


THE BEACON

A Look Into The Lighthouse Toowoomba

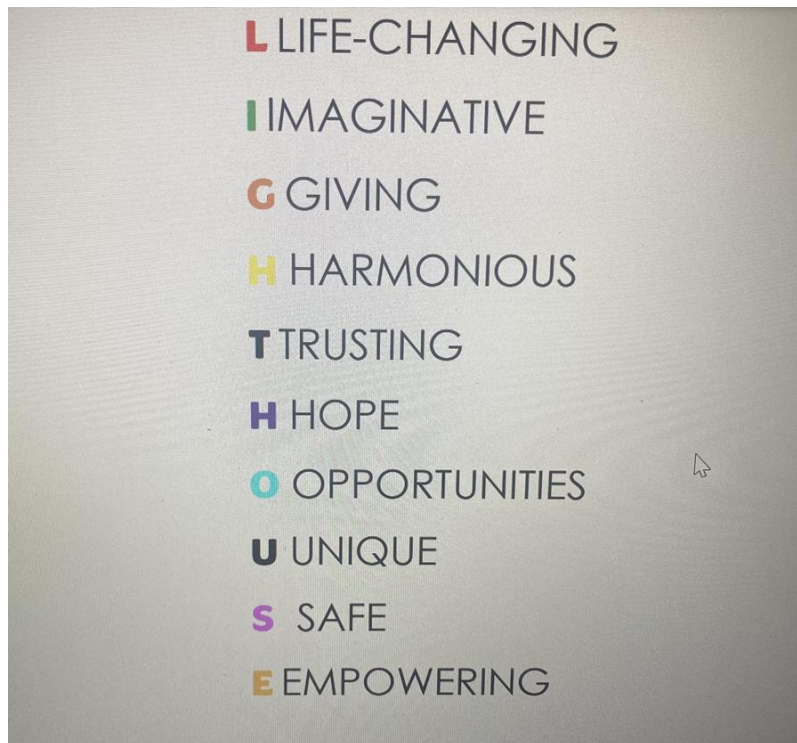




Welcome to Week 6 for 2023 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

The Lighthouse has most definitely Marched into March with so much happening over the past fortnight! The icing on (our one year) birthday cake was most definitely the unveiling of Intertwined on Friday night. We were so excited to share this exhibition that we have delayed The Beacons to share some fabulous images. We had over 120 guests marvelling at all their collection of kiln fired pots all, from the same mould, yet individually embroidered, provoking wondrous conversations about how similar we all are, yet different.

Taryn and Shannan spoke beautifully about the collaborative process, and it was glorious to unveil the masterpiece, a 4m x 7m weave, and they invited us all to consider visiting the gallery to embellish a porcelain disk that then be added to make a truly unique sculpture. It is our intention to gift it to the community, and we will share this process of storytelling with you over the next couple of months.



Love in letters for the Lighthouse

One of our valued board members sent us this lovely acronym in celebration of our first birthday of operation! It came with the most joyfully bright balloon garland and we think it perfectly sums up what we aim to achieve at 126 Margaret St. 'Thank you' is definitely the theme for this newsletter.



A meeting of magnanimous minds

On Wednesday 1 March Queensland Social Enterprise Council (QSEC) and Vanguard hosted an evening for Darling Downs groups. The

Lighthouse was thrilled to be invited along and it was a great opportunity to meet so many collaborative minds - from Adapt Mentoring, Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce and many other local organisations.

Catherine Kirkwood (pictured with Emma and Emily) is on the King of The Mountain Race Committee and has set-up a school in Cambodia. She is a true champion of children's literacy.



Origami on the radio?

It is possible! We are so grateful to the lovely David Iliffe who helped us take our wonderful Haiku and Origami story to the airwaves of ABC!

All three episodes of the story created from the interviews recorded late last year telling the whole story of the origami cranes and the chain of events that led to them having such an impact on the wide of the former Japanese PM.

You can have a listen via the links below.

**Origami & Haiku: The Power of the Cranes
(trailer)**

<https://youtu.be/t1WyQdlhihc>

Origami & Haiku: The Power of the Cranes Part 1

<https://youtu.be/DCxSb6b4aw0>

Origami & Haiku: The Power of the Cranes Part 2

<https://youtu.be/K5SUzSJLnM0>



Homework club update

It's official Homework Club is a hit! Last week we had five families - 20 kids - participating - which

was terrific to see.

As the initiative grows so does the need for more tutors. We are calling for volunteers with a teaching background or secondary school students with the teaching touch!

Multicultural Home Work Club is every Monday 4pm to 6pm during term time in the writers centre at 126 Margaret Street. Please email emma@thelighthousewoomba.org if you or your organisation would like more information or if you are able to assist.



