



WAGGING "TALES"

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VOLUNTEER ISSUE

**Thank you for
another great school
term of helping
struggling
students become
confident lifelong
readers.**

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♥ You're part of
something big!

Collectively we are
helping over 2,890
children every school
week!!



Your Story Dog
journey deserves to
be shared!
Follow us, tag us, and
help more people
discover the magic of
reading with dogs.





National Volunteering Week

There are 154 current volunteers who have been with us for five years or over. That is 27% or over one quarter of our volunteer pool!

Thank you to those volunteers who have stuck with us. We appreciate your dedication and commitment.

However more importantly the students you help every week appreciate your ongoing support woof woof!



Child Protection

A quick reminder, in light of the devastating occurrences in Victorian Childcare centres. Please make sure:

- your phone stays at home or in the car.
- your reading area is in sight of school staff at all times
- your working with children check is up to date

Thank you for helping to keep all of the students we see safe.



If you need help with any of these points please contact your Coordinator or Janine on 0411536355



Bespoke Bookmarks

Did you like the bookmark with a drawing of your dog you received during National Volunteering Week in May? If you would like more please let us know. We need to know the number of your bookmark (it is really small at the bottom right hand side) or the breed of your dog and how many you would like.



Love on your sponsor

Our sponsors love to meet the dog they sponsor or hear how 'their' dog is doing. We ask you to please help us to arrange a visit to your sponsor and or send us a couple of photos and a few words which we can pass on to your sponsor.





Two leads – one dog?

Have your students ever asked to lead your dog to the reading space or back to the classroom?

Were you not sure if they should?

You are correct if you said that it would be better if you kept hold of the lead. However, an easy solution is to bring a second lead. Clip on the students lead and let them feel like they are the 'boss' of your dog. You still have control, but the student can also have a lovely experience with your dog.

Thank you for everything you do for Story Dogs.






Happy holidays

Happy school holidays. If you are at a loose end with your time, how about jumping on our website and checking out the **Lifelong Learning** materials we have to 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

 Stay in the loop and share the waggles!

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn for heartwarming stories, team shoutouts, and updates from across Australia.

Let's celebrate your impact together!



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