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FESTIVAL WELCOME

Welcome to Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival 2022, the 18th Festival since our inception in 2004 and once again proudly supported by our major partner Daly Bay! We are thrilled to bring you a new look in 2022 with our BHP/BMA Teepee on the oval and an increase in delights from our many local food vendors.

The 2022 Festival showcases over 80 fantastic events, with a diverse line-up of authors, artists, storytellers, screen writer, slam poet and musician who are bound to delight and encourage our students to put down their iphone and pick up a book. With 14 incredible presenters this year, there will be positive, enjoyable and meaningful moments for participants of all ages.

We are incredibly excited to welcome our 2022 Keynote Speaker to Mackay, the heroic Dr Richard 'Harry' Harris. Dr Harry played a crucial role in the remarkable international rescue of a teenage soccer team from a flooded cave system in Thailand in 2018. His tale of true courage and heroism is recounted in his book *Against All Odds* and the compelling documentary *The Rescue*. Our senior students will have an amazing opportunity to be captivated and inspired by Dr Harry.

We have several new and exciting partnerships this year to add to the vibrancy of the Festival. Mackay Regional Council Libraries will be bringing their #mylibrary van to the oval for story telling sessions under the trees! Students can also enjoy visiting the James Cook University (JCU) exhibit

on the oval, meet and speak with current university students, and explore what the JCU campus has to offer through interactive experiences. JCU will also be holding some exciting student talks and workshops during the Festival days so be sure to check out our program for details!

We are extremely grateful for the generous support of our corporate partners, local businesses and community stakeholders. We are indebted to them all. Their investment in our youth and community has allowed Mackay and the surrounding regions access to a Literary Festival of a standard normally reserved for major cities.

We also extend our deep gratitude to the passionate and wonderful Purple Army of volunteers, and our Voices Committee, who contribute to the excitement and energy of the Festival days. These most generous adult and student volunteers willingly give up their time to support our festival and keep everything running smoothly. We could not do it without them – thank you!

I encourage the Mackay community to participate in this year's Literary Festival and enjoy the opportunity to meet some of Australia's most renowned artists and presenters. We hope you enjoy the dynamic program that we have put together for you and that you feel inspired to either start, or continue, on your own literacy journey.

Enjoy!

Tracey Gurdler, Festival Manager

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A WORD FROM OUR MAYOR

The Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival has grown up! This year, it turns 18!

As the largest youth literature festival in regional Queensland, Whitsunday Voices is an important part of the Mackay Festival of Arts calendar. Participants come from as far south as Rockhampton, west to Kilcummin and north from Bowen, reaching over 65 schools, and approx 5000 students, educators and parents.

Whitsunday Anglican School's campus plays host for the two days of the festival. This year there are 14 fantastic presenters ready to inspire our youth with a fun-based yet educational program.

Of course, a festival of this calibre doesn't just happen. It takes a lot of hard work from people like festival manager Tracey Gurdler and coordinator Liz Russell. They are supported by a passionate committee and many volunteers from around the region who together make this incredible event happen.

Thanks also to the local businesses who have partnered with Whitsunday Voices this year. This festival would not be possible without their support.

We also gratefully acknowledge the Winchester Foundation.

Beryl and John Neilsen established the foundation in 2012 to create educational opportunities for country children. Since then, the Winchester Foundation has brought nearly 3000 students from schools in the broader Mackay-Isaac community to visit the festival. A truly outstanding initiative!

Thanks once again to the people in our community who deliver this festival every year. You should be very proud of your efforts.

Thank you to the students and teachers taking part this year. We hope that you will again find the experiences fun and stimulating.

Have a great time.

Mayor Greg Williamson



VISITOR'S GUIDE

Something for Everyone – Check out our Visitors Guide to Whitsunday Voices.

TICKET INFORMATION

BOOK AT: www.whitsundayvoices.com.au

Tickets are online only. Please note an invoicing option is available at the time of check-out.

TICKETS: \$8 per session

WORKSHOPS: \$15 per session (limit of six students per school per workshop)

There is no allocated seating. Seating allocation will be in line with COVID Safe requirements at the time of the event.

Full payment required for booking confirmation. No refunds or exchanges can be issued once bookings are processed.

FESTIVAL TIP: Keep your school's booking confirmation handy on the festival days.

SUPERVISION POLICY

Any child 14 years or younger must be accompanied by a supervising parent, guardian or teacher while on campus at all times during the Festival.

RESERVATION & BOOKING POLICY

All reservations can only be guaranteed upon full payment. Please bring a printed copy of your group's online booking confirmation to the Festival.

