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YOUTH LITERATURE FESTIVAL



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WELCOME TO THE 2018 WHITSUNDAY VOICES YOUTH LITERATURE FESTIVAL.

Whitsunday Voices has been an exciting part of the Mackay Festival of Arts program for many years and we are excited once again to have this celebration of creativity as a signature event. Without doubt, our local students are the beneficiaries of a literary and cultural experience not often enjoyed in a regional centre.

THE 2018 PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE BEST YET.

Our thanks go to the organisers and especially to Whitsunday Anglican School for initiating and hosting the Festival. There are many businesses partnering with Whitsunday Voices to make the event possible, which is just another indication of the fantastic community we live in.

This year around 5,000 students from schools across the district are expected to participate. They

will be challenged and inspired by the calibre of authors and presenters in 2018, which is of course the event outcome we are hoping for.

Developing the cultural landscape of Mackay is vital for us to be recognised as a complete community. Literacy is a key to success for students in our modern society. The 2018 Festival ticks both these boxes, and provides a fun-based opportunity for our community to learn to be "boldly different", as this year's theme encourages.

Your interest in and support of the Festival is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the experience.

Cr. Greg Williamson
Mayor of Mackay Regional Council

Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival 2018



FESTIVAL WELCOME



We are so excited for this year's Festival – it is **BOLDLY DIFFERENT** and you will have an extraordinary experience!

We have 13 presenters lined-up, including award winning authors - as we always do, but this year we also have a slam poet, a gamer, a blogger and literary agent, and two authors who collaborate to write some of Australia's most read books!

We are determined to make the Festival a fun-based educational experience and as such there will be lots of activities around the author sessions, including Timezone activities, the BOQ Mackay City Chill Out Lounge, performers from Triple Threat Theatre Academy, in the Booth providing a photo booth, as well as talented musicians that entertain us during the morning tea and lunch breaks.

THE FESTIVAL IS NOW IN ITS 15TH YEAR, AND LIKE EVERY YEAR, THERE WILL BE SOMETHING POSITIVE THAT EVERY STUDENT CAN TAKE AWAY FROM THE FESTIVAL, FROM PREP STUDENTS TO GRADE 12 STUDENTS.

Cost should never be an issue when it comes to creating a love of literature and reading, and that is why we have partnered with an amazing group of local businesses to help us keep ticket prices as low as possible. As many as 48 local organisations have invested in the Festival and Mackay's youth!

Our goal is to make the Festival as inclusive of as many students in the region as possible, which is why we have secured funding that will help schools needing a travel subsidy. We commend 3 community clubs in our region for helping with this travel subsidy – Magpies Sporting Club, Northern Beaches Bowls Club and Souths Leagues Club.

Special mention must go to our Major Festival Partner, Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal, who are supporting the Festival for a sixth year. It is a pleasure working with them as they go to great lengths to help make Mackay a wonderful place to live and work.

Special thanks must also go to the many volunteers who make the Festival run so smoothly, always with a smile and a helpful hand.

I do hope you participate in this year's Festival, and enjoy this wonderful opportunity to learn from and be entertained by an extraordinary group of presenters.

Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome, so please feel free to contact me on twi@was.qld.edu.au.

Enjoy!

Tonia Wilson
Festival Manager

MEET THE PRESENTERS



DANIELLE BINKS
Author, Book Blogger
Grades 8 to 12

Session 118 Thursday 19 at 10:45am
Session 127 Thursday 19 at 12:15pm
Session 138 Thursday 19 at 1:30pm
Session 209 Friday 20 at 09:30am
Session 220 Friday 20 at 10:45am (Writing Workshop)
Session 228 Friday 20 at 12:15pm

Danielle Binks is an **editor, book blogger, literary agent, and youth literature advocate**. A short story in a #LoveOzYA anthology is her first book publication, and marks her as an emerging voice in the Australian YA landscape. She established her book review blog *Alpha Reader* in 2009. Danielle's engaging and informative sessions promote #LoveOzYA and 'Read Local' to Aussie teens – celebrating our national youth literature and why it's important to 'explore our own backyard' of local books and authors. She also shares how she went from writing fan fiction to becoming an influential book blogger, and how to get started in the publishing industry.

www.daniellebinks.com

Presented by



DEAN O'BRIEN
Author & Performer
Grades Prep to 4

Session 101 Thursday 19 at 09:30am
Session 112 Thursday 19 at 10:45am
Session 131 Thursday 19 at 1:30pm
Session 212 Friday 20 at 10:45am
Session 231 Friday 20 at 12:15pm (Writing Workshop)
Session 232 Friday 20 at 1:30pm

