Staff Reader of the Month for March

Michael Jongen
SSC Library Manager

Background:–
“\text{I was lucky growing up as my mother managed our small town’s library and I had access to all the books. No one had television then so I just read.}

I have worked as a school Librarian for many years in both Melbourne and London. I worked at George Orwell HS in London, just by Arsenal FC and have also worked at Melbourne Grammar, PEGS and Preshill.”

How often do you like to read?
“I read every day and generally am reading three books at a time. Working in libraries I get to see what people are reading and new books every day.”

What do you like to read?
“I am very eclectic in my reading. As a librarian I think my job is to read widely to reflect the broad taste of what Library users are reading. I need to ‘know my product’ in order to help people with their choices. I love a good story.”
List one book that has left a lasting impression on you and explain why it’s memorable.

“Emma by Jane Austen is my favourite book by my favourite author. I was introduced to Jane Austen by a great teacher when I studied literature. Jane Austen wrote her novels in the early 19th century and her books were once dismissed as ‘women’s interest’ because she wrote about domestic life and marriage. However we now know that history should reflect everyday lives as well as great events and famous people.

Emma was adapted into a wonderful film called ‘Clueless’ and transposed to a modern day LA. It is essentially about the battle of the sexes and I find it very funny.