SCHOOL BOOKINGS: Accompanying teachers complimentary (1 per 10 students), additional teachers are required to purchase tickets. Should a venue be close to capacity, some accompanying teachers may be asked to stand.

LARGE BOOKINGS: Please note there is a website limit of 300 tickets per transaction. For larger bookings, please make multiple transactions. Whole group booking confirmation is required for entry.

INDIVIDUAL BOOKINGS: Have your online booking confirmation for presentations handy.

BAGS

Most venues have limited access for school bags. We advise all visitors to leave valuables at home for safety reasons and bring a small bag for essentials only.

ENTRY AND INFORMATION

Have your booking confirmation handy and our Festival volunteers will be able to direct you to your venue.

Venues are allocated just prior to the Festival. When you enter the Festival, grab a festival flyer which contains student sessions and venue information, plus the Festival map. You can also print one from our website.

FESTIVAL TIP: Check our website or Facebook for venue information closer to the Festival.

PHOTOGRAPHY PERMISSIONS

Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival have on-site photographers throughout the Festival. These photos are for archival and marketing purposes. Your purchase of a ticket implies permission to use these photos.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property can be retrieved from The Book Nook, our Festival bookshop.

EAT STREET

Find your all your Festival food favourites at Eat Street located on the oval. *Eftpos available.*

WED: 5.00pm – 8.00pm

THURS + FRI: 9.00am – 2.30pm

Coastal Craft Coffee / Dumpling Hut
Letz Waffle / Festival BBQ / Jay's Catering

FESTIVAL TIP: Our website will be updated with menu options as they become available.

FESTIVAL BOOKSHOP - THE BOOK NOOK

THURS + FRI: 8.00am – 3.00pm

The Book Nook, our Festival bookshop, stocks an extensive range of books by all the presenters attending Whitsunday Voices. The Book Nook is located up the stairs from the basketball courts and adjacent to the marquees.

Meet your favourite presenters and have your books signed at The Book Nook between each session. Cash and EFTPOS facilities available.

FESTIVAL TIP: Jump the queue! You can pre-order books using the form on our website www.whitsundayvoices.com.au/bookshop

Pre-ordered books can be collected from the bookshop throughout the Festival.

GETTING HERE

The Festival is located on campus at Whitsunday Anglican School, Celeber Drive, Mackay. Information booths are located at both entrances. These booths are manned by volunteers who are easily identified.

BUSES: For buses, access to the Festival is via Celeber Drive, with drop off at the front of the School. DO NOT attempt to enter school driveway, use the Celeber Drive drop off only.

CAR: Private cars and small groups are to use the internal roundabout off Nicklin Drive.

ROAD TO READING TRAVEL SUBSIDY



We keep ticket prices low so our Festival is accessible to all students, however, we understand transport costs can sometimes be prohibitive for some schools. To help, we have partnered with four community clubs to provide a travel subsidy.

APPLY: Application forms available at www.whitsundayvoices.com.au/road-to-reading-travel-subsidy

Applications close 25 June 2022.

QUESTIONS

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

Tracey Gurdler, Festival Manager
(07) 4969 2076

BOOKING ENQUIRIES:

Liz Russell, Festival Coordinator
(07) 4969 2018
lru@was.qld.edu.au



FESTIVAL EVENTS

FESTIVAL WELCOME

Date: Wednesday 13 July **FREE ENTRY**

Venue: Whitsunday Anglican School

Please RSVP for planning purposes
Ph: 4969 2018 / lru@was.qld.edu.au

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5.30 Come mingle with the authors at Eat Street
on the oval - *eftps available*

6.00 Welcome to Country, Yuwi People

6.45 Writer's Panel, hosted by Nat Amoore

Come join us in the BHP/BMA Festival Teepee on the oval under the stars. Take part in our smoking ceremony led by our local YUWI people and grab a bite to eat from Eat Street. The ever-popular Writer's Panel returns with a crew of high energy, passionate and talented presenters, hosted by our newest face to the festival, best-selling author and presenter, Nat Amoore.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO COUNTRY

As we come from the four winds travelling across the lands and waters, we acknowledge the Yuwi people, the traditional custodians of this land where we gather today.

We honour the traditions of all Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander Solomon Islander, Vanuatuan people.

May we continue to walk gently and respectfully together as we take responsibility as guardians of the earth, of the seas, streams and rivers and of all living things.