Dean O'Brien, also known as Mr Yipadee or Deano Yipadee, is a best-selling **children's author, musician, and producer**. He has released four albums and worked with writers from *Bob the Builder*, and *Thomas the Tank Engine*. Dean's first children's book *Jingle Bells, Rudolph Smells* sold out of two print runs in Australia. His second book *Nee Naw The Little Fire Engine* debuted in the top 3 in the best seller charts. Very popular with the junior school students, his music is intended to promote positive thinking and self-confidence among children and his entertaining and energetic performances will have the students on the edge of their seats!

www.yipadee.com

Presented by



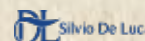
JAMES PHELAN
Author
Grades 5 to 12

Session 109 Thursday 19 at 09:30am
Session 117 Thursday 19 at 10:45am
Session 126 Thursday 19 at 12:15am
Session 218 Friday 20 at 10:45am
Session 226 Friday 20 at 12:15pm
Session 237 Friday 20 at 1:30pm

James Phelan is the award winning and bestselling author of **twenty-nine novels and one work of non-fiction**. He has written five geo-political thrillers, the *Alone trilogy* of YA post-apocalyptic novels, and the 6-book Jed Walker series of suspense thrillers. James' 13-book adventure series for Scholastic, *The Last Thirteen*, has won many Australian kids-choice awards. James has been a full-time novelist since the age of 25 and has sold over 4 million copies worldwide. As a highly sought after speaker across all education levels, he has spoken at festivals, schools and universities all over the world. James loves sharing his vast knowledge and experience with students and they will find him entertaining, informative and captivating.

www.jamesphelan.com.au

Presented by



LISA SHANAHAN
Author
Grades Prep to 8

Session 111 Thursday 19 at 10:45am
Session 124 Thursday 19 at 12:15am
Session 136 Thursday 19 at 1:30pm
Session 205 Friday 20 at 09:30am
Session 211 Friday 20 at 10:45am
Session 224 Friday 20 at 12:15am

Lisa Shanahan is an award winning writer of **picture books and fiction for young people**. Some of her well-loved books include award winning *Gordon's Got a Snookie*, *Bear and Chook*, *Daddy's Having a Horse*, *Big Pet Day* and *The Grand, Genius Summer of Henry Hoobler*. Her first novel for teenagers, *My Big Birkett*, was published to critical acclaim in Australia, where it was short-listed for the CBCA Book of the Year for Older Readers. Lisa is incredibly grateful to be writing for young people and doing what she loves. Her sessions are fun and informative and she relishes the opportunity to interact with students and inspire a love of reading.

www.lisashanahan.com

Presented by



EMILIE ZOEY BAKER
Slam Poet
Grades 5 to 12

Session 107 Thursday 19 at 09:30am
Session 125 Thursday 19 at 12:15pm
Session 139 Thursday 19 at 1:30pm
Session 208 Friday 20 at 09:30am
Session 217 Friday 20 at 10:45am
Session 230 Friday 20 at 12:15pm (Slam Poetry Competition)

Emilie Zoey Baker is an award winning Australian **poet, educator, slam poet and spoken-word performer**. She has toured festivals in North America, Europe and Asia and she performs regularly at arts and literature festivals. Her poetry has been published widely in Australia and internationally, and she is the author of 14 children's books as well as a Chapbook. Emilie teaches slam and performance poetry and is the co-founder and coordinator of *Out Loud* - an extremely popular teen slam poetry competition for secondary school students in Melbourne. Emilie has agreed to run a similar competition as part of the Whitsunday Voices program for 2018, inviting all secondary schools attending to participate for amazing prizes and GLORY!

www.emiliezoeybaker.com

Presented by



JAMES FOLEY
Author & Illustrator
Grades 3 to 8

Session 105 Thursday 19 at 09:30am
Session 129 Thursday 19 at 12:15pm (Illustrating Workshop)
Session 134 Thursday 19 at 1:30pm
Session 206 Friday 20 at 09:30am
Session 215 Friday 20 at 10:45am
Session 234 Friday 20 at 1:30pm

James Foley is an award winning children's **author, illustrator and cartoonist**. He makes picture books and comics for courageous kids. He creates cartoons and illustrations for clients, and consults for educational organisations and corporate groups. His favourite part of his job is presenting workshops at schools and libraries as he loves the natural enthusiasm children bring to drawing. James' books *My Dead Bunny*, *In the Lion*, *The Last Viking* and *The Last Viking Returns* have all earned several awards, and his latest books, *Brobot* and *Dungzilla*, are hugely popular. James is a firm favourite within the festival circuit with his highly entertaining and engaging sessions and workshops in writing and illustrating.

