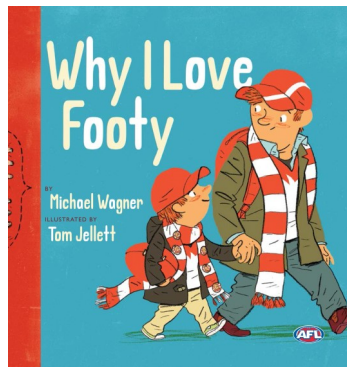


Why I Love Footy

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There are a bazillion reasons to love footy! These are just my biggest ones..... There's the big tackles and amazing marks. There's wearing the scarf and singing the song. But whether your team wins or loses, from the opening bounce to the final siren, the very best thing about footy is that we do it together.



Themes:

- AFL Football
- Looking after each other
- Doing things as a family
- Supporting
- Showing passion

Discussion Points:

- Just by looking at the cover, what are some of the clues that tell you what code of football the book might be about?
- What is your favourite sport to follow or play? Who is your favourite team?
- What is it about your sport that you love the most?
- The family in the story go to the footy together. Do you go and support your team with your family?
- What do you think it is about sport that brings people together?
- There are lots of sayings that are unique to 'footy'. Can you make a list of all those that are used in the story and any others that you can think of too.
- As a class, discuss the differences between 'footy' and other football codes, such as rugby league, rugby union and soccer.

Activities:

- Have a 'sports supporter' day at school. Dress up in your favourite sporting teams clothes or colours. You may like to have some different sporting activities set up for the children to all try and also create a school graph of how many different teams are represented within the school.
- There are a list of 'nick' names of all the AFL teams on the inside of the cover. Make a poster of all the teams showing their nick names and their real names. You may also like to include a picture of each teams mascot.