



THE MAGNOLIA NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

Welcome to our second newsletter! This is just our way of keeping everybody up to date with everything Magnolia. If you have any questions, or there is anything that you read that interests you, or if you think you might like to get more involved please just let us know...

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PRISON BOOKS...

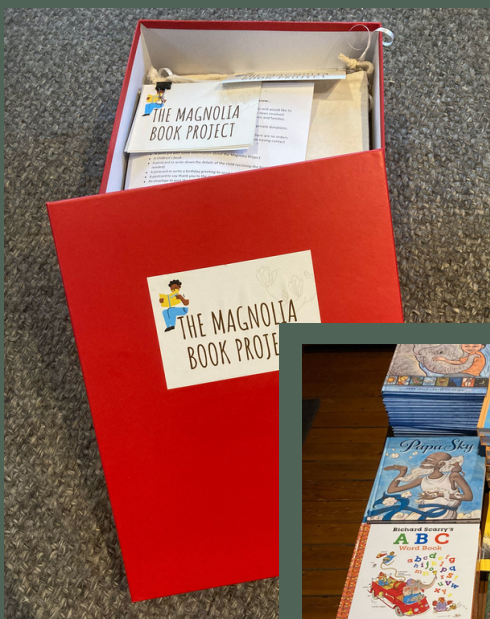
It has taken a while, but the advertisement for our book project has now gone out to everyone who is incarcerated at Port Augusta Prison through the Razorwire newsletter. Thanks are due once again to Jeff Bowey for organising this and we are already attracting some interest.

Jeff has also been talking to some other groups who might be able to supply book to the prison on an ongoing basis. We are excited to see how this unfolds.

Participants of a program run by Robyn Cole at Macquarie Prison in New South Wales also now have access to some of our books. Robyn supports people in the prison to make and send out a Mother's or Father's Day card. Father's Day is coming up soon and she has been busy. This year people in prison will also be able to send out a book to their child or children.

Things have been progressing at the Adelaide Women's Prison as well. Belinda Lovell has developed a new parenting program for women in prison and is currently in the process of piloting and evaluating the program. Participants also have access to some book, if they would like to send one out.

Mount Gambier prison has told us that they are happy to receive some of our books, which will add to the reading program that they already. We are waiting to see how much demand there is for books from Port Augusta before driving some books down to the South East.



OTHER...

We have met with Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement staff and have passed on some books for them to distribute to those people in their service who might enjoy them.

We also met with Helen Connolly, Commissioner for Children and Young People, to tell her about our project. This connects well with some of the initiatives that interests here.

Zoe Butcher is making good progress with her Honours thesis in criminology at the University of Adelaide. She is now at the stage of recruiting people to be interviewed – so please help out if she gets in touch.

NEW IDEAS?

We are always open to new ideas and ways that we can help to promote a more compassionate and constructive justice system. We have been doing some work, for example, on the topics of trauma informed practice, cultural safety, and started some conversations about how we might use this thinking to strengthen report writing practice in South Australia. We are also interested in supporting the development of a new parenting program for fathers in prison. Just ideas at the moment, but we can see opportunities to make a difference in these areas.

OUR FRIENDS

Thank you to the following groups who are supporting our work:

**JUSTICE
REFORM
INITIATIVE**

**JAILING
IS
FAILING**

 **APS** Australian Psychological Society
Believe in Change

APS College of Forensic Psychologists

• South Australian Committee

DONATIONS

We would like to say a big thank you to Pegi Williams bookstore, which has organised for a second batch of books to be donated. The books they have given us are really excellent.

In addition, Jane Jolly – a local author – has kindly donated two boxes of her beautiful books to our project (illustrated by Sally Heinrich). Thank you so much Jane and Sally.

Our GoFundMe is still up and running and we have already reached our second target of \$1000. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated. We will use the money to buy more books, especially those books that have an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander focus for children as there were only a few of these in the original boxes of books donated by the publishers.