www.jamesfoley.com.au

Presented by



LOUISE PARK
Author
Grades 1 to 4

Session 102 Thursday 19 at 09:30am
Session 130 Thursday 19 at 12:15pm (Writing Workshop)
Session 133 Thursday 19 at 1:30pm
Session 210 Friday 20 at 09:30am (Writing Workshop)
Session 213 Friday 20 at 10:45am
Session 233 Friday 20 at 1:30pm

Louise Park draws from a strong background in **education and literacy** to produce blockbuster bestselling book series that include *Zac Power Test Drives* and *Spy Recruit*, *Boy vs Beast*, *Star Girl*, *Bella Dancerella*, *Harriet Clare* and *D-Bot Squad*. In 2013, her books dominated the **top ten slots on the children's charts** when she held eight of the ten most coveted positions in publishing. Louise co-writes with fellow author Susannah McFarlane under the hugely successful pseudonym Mac Park. She also writes independently under the pseudonyms, H. I. Larry and Poppy Rose. Louise shares her love of literature in her creative and inspiring sessions, that involve plenty of audience participation.

www.louisepark.com.au

Presented by



LUCY CHRISTOPHER
Author
Grades 7 to 12

Session 108 Thursday 19 at 09:30am
Session 120 Thursday 19 at 10:45am (Writing Workshop)
Session 128 Thursday 19 at 12:15pm
Session 207 Friday 20 at 09:30am
Session 219 Friday 20 at 10:45am
Session 227 Friday 20 at 12:15pm

Award winning **author** Lucy Christopher's debut novel, *Stolen*, was written as part of her PhD degree and won several awards in Australia, the UK and the USA. *Stolen* explores her thoughts on the Australian outback through a story about a teenage girl who is kidnapped and taken there, and **has since been adapted into a movie**. Her second book, *Flyaway*, was shortlisted for the 2010 Costa Book Awards and the 2010 Waterstone's Children's Book Prize. Other books include *The Killing Woods* and *Storm-wake*. Lucy's inspirational sessions will take you on a journey to the wild places that inspire her stories, and cover the book-to-film process following *Stolen's* adaption to the big screen.

www.lucychristopher.com

Presented by



MEET THE PRESENTERS



MICK ELLIOTT
Author
Grades 3 to 7

Session 103 Thursday 19 at 09:30am
Session 116 Thursday 19 at 10:45am
Session 135 Thursday 19 at 1:30pm
Session 204 Friday 20 at 09:30am
Session 216 Friday 20 at 10:45am
Session 225 Friday 20 at 12:15pm
Session 239 Friday 20 at 1:30pm (Writing Workshop)

Mick Elliott is an **author, kid's TV producer and scriptwriter at Nickelodeon**, where he heads up the Creative Department. His credits as a producer include *Slime Cup*, *Camp Orange*, *Kids Choice Sports*, *SlimeFest*, *Play Along With Ollie*, and hundreds of advertising campaigns. He is the author of *The Turners* trilogy, a disgustingly hilarious adventure series about Leo Lennox, a reluctant 13-year-old shape-shifter. *The Turners* was nominated for Best Children's Fiction at the 2017 Aurealis Awards and features on the NSW Premier's Reading List. Mick's fun personality and witty sense of humour are sure to delight students from grades 3 to 7.

www.mickelliott.me

Presented by



SARAH DAVIS
Author-Illustrator
Grades Prep to 10

Session 114 Thursday 19 at 10:45am
Session 121 Thursday 19 at 12:15pm
Session 137 Thursday 19 at 1:30pm
Session 203 Friday 20 at 09:30am
Session 221 Friday 20 at 10:45am (Art Workshop)
Session 222 Friday 20 at 12:15pm

Sarah Davis has illustrated **37 books** and been shortlisted for **30 major awards** in Australia and New Zealand. She has an honours degree in literature, and her love of language and narrative underpins her illustration work. She works across a range of media and is constantly experimenting with new ways to tell stories visually. Sarah is an incredibly talented artist and author and loves to share her gifts and experience with her admiring audience. Younger grades will be enthralled with lots of audience participation and a big dose of silliness, and older grades will be mesmerised by her talents and broad knowledge of different design concepts across different types of media.

www.sarah-davis.org

Presented by



STEVEN 'BAJO' O'DONNELL
Author & Performer
Grades 3 to 12

Session 106 Thursday 19 at 09:30am
Session 119 Thursday 19 at 10:45am
Session 123 Thursday 19 at 12:15pm
Session 214 Friday 20 at 10:45am
Session 229 Friday 20 at 12:15pm
Session 236 Friday 20 at 1:30pm

