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2019 SCHOOLS Program



Schools Program / Friday 5 April

The Newcastle Writers Festival Schools Program is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with their favourite authors and be inspired in a fun, educational and interactive way.

For the second year, all author presentations are free though registration is still required.

In these popular sessions, writers perform from their work, talk about their craft and take questions from students.

The workshop series offers students a more intensive, individual learning experience.

Once again we are thrilled to be taking the program to Cessnock on 4 April thanks to the support of Cessnock City Council and the Copyright Agency Cultural Fund.

Special thanks to our sponsors:



Presentations

Years K to 2 + 3 to 6

Matt Stanton presents
How to be a Funny Kid

Your imagination is your superpower. You can use it to create new things, tell better lies and make your friends laugh. It can entertain you when your phone's dead or change the world. Join Matt Stanton, author/illustrator and Funny Kid creator, in a hilarious session about imagination, stories and being funny kids.



10am-10.45am

Years K to 2 - Newcastle City Hall, Concert Hall

11.30am-12.15pm | 1.15pm-2pm

Years 3 to 6 - Newcastle City Hall, Concert Hall

Free Events - registration required, limited to 300 students per session

Years K to 2

Lucas Proudfoot presents
Meet the Proudfoots

Meet the Proudfoots with Indigenous musician and storyteller Lucas Proudfoot, who will perform using a number of instruments in this interactive event. Be prepared to dance!



10am-10.45am | 11.30am-12.15pm | 1.15pm-2pm

Newcastle City Hall, Cummings Room

Free Event - registration required, limited to 160 students per session

Years K to 2 + 3 to 4

Katrina Nannestad presents
Escaping into the World of a Story

Katrina will share her passion for playing with words and will reveal the inspiration behind her colourful settings and the quirky characters that inhabit them. She will provide some hints that will help you when writing your own fabulous tales.



11.30am-12.15pm

Years K to 2 - Newcastle City Hall, Hunter Room

10am-10.45am | 1.15pm-2pm

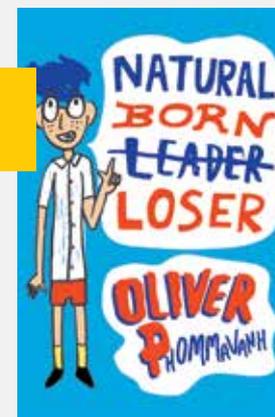
Years 3 to 4 - Newcastle City Hall, Hunter Room

Free Event - registration required, limited to 160 students per session

Years 5 to 6

Oliver Phommavanh presents
Natural Born Loser

Oliver has always felt like he's a little bit weird or nerdy, but does he actually feel like a loser? Take a walk on the crazy side of life and discover how Oliver was inspired to write his latest book, as well as his other classic titles like *Thai-riffic* and *Con-nerd*.



10am-10.45am | 11.30am-12.15pm | 1.15pm-2pm

The Playhouse, Hunter Street

Free Event - registration required, limited to 170 students per session

Workshops

Years 3 to 4

It All Starts with Shape with Serena Geddes

In this hands-on workshop learn how to play with expression by focusing on three facial features. Understand how body language can emphasise a character's personality and emotion while using shapes to create animals and characters.

10am-11.15am | 12.30pm-1.45pm

Newcastle Library, Lovett Gallery

Tickets \$18.50pp - (inc. gst) limited to 50 students

Years 5 to 6

Seeing with new eyes with Lynn Jenkins

In this workshop students will gain an understanding of mindfulness and how to use it in a general way as well as a technique to write more descriptively.

10am-11.30am

Newcastle Library, Meeting Room 1

Tickets \$18.50pp - (inc. gst) limited to 25 students

Years 2 to 3

How to Make a Picture Book with Kirrili Lonergan

Join illustrator/art therapist Kirrili Lonergan for this hands-on workshop. Students will create an artwork that will become a valuable tool for future use.

10am-11.15am | 12.30pm-1.45pm

Newcastle Library, Children's Room

Tickets \$18.50pp - (inc. gst) limited to 20 students

Years 5 to 6

Creating Characters with Ed Wright

Learn how to ask the kinds of questions that lead to the creation of fascinating characters whose quirks, desires and fears help conquer the blank page and become the building blocks for all sorts of compelling stories.

