

YOU'RE INVITED to come along to a Ready Reading workshop at St Mary's School on Thursday 24th October from 9am -1pm. We are calling volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to come along to St Mary's and participate in a FREE workshop presented by Maureen Price, a representative from the Queensland Government, that will give you the skills and understanding that will enable you to volunteer and support student's reading in the school. Volunteers can include members of the Parish community, grandparents and parents as well as members from other school communities. You may only be able to volunteer your time for 20 minutes before school each fortnight and that is fine. We work in with what suits you. **Some parents are not able to volunteer in schools due to work commitments but are still most welcome to attend training to gain valuable skills and strategies to support their own children.**

What is the Queensland Ready Reading Program?

Ready Reading is a collaboration between the Department of Education and Volunteers Australia. It seeks to train adults in the skills and understanding necessary to foster a love of reading in young children.

Queensland Ready Reading

The Ready Reading program invites parents and community members to make a difference in their local community by volunteering in schools to support children's reading.

Reading is a powerful tool to help children grow their vocabulary, language skills and imagination. It helps them to develop life-long skills that will support their future growth and learning.

The Department of Education's Reading Centre and Volunteering Queensland are working together to help improve literacy for children in Queensland by training up to 3000 volunteers to share their knowledge and time to foster a love of reading.

Register your interest to become a Ready Reading volunteer at

<https://volunteeringqld.org.au/volunteers/ready-reading> or please contact St Mary's school on 49285658 and leave your name. You can also email Ruth Coughlan at ruth_coughlan@rok.catholic.edu.au if that's easier. We hope to see you there.