CHILL OUT PRECINCT

A space for all to gather and swap stories. Hang out in the BHP/BMA Festival Teepee, enjoy the delights on offer down Eat Street, In The Booth Photobooth, Mackay Regional Story-Time, and the JCU interactive display.



FESTIVAL SESSIONS

Two jam packed days of vibrant, high energy presentations and workshops, interactive spaces, story-time, competitions and more!

ALL WELCOME

Dates: Thursday 14 and Friday 15 July

Time: 9.30am – 2.15pm

Cost: \$8.00 sessions / \$15.00 workshops



JCU INTERACTIVE DISPLAY

Visit the JCU display to experience interactive activities, chat to current JCU students and academics, and find out what uni life is all about.



MY LIBRARY STORY CORNER

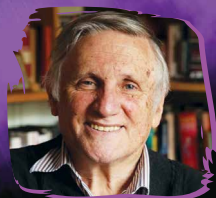
Welcome to the *My Library* Story Corner, where the Mackay Library presents Story-Time for our younger students. The pop-up library is an interactive space, with games, stories and give-aways. Come take a seat on the mat, relax and enjoy your break time.



Dates: Thursday 14 and Friday 15 July

Times: During daily breaks 10.15am – 10.45am, 11.30am – 12.15pm and 1.00pm – 1.30pm

LITCHAT EDUCATORS' EVENT



EVERYTHING I KNOW

PRESENTED BY
JOHN MARSDEN

Date: Thursday 14 July **Time:** 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Pansy Wood Centre, Whitsunday Anglican School

Tickets: \$40 (bookings essential includes refreshments)

Bookings: Visit our website www.whitsundayvoices.com.au

Join teacher and author John Marsden in this Educators' Forum as he shares with you everything he knows about writing.

A specialist in his field of literature and education, John Marsden brings his entire tool box of hints and tips to develop reading and writing techniques and encourage engagement in your classrooms. John Marsden draws on his wealth of experience as a master educator and his passion and drive for literature in our youth. John will impart his knowledge and his legacy will stay with you throughout your own journey as a modern educator.

This event is a must for teachers, librarians and parents looking for practical advice that can be implemented either in the classroom or at home, to help students develop their literacy skills.



EARN PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT POINTS

A special thanks to the Jellinbah Group
for their support of this event.

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Literary Dinner



Date: Friday 15 July

Time: 6:30pm until late

Venue: Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre

Tickets: \$150 / Book via www.themecc.com.au or phone 07 4961 9777

A signature event on Mackay's calendar, the popular Literary Dinner returns for another memorable evening to celebrate the 2022 Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival.

Enjoy a delightful three course dinner, meet and mingle with this year's Festival presenters in the elegantly styled Mackay Entertainment Centre and be captivated by this year's keynote speaker, Dr Richard 'Harry' Harris.

Dr Richard Harris played a crucial role in the remarkable international rescue of a teenage soccer team from a flooded Thai cave system. In 2018 the world watched and held its breath as one by one, against almost impossible odds, the members of the Wild Boar Soccer team were rescued after being trapped deep in a cave system in Thailand for 17 days.

His incredible tale – of true courage and heroism – is recounted in his book *Against All Odds* and the compelling documentary *The Rescue*.

Our evening culminates with the ever-popular local band The Base Coats, who will have you up and dancing.

POETRY SLAM! COMPETITION

Senior school students are invited to enter the hotly contested Whitsunday Voices Poetry SLAM! Competition.

Hosted by highly acclaimed and award-winning Slam Poet, Anisa Nandaula.

Individuals and teams of up to four can enter. Competitors are required to participate in the workshop hosted by Anisa. The students will collaborate with Anisa to refine their poetry and rehearse to bring it to life for the Poetry SLAM! Competition.

The winning SLAM! team receive trophies, a \$400 cash prize pool and the bragging rights!

WORKSHOP

Date: Wednesday 13 July 2022

Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Whitsunday Anglican School

COMPETITION DETAILS

Date: Friday 15 July 2022

Time: 1.00pm – 2.15pm

Venue: Whitsunday Anglican School

Judging: Three Whitsunday Voices presenters / teachers

Criteria: 50% performance and 50% content

Parents are welcome to buy tickets to attend this session.

Entry forms available at www.whitsundayvoices.com.au



SHORT STORY COMPETITION

With over 600 entries from students in Mackay and its surrounds, the Short Story Competition is a highly anticipated event on our calendar.

Students are free to write on a topic of their choice and to the format required for their age group. Information, criteria and entry forms can be found on our website; or see your teacher or librarian at your school.

