

List 3 of your greatest achievements

My name is Claire Wang and currently attend Opportunity Class at Balgowlah Heights Public School. If I were to list three of my greatest achievements it would be things that have made me happy in life. My name is Claire and I love reading and writing. Reading is a big part of my life whether it's reading a book to reading my kindle. I have many subscriptions and listen to audiobooks every night when I'm in bed. Over the years I've lost track of how many books I've actually read but judging by my overfilled bookshelves and bills on how much I've spent on books, I'd say quite a lot. Books take you into another world without you having to actually travel into them. *That's the thing about books, they let you travel without moving your feet. A famous quote by Jhumpa Lahiri.* My favourite book genre would have to be crime or mystery. They keep you on the edge of your seat and captivate the audience, you can't put the book down. Books have inspired me to do great things including making and organising a book club all by myself for my class to get those interested in reading to join in and have fun. I've got a lot of positive reviews over the years and I'm thinking of doing it again this year too. This is one of my greatest achievements because it's difficult but also great to see something you did turn out to be something many people look forward to.

My love of books also links into writing where I spend an hour devoted to writing my novel. I write a lot and I've always wanted to see one of my books published and up for sale. Of course I'm not expecting big money but I'd just love to see one of my creations up there for everyone in the world to see. One of the things that have motivated me into writing a fantasy novel is me attending the W&T Academy's annual Writing Competition. This year I got first place out of all the Year 5 and 6 students competing and got to go to a radio interview at Northside Radio where I was streamed live answering questions and talking about my love of writing.

These are some of my great achievements that to me have made me who I am. But, an achievement isn't just being so successful, it's about trying and improving. This brings me to my last achievement I am proud of. My math and thinking skills scores have improved so much later this year than earlier last year.

Books and writing are so important to me along with maths and thinking skills. I am sitting the selective schools test this year with hopes to get into my dream selective school.

We accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope. - Martin Luther King Jr.