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# MEDIA RELEASE

## Alliance supports Primary School reading

The Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance has donated \$2000 to the Yea Primary School to support its literacy program.

The money will be spent on new Guided Reading Materials and "Big Books" to be used by students in Prep and Year 1.

Accepting the donation from Alliance Community Relations Coordinator Claire Garth, Yea Primary School Principal Debbie George said that the aim of Guided Reading was to provide small groups with a targeted literacy focus that caters for individual student need.

"Big Books are an essential part of the literacy program as they are able to be seen by all the students and enable the teacher to acquaint students with a particular text type or area of literacy that is being taught," Ms George said.

"The money will be spent on replacing many old and well used books and purchasing sets of new text of differing genres.

"The replacement of books to support literacy is an ongoing expense and this money is very much appreciated," she said.

Ms Garth said that more than 80 families along the pipeline route had contact with the Yea Primary School and the donation was an opportunity for the Alliance to contribute both to the school and the greater community.

The Sugarloaf Pipeline Project remains on budget and ahead of schedule.

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