Working with Harlaxton SS

We are excited to announce an outreach program through our Twinkles book club with Harlaxton State School. Carmen Walmsley is the Manager of the Community Hub at Harlaxton SS and she visited the Lighthouse and received over 120 books to be rehomed to school students. We are delighted at the evolution of this relationship and see this is a first step to so much more! Welcome aboard Harlaxton SS.



A zine of our times!

Fashion and Animals were the hot topics of the week at our Zine workshop. Look at those happy faces as they create something of their own. The reviews are in and it is one we will be running again! If you want to be a part of Zines in Term 2 lookout for dates in the next newsletter!

Dates For Your Diary!

Intertwined kicked off with a bang on Friday night and will be running until Wednesday 5 April. Do not miss your chance to be a part of this unique creative experience.

We still have lots of time slots available for school groups to visit! Every school in Toowoomba has been invited to visit for FREE workshops and if you wanted to give your favourite teacher a gentle nudge to remind them, here is the booking link: <https://calendly.com/thelighthousetoowoomba/intertwined>



Did you know a Zine is a tiny magazine! How cool is that right? It can be filled with all types of articles, images and stories, you name it! If you are ready to get creative and let your inner editor-in-chief skills fly, then it's time to get publishing with us (no experience required, just your commitment to have FUN!). Join us for our free 6 week workshop, suitable for ages 12-14 years.

When: Tuesday 28 Feb - 28 Mar

Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm

Register now

<https://www.thelighthouseooomba.org/items/the-zine-scene>



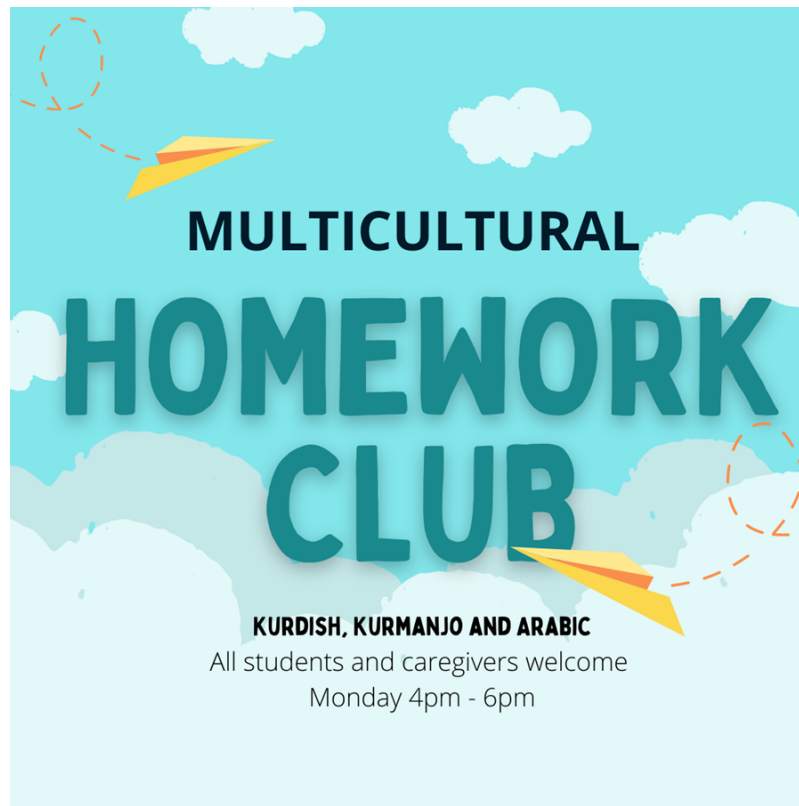
It really is true what they say, a picture is worth a thousand words. Sometimes seeing something truly is better for learning than having it described. We are so excited to bring you this wonderful workshop that gives children aged 9-13 years an insight into illustrating children's picture books. If your little one is an aspiring artist and loves to draw then he or she will truly benefit from our FREE 6 weeks course where we explore story character building through illustration. This workshop is designed to help children develop drawing, painting and illustration skills while experimenting with character traits and personality.

When: Thursday 23 Feb - 30 Mar

Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm

Register now

<https://www.thelighthousewoomba.org/items/1000-words---illustration-101-workshop>



The saying 'It takes a village to raise a child' could never ring more true to us. We are here to help support our multicultural Toowoomba community by offering a homework club to all who speak Kurdish, Kurmanjo and Arabic.

All students and caregivers are welcome to attend.