Steven 'Bajo' O'Donnell is a **TV presenter, twitch streamer, actor, author and entertainer**. For over a decade he has worked with the ABC as a video game critic and host of *Good Game* and *Good Game Spawn Point*, and he recently became a full time Twitch Streamer. Steven's expertise is in the field of video games, general nerdy stuff, and creating and presenting content for specific communities. He co-authored the factual book *The Good Game Gamer's guide to Good Gaming* and co-authored a children's book series *Pixel Raiders*. Steven's natural comedic ability ensures he is a highly sought after MC, presenter and panelist at pop-culture events and is sure to entertain and educate with his sessions.

www.stevenodonnell.com

Presented by



SUSANNAH MCFARLANE
Author
Grades 1 to 4

Session 110 Thursday 19 at 09:30am (Writing Workshop)
Session 113 Thursday 19 at 10:45am
Session 122 Thursday 19 at 12:15pm
Session 202 Friday 20 at 09:30am
Session 233 Friday 20 at 1:30pm

Susannah McFarlane is the **author, creator, and publisher** of some of Australia's most successful children's book series: *EJ12 Girl Hero*, *EJ Spy School*, *Little Mates*, and the series editor for *Stuff Happens!* She was the original concept creator of *Go Girl!* and *Zac Power* and under the name of Mac Park, Susannah has helped create the much-loved *Boy Vs Beast* and *D-Bot Squad* series with fellow author Louise Park. Her belief in the need for age-appropriate but fun content for kids inspires even the most reluctant readers, and her interesting and informative sessions will encourage students to use their imaginations to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary.

www.susannahmcfarlane.com

Presented by



SHAKE & STIR
Performers
Grades Prep to 6

Session 104 Thursday 19 at 09:30am
Session 115 Thursday 19 at 10:45am
Session 132 Thursday 19 at 1:30pm
Session 201 Friday 20 at 09:30am
Session 223 Friday 20 at 12:15pm
Session 235 Friday 20 at 1:30pm

shake & stir is one of the country's **leading contemporary theatre companies**, touring Australia since 2006. Every shake & stir production is produced by a team of young theatre professionals with a passion for creating and sharing inspiring theatre with young people. They believe that when students are genuinely engaged with the performance they are watching, learning and comprehension come as a natural consequence. At this year's festival shake & stir are performing a fantastic new show called *Chapter Three*. The power of story-telling and use of one's imagination is at the forefront of this new shake & stir production which will enthrall while demonstrating how stories can jump off the page and transcend time.

www.shakeandstir.com.au

Presented by



“You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it.”

—HARPER LEE, TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

“Reading for pleasure leads to a range of positive individual and social outcomes.

“Research about reading for pleasure shows clear links to improved literacy and learning outcomes. But there are other significant benefits too. People who read for enjoyment show greater empathy for others. Reading helps develop critical thinking skills and a flourishing imagination. Reading can reduce symptoms of depression, and improve communication between parents and children.”

—THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND

<https://natlib.govt.nz/schools/reading-engagement/understanding-reading-engagement/why-reading-engagement-matters>

OPENING NIGHT FESTIVAL LAUNCH

DATE: Wednesday 18 July
TIME: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
VENUE: Pansy Wood Centre, preceded by drinks in Ron Bourne Hall Whitsunday Anglican School
TICKETS:
Bookings are required. FREE entry
Ph: 4969 2076 or email
whitsundayvoices@was.qld.edu.au



The hilarious comic, gamer, game reviewer and author, **Steven 'Bajo' O'Donnell**, will host our very popular and entertaining opening night presenter panel.

The panel will comprise of 4 presenters and gives you a chance to get to know them a bit better:

- **Mick Elliott**, author of *The Turners* and head of Nickelodeon's creative department
- **James Phelan**, author of 29 thrillers and one work of non-fiction
- **Danielle Binks**, editor, book blogger, literary agent and youth literature advocate
- **Lucy Christopher**, author of books inspired by wild places, and fresh off the plane from the UK.

Winners of the popular **Short Story Competition** will be announced with prizes kindly donated by Friends of the Mackay Libraries and Timezone.

THURSDAY 19 JULY & FRIDAY 20 JULY *Boldly Different* STUDENT SESSION DAYS

DATE: Thursday 19 and Friday 20 July
TIME: 9.30am – 2.15pm
VENUE: Whitsunday Anglican School Campus
TICKETS:
Bookings are essential.
Sessions \$8 / Workshops \$15
Book online at
www.whitsundayvoices.com.au



Two days of student sessions, jam-packed with book talks, workshops, performances, a slam poetry competition and more!
Don't miss this year's eclectic line up of award winning authors, performers, illustrators, as well as a slam poet, gamer, book blogger and literary agent.

