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Former AFL player brings a message about the value of books and reading



**P**OPULAR former AFL footballer Wayne Schwass came to Hastings on Friday with a new message - that "reading is cool".

Schwass was presenting to students at Westpark Primary School free books to take home as part of the Books In Homes Australia program.

Under the program children from disadvantaged areas receive three new books over three school terms to take home and the school library adds 144 books to its collection.

The books are paid for by Westpark's sponsor Mairfreight International. Wayne Schwass played for the Kangaroos

for nine years followed by 97 games for the Sydney Swans. He was twice named Best and Fairest.

In his talk he encouraged students to read for enjoyment and knowledge. Telling them they had all the answers within themselves and could be what ever they wanted to be. The State and Federal governments last

week also urged families to read together. There was also further discussion about testing for literacy skills to ensure no students slip through the net.

**FIND** the footballer Wayne Schwass surrounded by Westpark students.  
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