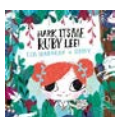


## Library News

A very heartfelt thank you to Tiziana Zorzi-Houweling who has donated craft supplies to the library for our lunchtime activities. Tiziana is a past student and the founder of St Joseph's Alumni Association. She and her children, Daniella and Alex have been visiting from the U.S.A and it is always a pleasure to catch up with them. Thank you Tiziana for your continued interest in and support of our school and we know the students will love their new and colourful supplies!

In library lesson time, a number of our classes are focusing on reading, exploring and enjoying the short-listed finalists for **Book of the Year**.

The **Early Childhood section** is exceptional this year. It will be interesting to see which one the students choose as the winner. Will they agree with the judge's choice? They are all worthy contestants!



### **Hark it's Me, Ruby Lee! By Lisa Shanahan & Binny**

**Themes:** Friendship, school, individuality, difference, imagination *Ruby Lee is a little girl with a big imagination. Will her wild imagination get in the way of doing special jobs for the class teacher?*



### **Boy By Phil Cummings**

**Themes:** Fantasy, dragons, deafness, signing, conflict resolution. *Boy lived in silence and couldn't hear the fighting, but he could see the fear around him ...and how everyone would be much happier without it.*



### **The Very Noisy Baby by Alison Lester**

**Themes:** Babies and childhood, animals, community, rhyming verse. *The baby certainly makes a lot of noise, but can she help when some animals go missing?*



### **Rodney Loses It! By Michael Gerald Bauer**

**Themes:** Comedy, feelings, problem solving, resilience, animals, drawing, rhyming. *Rodney was a rabbit who loved nothing more than drawing. He never found it tiresome, tedious or boring. But then, one day, disaster struck!*



### **I'm Australian Too!**

**Themes:** Multiculturalism, cultural identity, celebrating similarities and differences, inclusion, diversity, rhyming. *Mem Fox celebrates Australia's incredible multicultural heritage in this beautiful book.*



### ***The Second Sky***

**Themes:** Environments (Antarctic), hopes and dreams, difference, belonging, family, persistence. *Penguins don't fly, they waddle, and so begins Gilbert's quest to find his place in the world. Great things happen when you reach for the sky!*