All sessions are open to the public.

GET YOUR BOOKS SIGNED!

The Whitsunday Voices Book Shop is open from 8.00am to 3.00pm on both Festival days. Books from all authors presenting at the 2018 Festival will be available for sale at prices well below the recommended retail price. Students can get their books signed at the end of every student session in the WAS library. Tell your students they can also bring their books from home for their favourite author to sign!

LIT CHAT EVENT

PRESENTED BY *Susannah McFarlane AND Louise Park*

DATE: Thursday 19 July
TIME: 4pm – 6pm
VENUE: Pansy Wood Centre, Whitsunday Anglican School
TICKETS:
Bookings are essential.
Tickets \$40, includes refreshments
Book online at
www.whitsundayvoices.com.au

Rio Tinto



A special thanks to the Australian Literacy Educators' Association for their support of this event.

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

Earn Professional Development points and be entertained! (Certificates will be issued at the event.)

Susannah and Louise have collaborated to co-author fantasy-action books aimed at getting reluctant readers, often boys, hooked on reading.

Despite living in different cities, they have worked together over 10 years, largely using technology (Skype) to brainstorm and build their stories together. They come from different perspectives: Louise's background is literacy and educational publishing while Susannah's is trade publishing, branding and marketing. Together they have created some of Australia's most read books, including *Zac Power Test Drives*, *Boy vs Beast* and the *D-Bot Squad* all under the pseudonym Mac Park.

Susannah and Louise have never been at a Festival together and are looking forward to doing a "double act" for Whitsunday Voices!

WORKPAC LITERARY DINNER

DATE: Friday 20 July
TIME: 6:30pm until late
VENUE: Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre
TICKETS:
Bookings are essential.
Tickets \$150, includes three-course meal and entertainment
Call the MECC on 07 4961 9777 or visit www.mackaytx.com.au



KEYNOTE BY
Jennifer Byrne



The Festival culminates in the WorkPac Literature Dinner, held on the final night of the Festival. This celebratory event provides an opportunity for guests to meet the authors in a relaxed environment, and to be entertained by guest speaker, **Jennifer Byrne**, a senior journalist and broadcaster who has worked in all arms of the media: print, radio and television.

Having done her cadetship at **The Age** and worked on UK's Fleet Street, she was a founding reporter with Channel Nine's **Sunday** programme and spent some 12 years traveling the world for 60 Minutes and as anchor for Foreign Correspondent.

She was publishing director of Reed Books, morning presenter on ABC radio, won national awards as interviewer and columnist for **The Bulletin** and, in May 2006, returned to TV to create the country's first televised Book Club, which found a loyal audience and ran on the ABC for 11 years until last December.

Plus Enjoy a delicious three-course meal and dance along to the music of Redtie, a hugely popular Brisbane-based 4-piece band, who are determined to get you up and dancing!

WORKSHOPS



TUESDAY, 17 JULY

SLAM POETRY

🕒 4PM TO 6PM

At CQU Mackay City Campus | Grades 9 to 12
Emilie Zoey Baker

Teams of either 2, 3 or 4 members participate in a workshop hosted by Emilie where she will present what is involved in writing and performing slam poetry. Teams then break away and Emilie will work with each of them to refine their poetry. Teams can then practice their slam poetry to compete in the Slam Poetry Competition to be held in session 230 on Friday 20 July.

THURSDAY, 19 JULY

WORKSHOP 1

🕒 9.30AM TO 10.15AM

Hero Workshop | Session 110 | Grades 5 to 8
Susannah McFarlane

Starting with the fictional story of secret agent EJ12, we spin off into real life stories of ordinary girls and boys doing amazing things and getting students to think about how they might also help make the world a better place.

WORKSHOP 2

🕒 10:45AM TO 11:30AM

Writing in the Wild | Session 120 | Grades 9 to 12
Lucy Christopher

Lucy's creative inspiration usually comes from a place before she has ideas for a plot or characters. Learn how to begin a story from its setting first and make your words wild!

WORKSHOP 3

🕒 12:15PM TO 1:00PM

Art Workshop | Session 129 | Grades 9 to 12
James Foley

James Foley will show Grade 9 to 12 students how to draw facial expressions and build characters in an illustration workshop.

WORKSHOP 4

🕒 12:15PM TO 1:00PM

The emotional narrative structure—character journey
Session 130 | Grades 5 to 8

Louise Park

This session focusses on the importance of a character's inner journey. Taught through comparative analysis/ references from The Hunger Games Book 1, students will learn this critical alternative narrative structure.

