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Your efforts make a difference

With three school terms now completed, you're likely noticing a difference in the reading abilities and confidence of the children you're helping.

Your weekly visits offer so much more than reading support; they provide children with trust in an adult, the comfort of being truly listened to, and the motivation to keep trying.

Your sessions are also multisensory: the touch of your dog and their calming presence bring enormous benefits to many anxious or troubled children.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and the incredible impact you make.





New Regions Opening Up

Exciting news. We have THREE new regions opening up. They are

- Wangaratta in regional VIC - Noel Boyd
- South Canberra in ACT - Stuart Thorn
- Hobart Glenorchy in TAS - Sandy Hudd

A very big THANKS to the three new Coordinators who are taking on these new regions.

New Coordinators Taking Over Existing Regions

A thanks also goes out to the new Coordinators who have stepped up to replacing leaving Coordinators. They are:

- Amanda Best - Launceston - TAS
- Christell Lotriet - Secret Harbour - WA
- Jan Blyth - Bundaberg - QLD

We are always looking to find new regions or expand existing regions



together, we write the next chapter.



Story Dogs meet Matt Cosgrove at the “Write Around The Murray” festival

Thanks to Leonie and her Story Dog ‘Ted’ for spending the weekend in Albury NSW at this wonderful Festival spreading the word about Story Dogs.

Pressroom Partners Continue to help Story Dogs

The amazing Team at Pressroom Partners has opened up their state of the art recording studio to Janine, the Co-Founder and Megan, an experienced Volunteer and Coordinator. Claudia Nankervis created such a clam and friendly environment for us to to record the podcast showcasing the great work you are all doing for the children we see.

<https://pressroompartners.com.au/>

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Over 300 schools on waiting list

Yes that is right; we have over 300 schools who would like the program. Some of these schools have had the program and our volunteer has left for a variety of reasons, others are new schools who would like to get going.

Please help us spread the word to find more volunteer Dog Teams and also additional Coordinators.



Coordinators Wanted

There are many existing regions where we are looking for a Coordinator to support our volunteers, schools and sponsors.

If you love working with people and have a little bit more time please think about becoming a Coordinator with us. We provide loads of support and help.

You are never alone and we don't expect you to look after any more than 10 local volunteers.

Professional Photos

Many of the photos in this edition of the Newsletter and also on our social media pages come from a recent photo shoot with professional photographer Laurence Palmer. His website is petsandpalmer.com.au



Look out for our
Christmas Campaign.

We are raising funds to meet
the demand of the 300+
schools who would like the
program, and of course we
would LOVE to be helping
more students learn to read
the FUN way with a calm,
loving dog! Woof Woof!

Also look out for our new
Christmas Carol
"The 12 Dogs of Christmas", a
fun take on the 12 Days of
Christmas.

I hope your school holidays
have been restful and fun!



Contact Us

Contact Janine: janine@storydogs.org.au or
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Support Central Team on admin@storydogs.org.au

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