



# WAGGING “TALES”

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Another busy school term has whizzed by.

Many of you have now had the chance to get to know your students and are becoming more in tune with their individual reading and learning styles. This is when the magic happens!

Thank you for letting your students learn at their own pace. Thank you for giving them time to settle in with you and your dog. Thank you for giving them the space to make mistakes.

All of this brings joy to the reading sessions and allows students to shine. Thank you for all your time and effort. You and your dog are very much appreciated.



Fun Reading 🐾 Reading for Life

**Thank you for your weekly visits to schools and libraries this term.**

**We know that your visits DO make a positive difference to the lives of the children you see.**





## Values

As you know we reached out to all our Volunteers earlier this year seeking your thoughts on the values for Story Dogs.

The four Values that Story Dogs has adopted are:

### **Safety**

We protect children, volunteers, staff, and dogs, and act early on risks or concerns.

### **Kindness**

We are warm, patient, and encouraging in every interaction.

### **Respect**

We treat everyone with care, fairness, and good boundaries.

### **Joy**

We bring energy and positivity to our work, making the experience uplifting for others.

Please give a thought to these values when going about your Story Dogs tasks.





## Backpacks

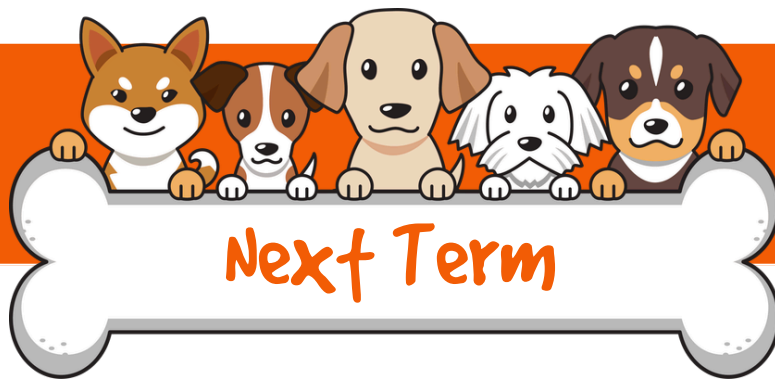
I am very excited to let you know that we have received wonderful support from Lions, Rotary, and Probus Clubs around the country, who have generously funded more than 160 backpacks for our volunteers.

Instead of using black shopping bags to carry all your essential Story Dogs items, you can now have a branded black and orange backpack.

While we weren't able to secure enough funding to provide a backpack for every volunteer, we'd love to send you one if you'd like one. Simply complete this quick order form so we know the best postal address to send it to.

[Link to backpack request form](#)





## Book Week

From 24 to 28 August, we celebrate the Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week. This year's theme is "Symphony of Stories".

Book Week is always such a fun and exciting time! Please check whether your school is planning any Book Week activities that you might like to be part of.

Many of our schools hold their main Story Dogs fundraising event during Book Week. There are posters available on our website that schools can use to help promote their event.

We would love to hear about any events you're involved in, and we'd especially love to see photos of your costumes!

Enjoy!

**SYMPHONY OF  
STORIES**

## Impact Measurement

Thanks in advance if you are involved this year in collecting data for the Impact Measurement project. This coming term is when the second student observation happens.

FYI, not all Volunteers are involved every year for our Impact Measurement project. We only ask approx one third each year.





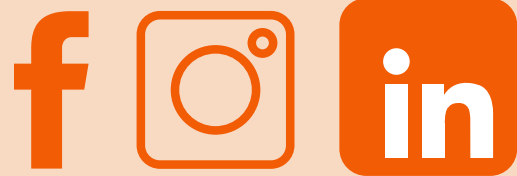
## Happy holidays

Check out the resources we have for you in our **Lifelong Learning** section of our Registered Volunteers Login.

We can help you with managing your dog at school, helping your students with their reading or to order yourself a polo shirt?

<https://www.storydogs.org.au/volunteer-login-home>

## Social media links



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