10am-11.30am

Newcastle City Hall, Newcastle Room

Tickets \$18.50pp - (inc. gst) limited to 30 students

Years 3 to 4

Chaos! Carts! and Champions! with Katrina McKelvey

Students will be guided to continue Katrina's picture book *Up to Something*. Billie and his dad have built a billy cart together to enter the local derby, but what happens during the race? Students will focus on narrative, tension and character development.

10am-11.15am | 12.30pm-1.45pm

Newcastle City Hall, Mulubinba Room

Tickets \$18.50pp - (inc. gst) limited to 30 students

Years 5 to 6

I Just Made That Up with Meredith Jaffé

Ideas for stories are all around us. Everyday stuff can take us on a magical journey through the power of words. Using her novel *Horse Warrior* as an example, Meredith Jaffé will help students unleash their creativity and learn to express their ideas in whatever form they come in.

12.30pm-2pm

Newcastle Library, Meeting Room 1

Tickets \$18.50pp - (inc. gst) limited to 25 students

Years 5 to 6

Exploring Speculative Fiction with Ed Wright

Whether it's sci-fi, cyberpunk, or dystopian fiction, speculative fiction is the imagination of "what if..." In this workshop, students use their own questions to create scenarios that will then become the settings for exciting and imaginative stories.

12.30pm-2pm

Newcastle City Hall, Newcastle Room

Tickets \$18.50pp - (inc. gst) limited to 30 students



Serena Geddes

Serena is a Melbourne-based illustrator who brings nine years of picture book illustration and six years' production and traditional

animation skills to her talks and workshops. She is well known for the Lulu Bell series and has illustrated more than 50 titles. Her first author/illustrator picture book will be published in 2019.



Meredith Jaffé

As a girl, Meredith was completely horse mad and almost every story she read or wrote was about horses. Meredith lives

on a farm where she likes to hang out with her three horses, including a wonderful little mare called Ziggy. Her new book for children is *Horse Warrior*. She is also the author of two books for adults – *The Fence* and *The Making of Christina*.



Lynn Jenkins

Lynn is a Newcastle clinical psychologist, author and mother of three. Her picture books centre on helping children manage

anxiety and worry (*Perfect Petunias*, *Lessons of a LAC* and *Brave*). She has also written two non-fiction titles for adults, *Best Start* and *School Start*.



Kirrili Lonergan

Kirrili is a Newcastle picture book illustrator and art therapist. She is the co-creator with Lynn Jenkins of the *Lessons of a LAC*

series, which centres on anxiety management. She is working on her ninth picture book and is an active committee member of the Children's Book Council of Australia Newcastle Sub-branch and a regular volunteer for Books4Outback.



Katrina McKelvey

Katrina is a Newcastle children's author, mother of two, a former primary school teacher and past

president of the Children's Book Council of Australia Newcastle sub-branch. Her first picture book was *Dandelions* (2015) and her new book, *Up to Something*, will be launched at the 2019 Newcastle Writers Festival. Katrina loves doing school presentations, hosting children's literature events, and attending festivals.



Katrina Nannestad

Katrina is an award-winning author and former teacher. Her books include *The Girl Who Brought Mischief*, the Olive

of Groves series. The Red Dirt Diaries series, the Lottie Perkins series and *Bungaloo Creek*. She lives in Bendigo with her family and an exuberant black whipped called Olive.



Oliver Phommavanh

Oliver is a young Thai-Australian writer and comedian. He has worked as a primary school teacher and now

enjoys sharing his writing passion with kids and engaging them with humour. His first book, *Thai-riffic!*, was published to critical acclaim, and he has been busy ever since. His most recent book is *Natural Born Loser*.



Lucas Proudfoot

Lucas is a member of the Tweed Coast Bundjalung/South Sea Islander community. He is an award-winning

songwriter and musician, who has been an Australian Indigenous Education Ambassador. He plays guitar, didgeridoo and stomp box to more than 150,000 kids a year. His first book, *Shaka Shaka Hawaii*, was published in 2017.