FRIDAY, 20 JULY

WORKSHOP 5

🕒 9.30AM TO 10.15AM

The emotional narrative structure—character journey
Session 210 | Grades 5 to 8

Louise Park

This session focusses on the importance of a character's inner journey. Taught through comparative analysis/ references from The Hunger Games Book 1, students will learn this critical alternative narrative structure.

WORKSHOP 6

🕒 10:45AM TO 11:30AM

Fundamentals of Short Story Writing | Session 220
Grades 9 to 12

Danielle Binks

As a contributor and editor of a collection of short stories for young adults, Danielle is well equipped to help students understand the fundamentals of short story writing, and put their skills into practice.

WORKSHOP 7

🕒 10:45AM – 11:30AM

Art Workshop Speaking with Shapes
Session 221 | Grades 5 to 8

Sarah Davis

Find out how you can use the power of shapes in your drawings. Learn tricks for designing characters, creating dynamic images, and crafting visual narratives.

WORKSHOP 8

🕒 12:15PM – 1:00PM

Writing a No.1 "best smelling book and song"
Session 231 | Grades 5 to 8

Dean O'Brien

Together you create a fun story in this fast-paced and fully interactive workshop covering many of the elements of creative writing.

WORKSHOP 9

🕒 1:30PM – 2:15PM

10 tips! | Session 239 | Grades 5 to 8
Mick Elliott

10 tips for turning ideas into awesome stories. Strap in for a fast-paced creative writing masterclass as Mick Elliot shares his 10 tips for creating stories with maximum bite!

SLAM POETRY COMPETITION

Senior school students in Grades 9 to 12 in Mackay are invited to enter the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival's Slam Poetry Competition. Teams will be coached by highly acclaimed and award winning Slam Poet, Emilie Zoey Baker.

Teams can include 2, 3 or 4 members.

Teams are required to participate in a workshop hosted by Emilie where she will present what is involved in writing and performing slam poetry, and then teams will break away into groups to work on their own poem. Emilie will work with each team to refine their poetry, and by the end of the workshop, teams should have a poem that can be refined as they practice for the competition.

Emilie will host the competition. **ENTRIES CLOSE ON 8 JUNE 2018.**

Visit www.whitsundayvoices.com.au for more information and the entry form.

WORKSHOP DETAILS:

Date: Tuesday 17 July 2018

Time: 4pm-6pm

Venue: CQU's Mackay City Campus,
meet in the Cafeteria.

COMPETITION DETAILS:

Date: Friday 20 July 2018

Time: 12:15pm-1:15pm

Venue: Whitsunday Anglican School, Ron Bourne Hall

Judging: The judging panel will include 3 teachers

Judging criteria: 50% performance; 50% content.



MACKAY BOOKWORMS

The Mackay Bookworms have a stand at the Festival and sell books in our bookshop.

The local authors that will be visiting our Festival include:

LESLEY WILSON who has written Orica and the Alchemist's Key.

DARYL BARNES who has written Crazy Bird Stories and was a hit at the 2017 Festival with his fake bird on his shoulder!

JODIE ZAMMIT who has written People of the Shadows.

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





WINCHESTER FOUNDATION

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

Beryl Neilsen 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, 1,548 students and teachers from 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 have all attended this wonderful Festival. Beryl is very happy to be on hand to welcome and assist with the children personally over the two days of the Festival.

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.



Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival 2018

FESTIVAL MAP

Festival access

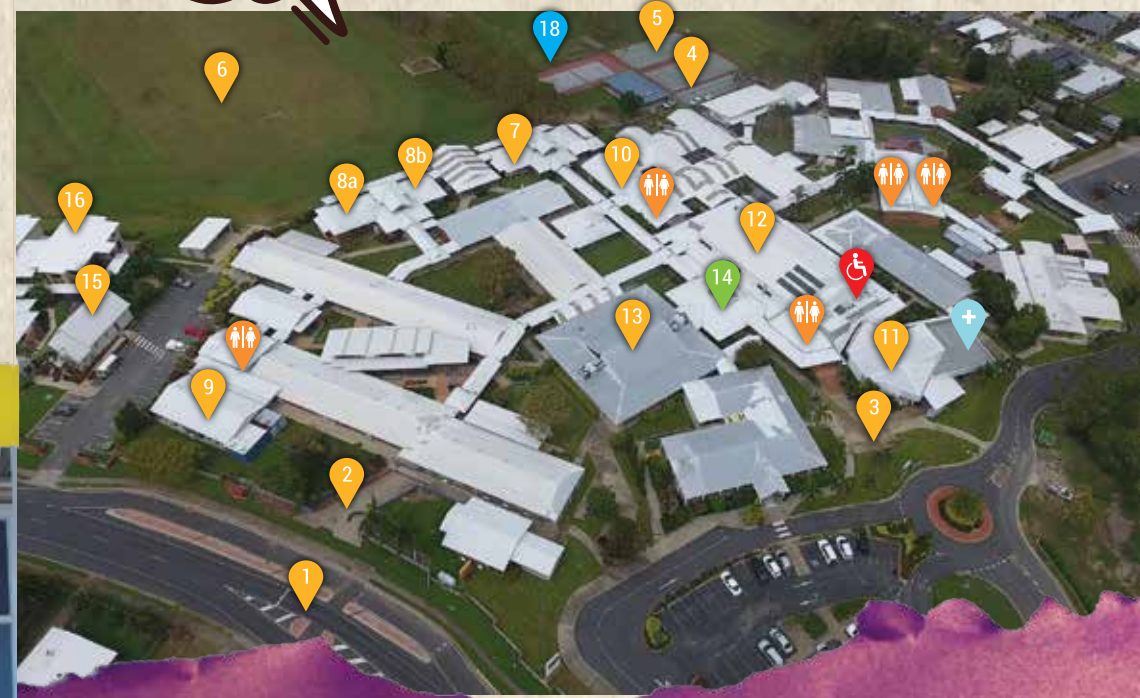
Access to the Festival is via Celeber Drive, with drop off at the front of the School.

BUS ARRIVALS - DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER SCHOOL DRIVEWAY. USE CELEBER DRIVE DROP OFF ONLY.

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

Information booths are located at both entrances.

These booths are manned by volunteers who are easily identified.



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| 1 Bus Set Down | 8a Hatfield 1 | 14 Plaza Lunchbox / Food |
| 2 Main Entrance | 8b Hatfield 2 | 15 Chapel |
| 3 Entrance | 9 Tindall Centre | 16 Booth House Boarding |
| 4 Marquee 1 | 10 Trim 8 & 9 | + First Aid |
| 5 Marquee 2 | 11 Pansy Wood Centre | 18 Evacuation Assembly Area |
| 6 Marquee 3 | 12 Ron Bourne Hall | Toilets |
| 7 Art Centre | 13 Mienert Centre (Library) | Disabled Toilet |

FESTIVAL GUIDE

Please take the time to read through this program, paying particular attention to the author biographies and information relating to various events. Use this information to help you choose which author sessions, workshops and events you would like to attend.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Tickets are available online for the first time! Visit www.whitsundayvoices.com.au.

The ticket cost is \$8 per student per session (GST Inclusive).

For school bookings, complimentary tickets are provided to accompanying teachers, allocated on the basis of one complimentary ticket per 10 students (additional teachers are required to purchase tickets).

Workshops cost \$15 per student with a limit of six students per school.

Bookings can only be processed on receipt of full payment.

There are no refunds or exchanges once bookings are processed. Your tickets should be printed at the time of booking.

PURCHASING YOUR TICKETS

Tickets will be on sale from 20 April, 2018. Many sessions have limited numbers, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please note there is no allocated seating, and you must present your booking confirmation to gain entry.

Book online at www.whitsundayvoices.com.au and print your booking confirmation to bring with you to the Festival (do not print individual tickets). Ushers will have your ticket numbers at the venues to compare against your booking confirmation.

For assistance, contact Tracey Gurdler:

Phone: 07 4969 2076

Email: whitsundayvoices@was.qld.edu.au

SCHOOL BOOKINGS AND RESERVATION POLICY

Tickets can be reserved for up to 14 days without payment. Full payment for all tickets reserved must be received within 14 days of initial booking. All payments must be finalised at least 7 days prior to the Festival. If payment is not received, your booking will automatically be cancelled. Once a booking has been cancelled, tickets will be released.

FOOD SERVICES

The Plaza Lunchbox, located opposite the Festival Bookshop, will provide a variety of sandwiches, hot and cold food, cakes and drinks. There will be smaller food outlets selling a selection of food and drinks. PLUS a BBQ lunch and coffee van will operate from the Festival Hub next to the Bowen Plaza. All outlets are open throughout the Festival, however, guests are most welcome to bring their own packed lunches.

Refer to www.whitsundayvoices.com.au for the various food outlet menus.

BAGS

We encourage students to bring a small carry bag, as some venues have limited access for school bags. We advise students to leave valuables at home for safety reasons.