Winning entries and illustrations by our clever artists are published in our *Short Story Anthology* with the collaboration of our local editor Savy Scripts.

Judging: ALEA – Australian Literacy Educator's Association

Entries: All entries due by Friday 3 June 2022

Entry forms available at www.whitsundayvoices.com.au



DAY 1 PROGRAM

⌚ 9.30am – 10.15am

Session	Event	Grades
101	Tina Wilson	P-3
102	Lucas Proudfoot	1-4
103	Oliver Phommavanh	4-6
104	Cameron Stelzer	4-6
105	shake & stir	5-7
106	Jack Heath	6-8
107	Cath Moore	7-9
108	John Marsden	9-12
109	Anisa Nandaula	9-12
110	Kate Foster (WW)	6-8
111	Matt Ottley (AW)	9-12

⌚ 12.15pm – 1.00pm

Session	Event	Grades
123	Melina Marchetta	P-3
124	Lucas Proudfoot	1-4
125	Kate Foster	4-6
126	shake & stir	4-6
127	Nat Amooore	5-7
128	Anisa Nandaula	7-9
129	John Marsden	7-9
130	Dr Maddy McAllister	9-12
131	Matt Ottley	9-12
132	Jack Heath (WW)	9-12

⌚ 10.45am – 11.30am

Session	Event	Grades
112	Cameron Stelzer	P-3
113	shake & stir	1-4
114	Nat Amooore	4-6
115	Lucas Proudfoot	4-6
116	Oliver Phommavanh	5-7
117	John Marsden	6-8
118	Anisa Nandaula	7-9
119	Melina Marchetta	9-12
120	Cath Moore	9-12
121	JCU Career Planning (IW)	9-12
122	Tina Wilson (AW)	6-8

⌚ 1.30pm – 2.15pm

Session	Event	Grades
133	Tina Wilson	P-3
134	Cameron Stelzer	1-4
135	Kate Foster	4-6
136	Nat Amooore	4-6
137	Oliver Phommavanh	5-7
138	Cath Moore	7-9
139	Matt Ottley	7-9
140	Jack Heath	9-12
141	Melina Marchetta	9-12
142	JCU Skyhigh Dreaming (IW)	7-9

WW: Writing Workshop / AW: Art Workshop / IW: Interactive Workshop

DAY 2 PROGRAM

9.30am – 10.15am

Session	Event	Grades
201	Tina Wilson	P-3
202	shake & stir	1-4
203	Cameron Stelzer	3-5
204	Lucas Proudfoot	4-6
205	Oliver Phommavanh	5-7
206	Anisa Nandaula	7-9
207	John Marsden	7-9
208	Matt Ottley	9-12
209	Jack Heath	9-12
210	Melina Marchetta (WW)	9-12

12.15pm – 1.00pm

Session	Event	Grades
222	Tina Wilson	P-3
223	Cameron Stelzer	1-4
224	Oliver Phommavanh	4-6
225	Kate Foster	4-6
226	shake & stir	4-7
227	Cath Moore	7-9
228	John Marsden	7-9
229	Dr Richard Harris	9-12
230	Melina Marchetta	9-12
231	JCU Career Planning (IW)	9-12
232	Matt Ottley (AW)	6-8

10.45am – 11.30am

Session	Event	Grades
211	Lucas Proudfoot	P-3
212	Melina Marchetta	1-4
213	Nat Amooore	4-6
214	Kate Foster	4-6
215	shake & stir	4-7
216	Jack Heath	7-9
217	Anisa Nandaula	7-9
218	John Marsden	9-12
219	Cath Moore	9-12
220	JCU Skyhigh Dreaming (IW)	7-9
221	Tina Wilson (AW)	9-12

1.30pm – 2.15pm

Session	Event	Grades
233	Cameron Stelzer	P-3
234	Nat Amooore	
	Book & Boogie	P-3
235	Oliver Phommavanh	3-5
236	Kate Foster	4-6
237	Jack Heath	6-8
238	Dr Maddy McAllister	7-9
239	Matt Ottley	7-9
240	Cath Moore	9-12
241	Poetry SLAM! Competition (starts 1pm)	7-12

JCU WORKSHOPS

JCU: Career Planning (Interactive Workshop)

Thursday 10.45am – 11.30am

Session 121 | Senior: Grades 9 - 12

Friday 12.15pm – 1.00pm

Session 231 | Senior: Grades 9 - 12

In this interactive workshop students take a career quiz based on skills and interests to determine a career cluster. After learning to recognise their values, interests, strengths and skills, students will build a plan to achieve the career they want. They will have the opportunity to explore subject selection, career pathways and university courses with the JCU team and chat to current JCU students.

