

National Book Week

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books, and Australian authors and illustrators. Teachers and librarians conduct activities relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. Book week can be linked to the AOTM awards, perhaps through giving consideration to a student who has been making a strong effort to read. Another example would be a student who has helped others with reading, aligning with the AOTM fair play and generosity of spirit values.

Activity Options

Special Guest

Invite an Australian author to help present the AOTM Awards. We can help facilitate this relationship. Have the author read an extract from a children's book, or speak about the importance of reading and writing skills.

Free Dress Day

Students and teachers would be encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character, in exchange for a gold coin donation, that could go to the schools charity of choice.

Corporate Partnership

Reach out to a local book store. The book store could reward your AOTM winner with a book voucher, and potentially come in to present this award and speak on the importance of reading.

Who might you invite to present the award?

- A librarian from your local council
- A local author

Talking Points

- Explore a range of texts. There are lots of other things to explore such as magazines, menus, newspapers, newsletters, recipes, instructions, even maps. Share all these different reading and writing experiences and talk about them together.
- Talk about how books work. Help children learn about books. Talk about the cover, the title and how it gives clues to what is inside.

Resources

[Teacher Costume Picture Gallery](#)

[Educational World Activities](#)

[Children's Book Week Activities](#)

Please note that in 2022, National Book Week will be held on 20-26 August. For more information visit:

[Childrens Book Council of Australia](#)