PHOTOGRAPHY PERMISSIONS

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

ABOUT VENUES

Venues for the author sessions will be allocated closer to the Festival. The capacity of the Whitsunday Anglican School venues vary, so final venue allocation is determined according to the number of tickets purchased for a session. Those who hold the Festival booking confirmation will be greeted by a volunteer at the entrance of the school and directed to the correct venues, together with an outline of venue allocations for all Student Sessions. The venues will also be published online before the Festival days.

FESTIVAL BOOKSHOP

The Festival bookshop stocks an extensive range of books by all the authors and presenters attending Whitsunday Voices. The Bookshop will be open on Thursday 19 July and Friday 20 July from 8.00am until 3.00pm, and is located in the Mienert Centre (Library) across from the Plaza Lunchbox. At the end of their sessions all authors head straight to the bookshop area to sign books.

The bookshop accepts cash, EFTPOS and VISA/MASTERCARD. A bookshop pre-order form can be found at www.whitsundayvoices.com.au.

QUESTIONS

For more information, please contact the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival Office.

General Enquiry: Tonia Wilson on 07 4969 2018
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Email: whitsundayvoices@was.qld.edu.au
Address: Whitsunday Anglican School,
Celeber Drive, Beaconsfield, Qld 4740

ROAD TO READING TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

Whitsunday Voices wants to thank three of Mackay's community clubs for being our Travel Subsidy Partners this year: Magpies Sporting Club, Northern Beaches Bowls Club and Souths Leagues Club.

Whitsunday Voices and these community clubs want the Festival to be as inclusive as possible, so we invite schools who find the cost of transporting students to the Festival prohibitive, to apply for a travel subsidy.

The subsidy is allocated on a needs basis. Distance from Whitsunday Anglican School and number of tickets booked will be factored into the decision making process.

Travel subsidy information and application forms are available from the Festival Office. Applications close 15 June 2018.

For more information about travel assistance, call 49692076 or email whitsundayvoices@was.qld.edu.au.



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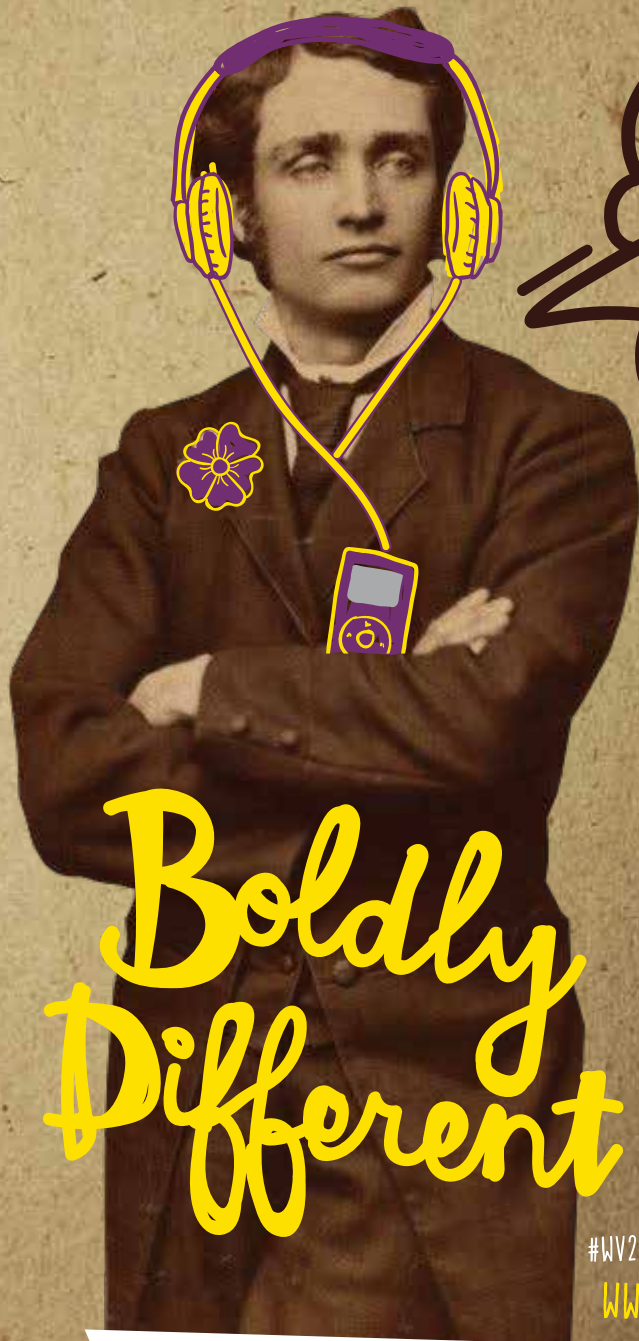
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