JCU: Skyhigh Dreaming (Interactive Workshop)

Thursday 1.30pm – 2.15pm

Session 142 | Middle: Grades 7 - 9

Friday 10.45am – 11.30am

Session 220 | Middle: Grades 7 - 9

Sky High Dreaming empowers students to think big as they explore future goals by developing career planning tools. In this workshop, students learn to identify the differences between their dreams and ambitions and the steps needed to get where they want to go. Breaking down the journey from now, through school and beyond, students focus on key milestones and transition points to understand what they need to do to achieve their goals.

PRESENTER WORKSHOPS

KATE FOSTER: *Creating Characters with Kate! (Writer's Workshop)*

Thursday 9:30am - 10:15am | Session 110 | Middle: Grades 6 - 8

Captivating, Curious, Courageous... Characters are the heart and soul of stories. Without a character there's no one to take readers on fantastical adventures! But where do we start?

MATT OTTLEY: *Dynamic Figure Drawing (Art Workshop)*

Thursday 9:30am - 10:15am | Session 111 | Senior: Grades 9 - 12

Friday 12:15pm - 1:00pm | Session 232 | Middle: Grades 6 - 8

Join one of Australia's most highly awarded illustrators, Matt Ottley, in this informative and creative art workshop. If you seriously want to learn how to draw a human figure from your imagination then this workshop is for you.

TINA WILSON: *Painting from Nature (Art Workshop)*

Thursday 10:45am - 11:30am | Session 122 | Middle: Grades 6 - 8

Friday 10:45am - 11:30am | Session 221 | Senior: Grades 9 - 12

Join artist Tina Wilson to learn some of the key beginner's watercolour techniques to create the illusion of reality.

JACK HEATH: *Making Monsters (Writer's Workshop)*

Thursday 12:15pm - 1:00pm | Session 132 | Senior: Grades 9 - 12

In this hands-on workshop, the bestselling author of *Hangman* and *Kill Your Brother* will show you how to write thrilling fiction that pits flawed heroes against nightmarish villains and keeps readers turning pages after midnight.

MELINA MARCHETTA: *The Writer's Toolbox (Writer's Workshop)*

Friday 9:30am - 10:15am | Session 210 | Senior: Grades 9 - 12

Join Melina Marchetta, author of *Looking for Alibrandi*, for an exclusive peek inside her creative process. Her writer's toolbox workshop explores dialogue and descriptive writing and how to apply it to your own work.



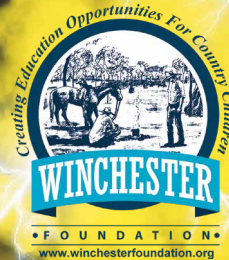
WINCHESTER FOUNDATION

There is something very special about the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival that makes it such an inclusive event in the broader Mackay – Isaac community, and that is the involvement of the Winchester Foundation.

The Winchester Foundation helps many country children experience and participate in the Festival.

Mrs. Beryl Neilsen OAM, established the John & Beryl Neilsen Winchester Foundation in 2012, specifically to create educational opportunities for country children.

The Winchester Foundation's involvement with the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival commenced in 2013 and with the support of many volunteers, 3,258 students together with teachers from the Mistake Creek, Kilcummin, Coppabella, Valkyrie, Nebo, MacKenzie River, Clarke Creek, Capricornia School of Distance Education, Charters Towers School of Distance Education, Eungella, Finch Hatton, Gargett, Pinnacle, Mirani, St. Lawrence, Swaynville, Carmila, Koumala, Eton, North Eton, Homebush and Oakenden have attended this wonderful Festival.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Mackay Bookworms and Mackay Writers Group both have stands at the Festival that sell local authors' books in our bookshop.

They add a wonderfully entertaining and colourful dimension to our Festival and show local students that you can be local and an author!



