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Dear Parent/Caregiver

www.readingtogether.net.nz/ReadingTogether/Workshops.aspx

We are beginning our *Reading Together* programme of four workshops for parents and caregivers this term, in fact in just a couple of weeks.

We are sure you will find it of great benefit for your child/ren and yourself as you support their learning. We all know how important reading is for children to succeed and one of the most significant aspects that really helps children to become good readers is the support from home at home. The *Reading Together* workshops will show you how best to do this. Some of our parents have attended previous *Reading Together* workshops and have found the programme to be very helpful.

The programme comprises only four workshops – each for 75 minutes and these will be held in our School and Community Library as follows based on the feedback re time/day etc.



Tuesday 20 Jun	4:00pm Workshop 1	Parents only How to help with reading at home , including: suggestions for helping (explanation, demonstration and discussion) using libraries (support and resources)
Monday 27 Jun	4:00pm Workshop 2	Parents and children How to check the difficulty level of reading materials , including: finding and using the right material with your child helping your child to read suitable material
Monday 4 Jul	4:00pm Workshop 3	Parents only How to help children overcome problems in their reading , including: ideas about how we read and what helps us to read more suggestions for helping children
Monday 1 Aug	4:00pm Workshop 4	Parents only - final meeting and 'graduation' Sharing ideas about reading, giving feedback and looking ahead

Childcare is provided on-site for your convenience and there will be light refreshments provided at the beginning of each workshop.

For your children's sake it is important that you attend all the workshops.

The programme does not cost you anything but you will get huge value from it that will REALLY help your children to become much better readers. In particular it helps children to UNDERSTAND what they are reading, which is very important and of course the whole point. We are looking forward to your participation.

Kind regards

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(Workshop Leader)

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