



**SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**
23 Nam Long Shan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

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Re: Read for Meaning Book Clubs on Tuesdays and Fridays

Dear Parents,

Read for Meaning after-school book clubs will be starting again in the last week of October. Please note that this programme is for **PTA members only**. The following book clubs are on offer. If you have any questions about which one to enroll your child in, please contact Mrs. Barker directly at marygbarker@hotmail.com.

- **Intermediate:** Tuesdays from 3:20 to 4:20pm for existing P3/P4 pupils
- **Advanced:** Tuesdays from 3:20 to **4:35pm** for P4/P5/P6 pupils
- **Beginner:** Fridays from 3:20-4:20pm for new P3/P4 pupils

While enrollment is open, please be advised that priority in the intermediate and advanced groups will be given to pupils who have already participated in the programme. ALSO, on this occasion, please do not send your applications to school. To register, please read and complete the attached flyer, and send to Mrs. Barker of Read for Meaning (instructions and address are clearly stated on the flyer).

We hope the book club will foster a love of reading among our children.

Lisa Lo
PTA Activities Coordinator



Read for Meaning is returning to Singapore International!

Read for Meaning is returning on Tuesdays and Fridays this autumn.

Our book clubs are designed to

- develop reading **comprehension**, particularly in the key skill areas of inference, prediction, summary and opinion;
- build **vocabulary**;
- investigate the principal concepts of **literary criticism**, including figurative language, setting, theme, characterization and narration;
- build **confidence** through participation in small group discussions; and
- foster a **love and appreciation** of books.

In the beginner and intermediate groups, we will be reading a variety of books and stories, both fiction and non-fiction, from around the world. Typically, we will read aloud one text per session, with short worksheets to be set as homework. Note that worksheets should require no more than 15 minutes, and answers will be reviewed at the beginning of the next class. In the advanced group, we will be reading two novels over the course of eight sessions, and pupils will be expected to put in approximately an hour per week of preparation (includes both reading and worksheet.)

The Tuesday book clubs will take place over **eight** sessions: Oct 28; Nov 4, 11, 18, 25; Dec 2, 9, 16. The fee for the intermediate group is \$1800; the fee for the advanced group is \$2250. The Friday book club will take place over **six** sessions: Oct 31; Nov 7, 14, 21, 28; Dec 12. The fee for this group is \$1350. Fees for book clubs are inclusive of all books and materials.

The minimum number of pupils per group is six; the maximum is eight. As space is limited, enrollment is on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any questions about the programme, please call Mrs. Barker at 2523 0062. or email her at marygbarker@hotmail.com.

To register, please read and complete the registration form on the following page.

Read for Meaning Book Clubs

Autumn 2008 Programme

Registration Form

Tuesday book clubs: Oct 28; Nov 4, 11, 18, 25; Dec 2, 9, 16.

Friday book club: Oct 31; Nov 7, 14, 21, 28; Dec 12.

Pupil's name _____

Existing Read for Meaning pupil _____ New pupil _____

Choose book club by ticking below. If you are unsure about which book club is suitable for your child, please contact Mrs. Barker at 2523 0062 or marygbarker@hotmail.com.

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Pupil's SIS class _____

Name of parent or guardian _____

Tel. No. (Home) _____ (Office) _____ (Mobile) _____

Email address of parent or guardian: _____

Postal address for Tuesday Advanced Class (for delivery of books)

Special requests or anything else teacher should know about your child:

To register, complete and return the registration form with a cheque payable for appropriate amount (see above) to **Read for Meaning Ltd.**

All registration forms and cheques should be sent to:

**Mrs. Mary Barker
Apt. 4B, Magazine Heights
17 Magazine Gap Road
HK**

Do not deposit envelopes into PTA mail box at school.

The maximum number of pupils per group is eight, and applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for receipt of cheques is 27 October 2008, and priority for intermediate and advanced groups will be given to pupils who have already attended Read for Meaning book clubs.

For more information about the book clubs, please contact Mrs. Barker of Read for Meaning at 2523 0062 or email her at marygbarker@hotmail.com.

Read for Meaning—for kids who love to read, and those who don't yet!