MEET THE PRESENTERS

ANISA NANDAULA

SLAM POET / PLAYWRIGHT / AUTHOR • Grades 7 - 12

- 109 Thursday 14 July 9.30am – Grades 9-12
118 Thursday 14 July 10.45am – Grades 7-9
128 Thursday 14 July 12.15pm – Grades 7-9
206 Friday 15 July 9.30am – Grades 7-9
217 Friday 15 July 10.45am – Grades 7-9
241 Friday 15 July 1.00pm (Poetry Slam) – Grades 7-12



Anisa returns in 2022! Our guests in 2021 were nothing short of blown away. Anisa brings a new showcase of talent this year and will host our Poetry SLAM! Competition. A nationally recognised spoken word poet, playwright, educator and published author, Anisa was the 2016 Queensland Poetry Slam Champion and runner up for the Australian Poetry Slam Championships. In 2017 she published her first book *Melanin Garden* and won the XYZ Innovation in Spoken Word Prize. She has performed at the Sydney Opera House, Splendour in the Grass, Queensland Poetry Festival, Women of the World Festival and toured the country sharing stories of love and courage. Anisa's spoken word performances will bring the room to a mix of emotions, applause and cheers.

www.anisanandaula.com

DR RICHARD HARRIS

Author / Cave Diver / Anaesthetist
Keynote Speaker • Grades 9 - 12



229 Friday 15 July 12.15pm – Grades 9-12

Presented by **BOQ** **MACKAY CITY**



Dr Richard 'Harry' Harris has worked in anaesthesia, diving, and aeromedical retrieval medicine. His passion for cave diving goes back to the 1980's and has taken him to the corners of the globe in search of new adventures.

Dr Richard Harris played a crucial role in the remarkable international rescue of a teenage soccer team from a flooded Thai cave system. In 2018 the world watched and held its breath as one by one, against almost impossible odds, the members of the Wild Boar Soccer team were rescued after being trapped deep in a cave system in Thailand for 17 days.

Richard's heroic efforts saw him awarded the Star of Courage; the Medal of the Order of Australia; the Knight Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Admirable Order of the Direkgunabhorn; and 2019 Australian of the Year with dive partner Dr Craig Challen.

His incredible tale – of true courage and heroism – is recounted in his book *Against All Odds* and the compelling documentary *The Rescue*.

DR CAMERON STELZER

AUTHOR / ILLUSTRATOR • Prep - Grade 6

- 104 Thursday 14 July 9.30am – Grades 4-6
112 Thursday 14 July 10.45am – Grades P-3
134 Thursday 14 July 1.30pm – Grades 1-4
203 Friday 15 July 9.30am – Grades 3-5
223 Friday 15 July 12.15pm – Grades 1-4
233 Friday 15 July 1.30pm – Grades P-3

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Dr Cameron Stelzer, the 'Story Doctor', is a Queensland author and illustrator with a passion for creating exciting children's books and fostering a love of reading, writing and creativity in young people. He has written and illustrated over thirty books, including the internationally award-winning *Pie Rats* series, the fun and zany *Scallywags* series, the SOS series for younger readers, how-to-draw publications, and the *Stroogle* picture book series. Cameron's books have won many book awards including the International Book Awards, the Book Excellence Awards, the American Fiction Awards and the NYC Big Book Awards. Cameron's zany and exciting sessions will be a hot topic in the playground.

www.drcameron.com.au

CATH MOORE

AUTHOR / FILM MAKER • Grades 7 - 12

- 107 Thursday 14 July 9.30am – Grades 7-9
120 Thursday 14 July 10.45am – Grades 9-12
138 Thursday 14 July 1.30pm – Grades 7-9
219 Friday 15 July 10.45am – Grades 9-12
227 Friday 15 July 12.15pm – Grades 7-9
240 Friday 15 July 1.30pm – Grades 9-12



Presented by

DR JONATHAN SMITH
ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON

Cath Moore is an award-winning author, screenwriter and teacher of creative writing, specializing in young adults and own-voice storytelling for the page and screen. Cath runs story development workshops for secondary students and new writers. Cath's own writing often touches on the inextricably complicated bond between parent and child, reconciling loss and grief yet with a sense of optimism and celebrates the resilience of the human spirit. Cath writes on identity and race in her highly acclaimed debut novel *Metal Fish, Falling Snow* which won a host of awards including the *Prime Minister's Literary Awards in 2021 for Young Adults*. Cath is passionate about connections through words and brings a wealth of deep thinking and empowerment to her presentations.

www.cathmoorewrites.org

JOHN MARSDEN

AUTHOR • Grades 6 - 12

- 108 Thursday 14 July 9.30am – Grades 9-12
117 Thursday 14 July 10.45am – Grades 6-8
129 Thursday 14 July 12.15pm – Grades 7-9
207 Friday 15 July 9.30am – Grades 7-9
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228 Friday 15 July 12.15pm – Grades 7-9



