

## *Great news - Gumdale State School Library is running out of plastic bags!*

This means from next year, 2020, when you place an order through SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB we ask that you provide a reusable bag to the library with your child's name and class clearly marked on it by the order closing date. Your child's order will be sent home in your reusable bag.

### **Why bother with a NO plastic bag policy?**

- The world uses a staggering 500 billion to 1 trillion plastic bags every year. The average use for each bag is only 12 minutes!
- Plastics are produced by non-renewable natural resources including crude oil, gas and coal. The extraction and processing of these products contributes to climate change.
- These bags take around 1000 years to break down. The result of which is a mammoth waste problem, both on land and in the sea.
- Plastic bags are responsible for the death of hundreds of thousands of marine birds each year and around 100 000 marine mammals. They also responsible for the death of many land based animals.
- Nearly half a million plastic bags are collected on Clean Up Australia Day each year and as well as being harmful, they are an eyesore, and dirty the natural environment.



### **2020 Scholastic Book Club Orders**

Provide your own bag with your name and class clearly marked