



Weetangera School Writers Festival

Friday 1- Friday 8 September August, 2017



We are all looking forward to the 2017 Writers Festival. Students will be participating in a range of writing experiences within their classrooms. In addition to these activities, please refer to the program to view the exciting and inspiring learning experiences that have been planned for all students from P-6.



Weetangera School's Writing Festival 2017

LEARNING INTENTIONS

- To engage everyone in authentic, fun and inspiring opportunities to write
- To develop our identities as writers and connect with real authors and illustrators
- To go beyond the basic skills of literacy.

2017 Writers Festival Program

Friday 1 September	Monday 4 September	Tuesday 5 September	Wednesday 6 September	Thursday 7 September	Friday 8 September
Opening Ceremony (9:15am - 10am) Guest speaker (Marc McBride) 10:00am Session 1: Year 1 & 3	Guest speaker (Craig Cormick) *Yr 6 - 9:10am - 10:00am *Yr 5 - 10:10am - 11:00am	Guest speaker (Cath Blake) *Yr 6 - 9:30am - 10:00am *Yr 5 - 10:05am - 10:30am	9:25am Guess what book? WOW Word Kinder to announce	Guest speaker (Nicole Godwin) *Yr 4 - 9:10am - 9:35am *Yr 2/3 - 9:40am - 10:10am *K/1 - 10:15am - 10:45am	Closing Ceremony <i>Announce winners of the Writing Competition</i> Guest speaker (Mike Kisbey) *Closing Ceremony 9:15am *Preschool 9:30am - 10:00am *Year 1 10:10am - 10:40am *Year 3 10:40am - 11:10am
10:45 - Drop Everything and Write across the school (P-6)					
Guest speaker (Marc McBride) 11:30am Session 2: Year 4,5 & 6 12:45pm Guess what book? WOW Word Yr 4 to announce	Guest speaker (Craig Cormick) *Yr 4 - 11:30am - 12:10pm *Yr 3 - 12:15pm - 12:50pm	11:30am Guess what book? WOW Word Year 1 to announce		Guest speaker (Nicole Godwin) *Yr 5/6 11:35am - 12:10pm	Guest speaker (Mike Kisbey) *Year 4 11:30am - 12:00pm *Year 5 12:00pm - 12:30pm *Kinder 12:30pm - 12:50pm 12:45 Guess what book? Wow Word Year 6 to announce
Reading at the Tang - Lunch Time Stories by Yr 5/6					
Guest speaker (Marc McBride) 1:45pm Session 3: Kinder & Yr 2	Guest speaker (Craig Cormick) *Yr 2 - 1:40pm - 2:10pm *K/1 - 2:15pm - 2:45pm 2:30 Guess what book? WOW Word Yr 2 to announce			2:30 Guess what book? WOW Word Yr 3 to announce	Guest speaker (Mike Kisbey) *Year 2 1:40pm - 2:10pm *Year 6 2:15pm - 2:45pm

Guest Speaker Biographies



Marc McBride is an Irish children and young adult's book illustrator. He illustrated a series of books titled *Monster*, which has earned the nickname as **The Monster Illustrator**. He has illustrated paintings, images, pictures, drawings and book covers. He has also worked on various illustrations and cover artwork for the books the [*Deltora Quest*](#) fantasy series, which he has said is the books he likes illustrating for the most.

Craig Cormick is a well-known parent at our school and also a prolific author. Craig will spend time with each unit sharing writing tips and his love of the written word.



Nicole Godwin is a local author and ex parent who is visiting our school to talk about her picture book *Ella* which is about elephant conservation.



Cath Blake is a primary school teacher who took this year off work to write a book. Her recently completed historical novel, 'Clarinda and Henry' is based on her great, great grandparents and their lives in England and Australia in the 1800s. It has only recently been submitted to publishers and she plans to self-publish if it is not accepted.



Mike Kisby is an ex-student of Weetangera School who has just published his first book, *Magic*. We look forward to Mike sharing his experience as a writer with us.

Thank you to all of our
staff for organising such
an inspiring Writers
Festival