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To: [Laureen Sheppard](#); nswtl@nswceg.org.au; ThePremier@www.nsw.gov.au
Cc: [Murray, Michael John](#)
Subject: RE: [Nswtl] Misrepresentation of PRC and Premier
Attachments:

Attention: The Premier, Mr Morris lemma
 CC: Mr Michael Murray, Manager English Curriculum K-12 Directorate

Thanks for passing that the information shown below, although I'm not sure about the 'appropriateness' of providing this information in such a manner.

However, I'm not sure how "misrepresentation" is involved when text is quoted verbatim from a Government website (?) Whether and when, or why, it was later changed, is a completely separate issue.

It does raise a number of other issues, though. For instance, is it not a concern that the quote on the PRC page was 'wrong' for such a long period, then was changed when this was brought to the attention of those involved - albeit indirectly. Given that the success of the PRC is almost solely due to the work of Teacher Librarians, such an omission does indeed attain a new perspective in the light of those other matters that are currently being discussed amongst the members of the profession.

But possibly of even greater concern involves the disregard for Australian Telecommunication Laws and the various privacy acts. The statement at the bottom of all our emails states:

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To the best of my knowledge, Mr Murray was not one of the intended recipients.

It is indeed gratifying to all Teacher Librarians to know that the Premier himself is aware of our situation; likewise there has been no indication that the PRC itself is anything but a brilliant concept. It would be most helpful to all parties if there was some clarification of the statement regarding the "misrepresentation of the PRC".

If I may make a suggestion for PRC 2008? On the registration page, would it not be possible to added a 'selection' tool to indicate the contact person's status; for example, Classroom Teacher, Teacher Librarian, Parent, other ... By utilising such a simple device, the true contribution of all Teacher Librarians could be much more accurately gauged.

Regards,

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From: nswtl-bounces@nswceg.org.au on behalf of Laureen Sheppard
Sent: Wed 7/4/2007 6:17 PM
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Subject: [Nswtl] Misrepresentation of PRC and Premier

Subject: misrepresentation of PRC and Premier
 Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 13:30:25 +1000
 From: "Murray, Michael John" <Michael.John.Murray@det.nsw.edu.au>

Dear Teacher Librarians,

The following email was passed on to me from someone who was concerned that the Premier's Reading Challenge and the Premier were being misrepresented:

From: nswtl-bounces@nswceg.org.au on behalf of Credaro, Amanda
Sent: Mon 2/07/2007 10:53 PM
To: nswtl@nswceg.org.au
Subject: [Nswtl] PRC Acknowledgements

Dear all (particularly those who are putting in the extra time and effort in running the PRC),

Here's something interesting from the DET PRC 2006 website, from our Premier:

"Attending the annual presentation ceremony at the Powerhouse Museum, the Premier said the Challenge had grown remarkably since 36,000 children took part in 2001-02.... The passion for reading books is flourishing in our schools and at home," Mr Iemma said."

"I am extremely grateful to the classroom teachers, public librarians, parents and carers who have played such an integral role in encouraging young people to read and enjoy quality literature."

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/newsroom/yr2006/nov/biggestever.htm>

Err did someone not get mentioned?

The statement in question is a misquote that was unfortunately archived on a DET website – in actual fact, the statement was corrected before it was released to the media to include mention of teacher-librarians in the list of people being thanked.

You only need to go to the official PRC website to see an item under "latest news" (<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/reception.htm>) to see how much the PRC and the Premier value the time and effort many teacher-librarians put into running the PRC at the school level. For example:

The Premier's reception 2006

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2006 was the biggest ever! Nearly 120 000 students successfully completed the Challenge. Congratulations to all the students, teacher-librarians, teachers and parents involved in the Challenge.

To celebrate students' and schools' success in reading, the NSW Premier, Morris Iemma, hosted a reception at the Powerhouse Museum on 27 November. He congratulated students for embracing the Challenge and thanked all the teacher-librarians, teachers and parents who supported the students and helped nurture their love of reading.

Again on the PRC website (on the home page) is this message from the NSW Premier, the Hon. Morris Iemma (<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/index.htm>):

"Congratulations to all the students who completed the 2006 Premier's Reading Challenge. It is a wonderful achievement and you should all be very proud. My thanks also to all the teachers, teacher-librarians, librarians and parents who supported our young readers in their quest...."

It is unfortunate that the misquote was archived to cause this misunderstanding in the first place, but I do believe that teacher-librarians have no cause to feel that their support of the Premier's Reading Challenge is not highly appreciated.

Regards,

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