



Welcome to the first War Child Australia school newsletter for 2004.

We are pleased to announce some exciting news.

1. We have developed a **CD ROM** about War Child. It explains what War Child is, what it does and how schools can help. It is ideal to show to your Student Rep. Council to enhance their understanding of War Child, its goals and achievements. Of course, our website at www.warchild.org.au is another good resource for students wanting to learn more about how and where War Child operates.

2. We have also developed a **Reading Challenge** (currently for years 6-9, younger years coming soon) where students can 'Read for War Child'. The Reading Challenge is not meant to compete with the MS Read-a-thon. Initially, Judith was going to run it from 1 October to 1 February 2005, but student demand led her to run it from 1 March to 1 November 2004. If you choose to run the Reading Challenge over the summer, it keeps students reading while they are away from school and they can borrow many of the listed books from their local library. The Reading Challenge list has been heavily based on the South Australian Premier's Reading Challenge and you can add or subtract any titles you think appropriate. The list is attached to this email.

3. Sometimes it is difficult to come up with new and interesting fundraising ideas. Selling shortbread is something a bit different, and very easy to organise. See <http://www.heatherbraeshortbreads.com.au/fundraising.htm> for details. Maybe your SRC would like to run a shortbread drive to raise funds for War Child?

We would be pleased if you would forward this email to anyone you think may be interested in supporting War Child Australia. War Child Australia does not have any paid employees, so more aid dollars get to the children who need it most.

Thanks for supporting War Child.

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