bringing home books from the school library and reading them – some children only borrow a couple of books a month, because they forget when their library day is, they forget their book bag, they forget to return their old books – help them to get into a routine and be responsible for their own reading, but be interested enough that they know it is important.
- Run challenges, competitions, keep a reading log on the fridge - offer rewards & bribes – maybe something as simple as not having to do the dishes one night or being able to choose a favourite dinner. Show that you value reading.
- Offer a variety of reading, magazines, cartoons, novels, non fiction and picture books, maybe even subscribe to a magazine. It doesn't matter what they are reading at this age, as long as they are reading and enjoying it. Shakespeare and the Bronte sisters can come later.
- Give book vouchers for gifts
- Get your child their own library card at Takapuna and let them zap their own books
- Chase up your boys, have high expectations.
- Remember the school library is open every day before school and every lunchtime