Matt Stanton

Matt is a bestselling children's author and illustrator. He is the co-creator of several picture books, including *There Is a Monster*

Under My Bed Who Farts and This is a Ball. He launched his much-anticipated middle-grade series *Funny Kid* in 2017. He lives in Sydney with his wife, bestselling picture book creator Beck Stanton, and their three young children.



Ed Wright

Ed is the director of The Creative Word Shop, a Newcastle business that teaches creative writing to children and adults. He has

a PhD in literature and has published nine books. Since 2012, he has run hundreds of kids' creative writing workshops, at Sydney's Bi-Centennial Park with The Writing Workshop and since 2015 with The Creative Word Shop. With local children's author Jess Black, he is also a founder of Black and Wright, an educational consultancy dedicated to helping teachers teach creative writing.

All sessions are being held in the Newcastle Library and Civic Precinct.

A risk assessment is available upon request.

Bus drop-off area is located on Laman Street outside Newcastle Region Library.

Books are available via the enclosed order form or online thanks to MacLean's Booksellers. Sales will also be available on the day but pre-orders are preferred.

Bookings - Open at 9am on Monday, 11 February 2019.

Ticket Prices - Author presentations are free but schools need to register their attendance via <http://NWFSchools2019.eventbrite.com>

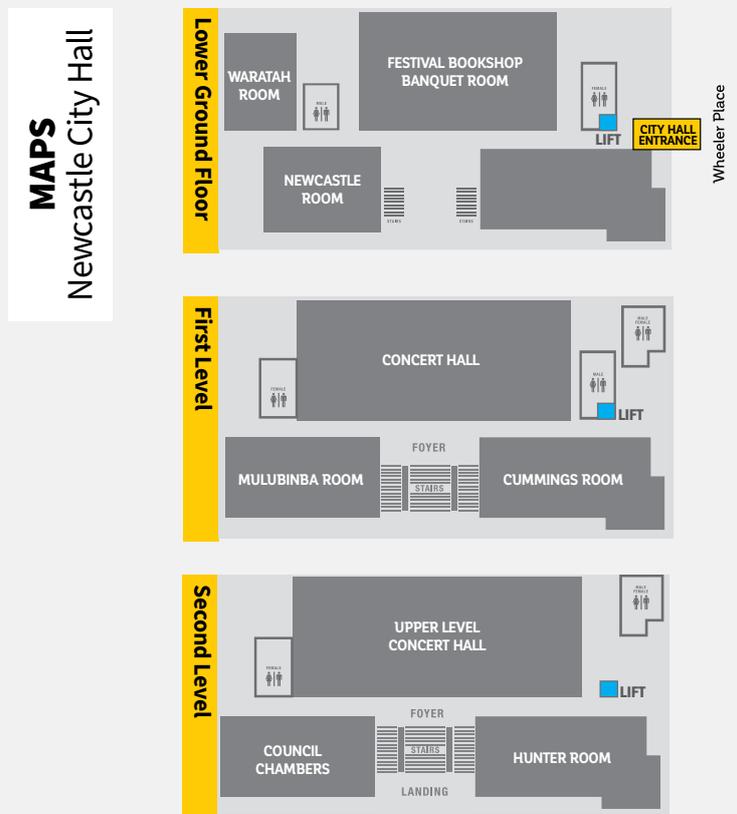
If you register for free events and then would like to reduce numbers please contact the Newcastle Writers Festival at manager@newcastlewritersfestival.org.au

Workshops - These are \$18.50 (inc. GST) per student. There are maximum numbers listed in the schedule. Book via <http://NWFSchools2019.eventbrite.com>

Teachers/Guardians - Free when accompanying students. Teacher/guardian supervision is required at all sessions. If parents are bringing small groups you are expected to remain for the duration of the session.

How to Book - Individual and small group bookings can be made:

- Online at <http://NWFSchools2019.eventbrite.com>
- If you wish to be issued with an invoice, click on the drop-down menu in the payment section and select this option.



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