Presented by

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A trained educator with a natural gift for storytelling, John Marsden is arguably Australia's foremost writer of young adult fiction. Whilst working as a teacher, Marsden made the decision to write for teenagers, following the observation that teenagers simply weren't reading any more. Marsden then wrote *So Much To Tell You* in only three weeks. The book sold record numbers and won numerous awards including Book of the Year as awarded by the Children's Book Council of Australia. Marsden has won every major writing award in Australia for young people's fiction. John Marsden's inspirational writing and passion for literature simply makes this a must see.

www.johnmarsden.com.au

JACK HEATH

AUTHOR • Grades 6 - 12

- 106 Thursday 14 July 9.30am – Grades 6-8
132 Thursday 14 July 12.15pm (WW) – Grades 9-12
140 Thursday 14 July 1.30pm – Grades 9-12
209 Friday 15 July 9.30am – Grades 9-12
216 Friday 15 July 10.45am – Grades 7-9
237 Friday 15 July 1.30pm – Grades 6-8



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Jack Heath is the award-winning author of more than thirty thrillers for children and adults. He wrote his first novel in high school and sold it to a publisher at age 18. In 2018 his first crime novel for adults, *Hangman*, was a smash-hit in Australia and has since been translated into four languages. It was voted one of the 101 best books of all time by Dymocks Booklovers. His *Minute* series contain 10 stories, 10 dangerous situations and 10 brave kids. Reluctant readers will find these adrenal charged, action packed, bite-sized tales easy to start and impossible to put down. Jack Heath has also turned his hands to the middle school reader with whacky *Stunt Kid Seriously Stacks It!* and *Kid President Totally Rules*. Jack captures his audience from the get go!

www.jackheathwriter.com

KATE FOSTER

AUTHOR • Grades 4 - 8

- 110 Thursday 14 July 9.30am (WW) – Grades 6-8
125 Thursday 14 July 12.15pm – Grades 4-6
135 Thursday 14 July 1.30pm – Grades 4-6
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225 Friday 15 July 12.15pm – Grades 4-6
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Kate Foster is a children's author who loves to write about friends, family... and dogs. Originally from a small town in the south east of England, she now lives on the stunning Gold Coast. She is passionate about encouraging and teaching a wider understanding of autism and mental illness via a positive approach and awareness of representation in literature, helping to develop a sense of self and empathy. Kate has sensitively woven her own personal experience into the creation of her debut middle grade novel, *PAWS*. Kate's presentation will offer emotional intelligence, kindness, understanding and acceptance specifically tailored to children.

www.kfosterbooks.com

LUCAS PROUDFOOT

PERFORMER / AUTHOR • Prep - Grade 6

102 Thursday 14 July 9.30am – Grades 1-4
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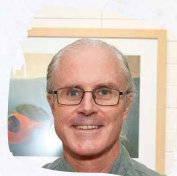
Lucas is a talented storyteller and songwriter, who plays guitar, didgeridoo and stomp box! A crowd favourite, known for his fast wit and cheeky humour, Lucas Proudfoot has been entertaining young audiences across Australia for over 10 years, he's even been a special guest on ABC's Play School! Lucas' high energy musical performances will have kids jumping and laughing and dancing in no time. His series, *The Proud Foots*, include references to indigenous cultures from all over the world. The experiences he writes about are drawn from his own travels and adventures and strong friendships from across the globe.

www.lucasproudfoot.com

MATT OTTLEY

FINE ARTIST / AUTHOR / ILLUSTRATOR / COMPOSER
Grades 6 - 12

111 Thursday 14 July 9.30am (AW) – Grades 9-12
131 Thursday 14 July 12.15pm – Grades 9-12
139 Thursday 14 July 1.30pm – Grades 7-9
208 Friday 15 July 9.30am – Grades 9-12
232 Friday 15 July 12.15pm (AW) – Grades 6-8
239 Friday 15 July 1.30pm – Grades 7-9



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Matt is considered one of Australia's most popular children's author/illustrators and has attracted international success. Born in the highlands of New Guinea and then after almost failing high school in Sydney, he spent some years on cattle stations before returning to Sydney to study fine art and music. Matt Ottley is an award-winning multi-modal artist, working across literature, visual arts and music. Matt has more than 35 picture books published and his various awards include the CBCA Picture Book of the Year in 2021 and 2009. His highly emotive illustrations use the amazing power of the subconscious through shadows, depth and colour. Matt's ground-breaking new book *The Tree of Ecstasy and Unbearable Sadness* offers readers a mesmerising visual journey about beauty and resilience, society and belief, hope, understanding and embracing difference.

