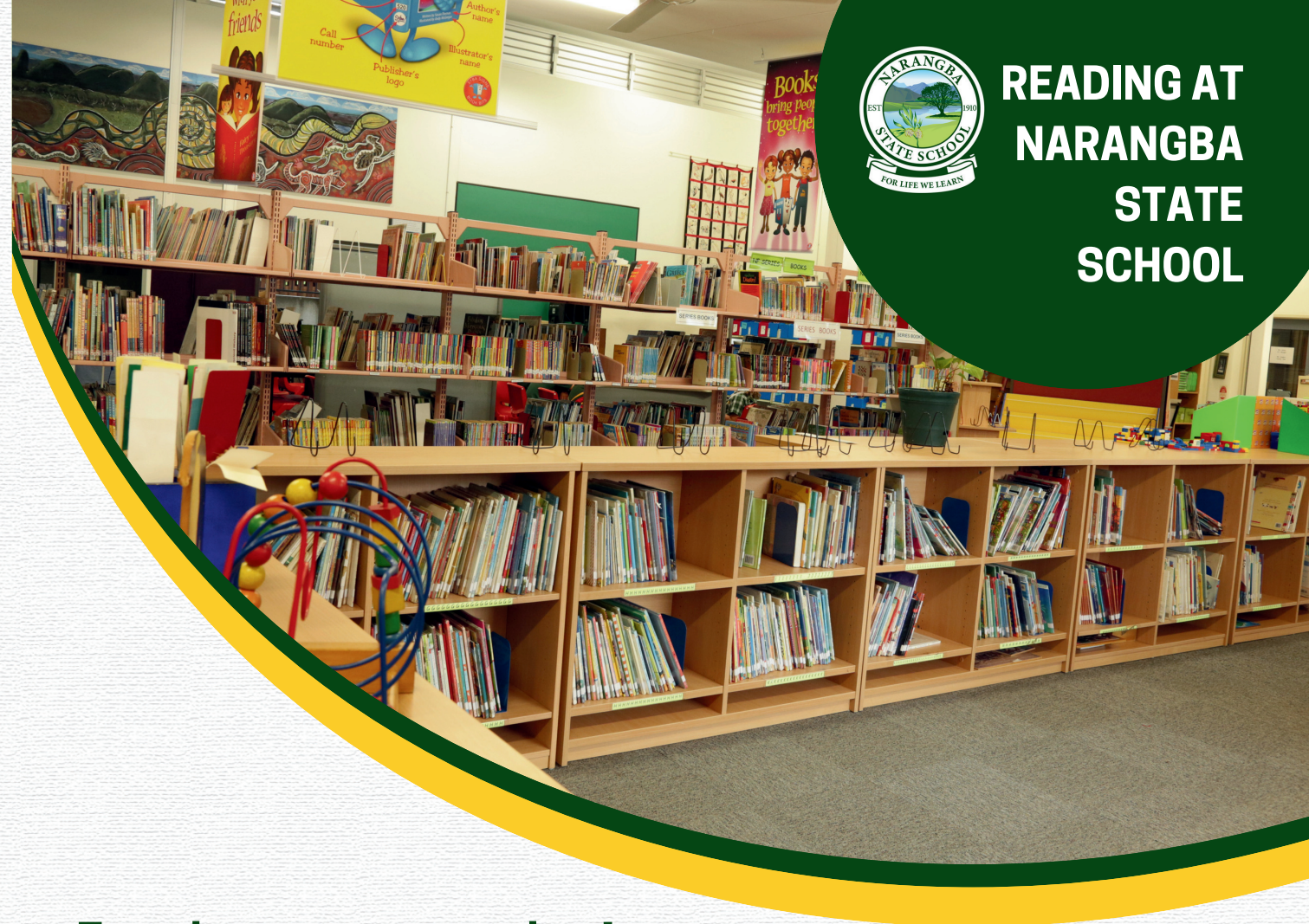


Tips for Busy Families

- Keep a book in the car or download on a device.
- Listen to audiobooks together.
- Read signs, menus, and labels in everyday life.
- Visit your local library.



**READING AT
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SCHOOL**

Together, we grow readers!

If you have questions about our reading program, please contact your child's teacher.



INFORMATION FOR PREP - YEAR 2 PARENTS

Together, we can help every child become a confident reader and lifelong learner.

At Narangba State School, reading is a priority. From Prep to Year 2, children build strong foundations in reading through daily lessons in **phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.**

Why Phonics? Learning to read is a process that needs step-by-step teaching and plenty of practise at school and at home. Unlike walking or talking, reading is not a skill that we learn naturally – everyone needs to be taught how to read.

Reading requires two very important skills:

- decoding (reading) the words on the page
- making meaning from the words, sentences and paragraphs that are read. Phonics teaches children how letters and sounds work together.

The Australian Curriculum requires **systematic, explicit phonics instruction** in the early years.

Children learn to:

- ★ Recognise sounds in words (phonemic awareness)
- ★ Blend sounds to read new words
- ★ Segment sounds to spell words
- ★ Apply skills to read with fluency and understanding.

What Reading Looks Like in Prep - Year 2

- Daily explicit phonics lessons.
- Guided reading with decodable texts that match phonics knowledge.
- Rich classroom experiences with stories, poetry, and non-fiction texts.
- Vocabulary and comprehension strategies taught alongside phonics.

How You Can Help at Home

- Read daily with your child including decodable texts set by the class teacher. Encourage sounding out rather than guessing.
- Re-read familiar books to build fluency and confidence.
- Talk about words and meanings to grow vocabulary.
- Share a wide range of books for enjoyment – picture books, rhymes, and stories.
- Make reading a special, enjoyable part of daily life.

Top Tips for Parents

- ★ Be patient – celebrate effort and persistence.
- ★ Use short, regular reading times.
- ★ Praise your child's strategies (sounding out, re-reading).
- ★ Ask simple questions: What happened first? What might happen next?