



2009 *Special Forever* Calendar

February

2009 *Special Forever* invitation package delivered to all primary schools in the Murray–Darling Basin. Package includes:

- Invitation to schools to participate
 - Registration Form
 - 2008 Anthology *The places we call home*
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March

Teachers select theme or unit of work and plan to integrate with class program

- negotiate involvement of students, parents and community members
- register for *Special Forever* by **end of Term 1**

Visit *Special Forever* website www.specialforever.org.au

- check out ideas for writing about projects
 - register online
 - download new teaching units
 - download Guidelines for teachers
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April- May

Implement your *Special Forever* project

- students create and publish writing and artwork
 - send writing and images of student artwork for inclusion on the website (see guidelines on website)
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June

Schools select and submit individual pieces of writing and artwork to Regional Coordinators by **19 June 2009**

- Consideration for Publication Form should be attached to each piece of student work (on website)
- Student Writing/Artwork/Multimedia sent to Regional Coordinators

Schools request Certificates of Participation online for students and community supporters

July

Regional Coordinators advise schools of work sent to Sydney for central selection panel and organise a display of submitted writing and artwork. Central selection panel meets to choose writing and artwork for 2009 *Special Forever* book

August - October

Schools informed of names of students whose work has been selected for the 2009 Anthology and Permission to Publish forms sent to students.
18 September - deadline for submission of multimedia texts
Special Forever anthology in production

November

Regional Displays of writing and artwork

Certificates of Participation sent to registered schools for completion and distribution to all students, teachers and community members involved in the project
Certificates of Merit sent to all students whose work was sent to the central selection panel.

2009 *Special Forever* book distributed to Regional Coordinators and students whose work has been published. Multimedia texts published on website.