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Dear Parents

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Nicole Spranger. I am an educator from the Catholic Education Office who is working collaboratively with the Stage 3 teachers in the area of Literacy this week. I will be returning again to the school again in Terms 2 & 3 as well.

Today I was working with a small group of students who are confident fluent readers. We are seeking ways to continue to motivate them to read and extend their reading choices. We enrolled them in an online community called Biblionasium. [www.biblionasium.com](http://www.biblionasium.com)

The online community is designed so that the students are members of Biblionasium within a “closed group” available only to students in Year 6 at Holy Spirit St Clair. Within this group they will have their own visual bookshelf to display books they have read and they will be encouraged to write reviews and make recommendations to others in their group. As part of this “classroom community of readers” students need parental permission to allow them to be “friends” with others in their class group.

We consider it a safe learning activity and the students have been reminded of our ICT User agreement in which we agree that we will “Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible” when we are online. All Year 6 teachers will also have access to the site at all times.

I enclose the letter from Biblionasium which shows you how to join and view your child’s shelf. Please note also that **we will not be using** any area of the site which asks students or parents to buy books.

I am really enjoying working with the students.

Kind Regards,

Nicole Spranger and the Year 6 Team at Holy Spirit Primary

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to use the Biblionasium website to share Book Reviews and recommendations with their classmates.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_