



# Paws 'n' Tales

Children's Reading Programme

Dogs provide a calm presence, allowing your child to develop skills and confidence in a safe and supportive environment. Reading to a dog is also FUN!

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# Paws 'n' Tales — Term 2 Bulletin

Paws 'N' Tales has had a very successful term at Narellan Library. We now have two afternoons available, Thursdays with 'Teddy Bear' and Dave and Fridays with 'Flynn' and Jody.

Our goals for Paws 'N' Tales are to:

- Increase children's reading confidence
- Increase love of reading, books and libraries
- Improve the literacy and reading skills
- Provide an opportunity for oral reading

Our results so far:

- Attendance is over 90% - The children enjoy reading to the dog & are very keen to return
- Children self-report that they feel relaxed about the process of reading to a dog - in a way they wouldn't when reading to an adult, particularly a family member or teacher.
- Parents report that children have been more keen to read at home and their reading ability is improving



We were very pleased to hear this anecdote from our volunteer Dave:

Dave was told by a parent that they went to their child's parent-teacher interview and the teacher was astounded at how far the child had advanced in their reading, even racing ahead of their peers. The teacher asked how they had achieved this? And the parents noted it was due to the Paws 'N' Tales sessions at the library.

The images show two of our term two Paws 'N' Tales program participants and their reading friends.