When: Every Monday 20 Feb to 27 March

Time: 4pm - 6pm

Register at

<https://www.thelighthouseetoowoomba.org/items/multiculture-homework-club>



World Building

Seeking brilliant, like-minded, creative teens who are ready to explore a fantastic world of fantasy and sci-fi! Come and create new worlds in our FREE 6-week workshop where you will be introduced to roleplaying games and cooperative storytelling.

Love a good superhero or mighty villain story? Learn how to wrangle your ideas into great backdrops to create your own!

More of a D&D player who prefers to embark on your own epic quests and levelling up? Then we will equip you with the skills to create your very own exciting setting.

When: Every Tuesday (21 Feb - 28 Mar)

Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Register now!

<https://www.thelighthousewoomba.org/items/world-building>



Australia Reads at The Lighthouse

Thursday 9 March was Australia Reads Day and in Celebration Lighthouse Keeper Emma Mactaggart did a Facebook live reading of one of her favourite children's books The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. As Emma said 'A day dedicated solely to reading...there should be more like it!'

Thank you!

One of our volunteers Bessi, who has been with us since the beginning and kept us organised and all over it every Tuesday, is taking a well earned break.

We are so grateful to Bessi and all our volunteers who keep The Lighthouse Shining!



STOP PRESS!

Caroline Magerl's *Piano Fingers* (the namesake of her magical 2022 exhibition at The Lighthouse) is on the list for picture books for The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Notable Books for 2023. The list acts as the longlist for the CBCA Book of the Year Awards.

We are elated for Caroline and this well deserved achievement!



Are you a wing wizard?

We were super lucky to acquire this fantastic modified magical bike at the end of last year! Who needs a branded van when you get about town on a two-wheeler with a twist?! But we would like to magnify the magic and dial her up with a pair of wings! Are you, or do you know, an engineer or perhaps a DIY dynamite who can assist us? Please get in touch at emily@thelighthousestoowoomba.org if you can assist.

Twinkles Book Club

Every Wednesday and Friday wonderful volunteers share the joy of reading to the communities youngest future leaders at Twinkles Book Club!

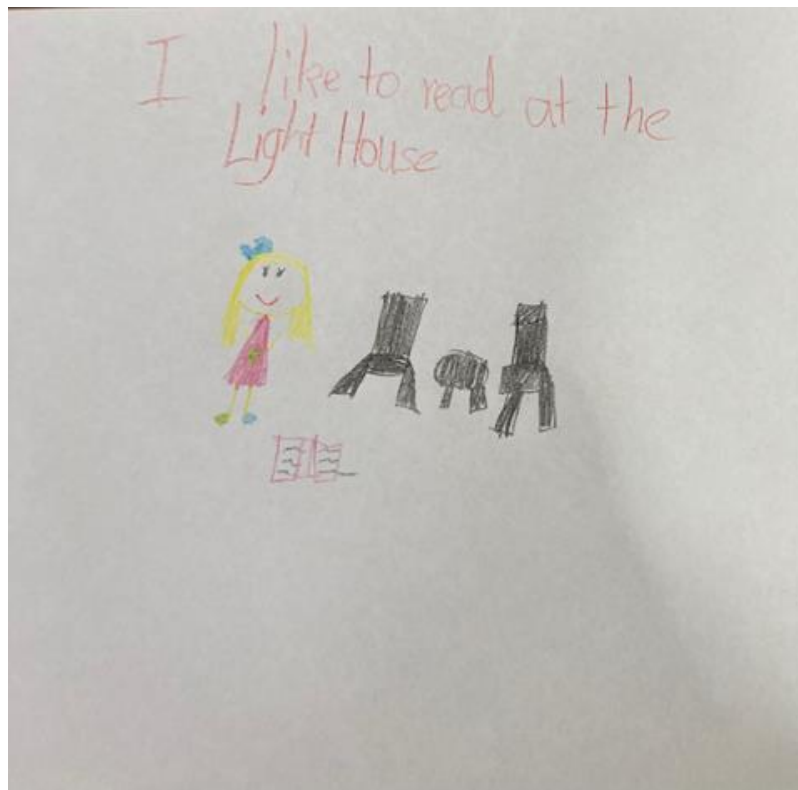
There is no need to book, just pop in anytime between 9:30am and 10:30am.

And if you would like to volunteer as a reader please email hello@thelighthousewoomba.org



We would love to hear your stories or reviews!

We know we live in a community of creative people. If you have any news or items, you think we may be interested in please send them through to media@thelighthousewoomba.org We love contributions from our community.



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We acknowledge the original Indigenous storytellers of the land on which we work and tell our stories. We respect the ongoing relationships with water, land, and story by the people of this place, their elders, their ancestors, and their emerging leaders. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

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