www.mattottley.com

DR MADDY MCALLISTER

MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGIST • Grades 7 - 12

130 Thursday 14 July 12.15pm – Grades 9-12
238 Friday 15 July 1.30pm – Grades 7-9

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Shipwrecks, Archaeology and Storytelling

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MELINA MARCHETTA

AUTHOR / SCRIPT WRITER • Prep - Grade 3 / Grades 9 - 12

119 Thursday 14 July 10.45am – Grades 9-12
123 Thursday 14 July 12.15pm – Grades P-3
141 Thursday 14 July 1.30pm – Grades 9-12
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212 Friday 15 July 10.45am – Grades 1-4
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Melina Marchetta's writing career took off when she published her first novel, *Looking For Alibrandi*, and swept the pool of literary awards for young adult fiction. She later turned the story into a film script and it was screened in theatres around the world. Melina combined writing with teaching in secondary school and is now committed to writing full-time. Much of her work evidently draws from real life, including her adolescent experiences and observations of students. Melina recently published a charming series to engage newly independent young readers. *What Zola Did* celebrates community, diversity and family and is full of mischief, humour and feeling. Melina's diverse range of novels have been published in 17 languages in at least 18 countries.

www.melinamarchetta.wordpress.com



NAT AMOORE

AUTHOR • Prep - Grade 7

- 114 Thursday 14 July 10.45am – Grades 4-6
- 127 Thursday 14 July 12.15pm – Grades 5-7
- 136 Thursday 14 July 1.30pm – Grades 4-6
- 213 Friday 15 July 10.45am – Grades 4-6
- 234 Friday 15 July 1.30pm – Grades P-3



Nat Amore is a Sydney-based writer and kidlit podcast host who is passionate about encouraging kids to read, write and explore their imagination without boundaries. Nat's high energy and engaging performance will have the kids out of their seats and into her books in no time! Nat's debut novel *Secrets Of A Schoolyard Millionaire* had great success becoming Australia's #1 bestselling debut Aussie children's fiction in 2019 and is now an international best seller. Nat's later books have attracted many outstanding awards, including the CBCA Book of the Year Notable award. Nat's fourth book *We Run Tomorrow* will hit stands in May 2022 – hot off the press!

www.natamoore.com

SHAKE & STIR

Performers • Grades 1 - 7

- 105 Thursday 14 July 9.30am – Grades 5-7
- 113 Thursday 14 July 10.45am – Grades 1-4
- 126 Thursday 14 July 12.15pm – Grades 4-6
- 202 Friday 15 July 9.30am – Grades 1-4
- 215 Friday 15 July 10.45am – Grades 4-7
- 226 Friday 15 July 12.15pm – Grades 4-7



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www.shakeandstir.com.au

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AUTHOR / PERFORMER • Grades 3 - 7

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- 116 Thursday 14 July 10.45am – Grades 5-7
- 137 Thursday 14 July 1.30pm – Grades 5-7
- 205 Friday 15 July 9.30am – Grades 5-7
- 224 Friday 15 July 12.15pm – Grades 4-6
- 235 Friday 15 July 1.30pm – Grades 3-5



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Dr Manish Kumar
CARDIOLOGIST

Oliver is a young Thai-Australian writer for children yet a veteran on the writer's festival circuit. A former primary school teacher, Oliver now spends his time as a stand-up comedian, actor and children's book author and performer. Oliver is keen about sharing his passion for writing with kids and engages his audience with humour. His first book, *Thai-riffic!*, was published to critical acclaim. For younger readers, Oliver wrote *Ethan* in the *Stuff Happens* series and has a host of other titles to his name. Oliver will delight your primary school students with his light-hearted, fun and animated performances.

www.oliverwriter.com

TINA WILSON

AUTHOR • Prep - Grade 3 / Grades 9 - 12

- 101 Thursday 14 July 9.30am – Grades P-3
- 122 Thursday 14 July 10.45am (AW) – Grades 6-8
- 133 Thursday 14 July 1.30pm – Grades P-3
- 201 Friday 15 July 9.30am – Grades P-3
- 221 Friday 15 July 10.45am (AW) – Grades 9-12
- 222 Friday 15 July 12.15pm – Grades P-3



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Tina Wilson is an Australian visual artist and graphic designer with over 20 years' experience. Tina spends her time moving between painting, drawing, writing, curating and creating children's books. Tina's works are inspired by the exquisite beauty of nature and captures thoughts and feelings through her artwork. Tina's detailed images are a thought-provoking reminder of the importance of taking time to stop and appreciate the world around us.

www.tinawilsonartist.com

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