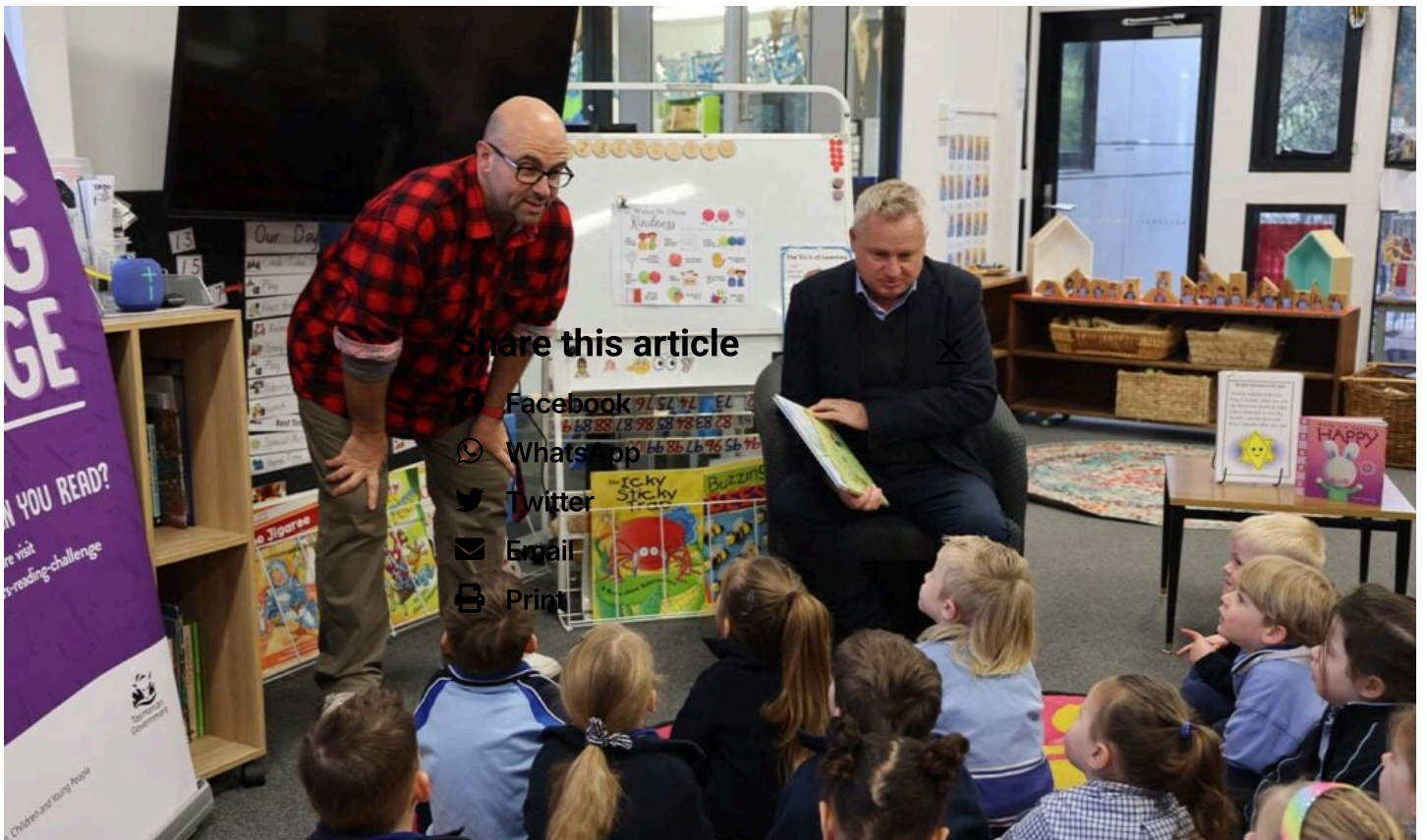


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Premier Jeremy Rockliff and Tasmanian icon John X read to kids at Lindisfarne Primary School. Image / Ellie Piesse

Young Tasmanians are being encouraged to put down their screens and pick up a book as the Premier's Reading Challenge returns for 2024.

Premier Jeremy Rockliff says the challenge is open to all ages, from kindergarten to year 12 and aims to promote reading for enjoyment and develop essential literacy skills.

"There's no target, the only target really is as many books as you can possibly read within the 10-week period," he said.

“It’s all about exploring people’s imagination, about encouraging sitting down with our children from kinder right through to Year 12.”



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Families are encouraged to help their children get involved in the challenge by reading with them, talking to them about what they are reading and providing "lots of encouragement".

Rockliff read a story to children at Lindisfarne Primary School on Monday to launch the challenge, where he was impressed by their reading abilities and knowledge of the Premier.

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“I was very impressed with the young people today. Fantastic imaginations,” he said.

“They knew the story. Some even knew who I was, which is fantastic.”

The challenge runs from June 17 to August 23.

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