

**Subject:** UPDATED! The Beacon #23 The Lighthouse Toowoomba Newsletter

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**From:** The Lighthouse Toowoomba

**To:** Emma | Child Writes

Good morning. Please find an amended version of our latest newsletter. Apologies to Naomi as we had spelt her name incorrectly AND the wrong school! Goodness me! All sorted now so please share this version if you would like to. Wishing you a magical



**Welcome to Week 8 for 2023 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.**

'From little things big things grow', profound lyrics from Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody and the underlying theme at The Lighthouse over the past

fortnight:

- Witnessing an adult using a crayon for the first time
- Watching a visitor to the gallery experience the thrill of recognising their own work included in the weave – the only time they expect to ever have their art on display
- A young person sitting outside the Emerge café just looking for something warm to eat
- A little one mimicking her father dabbing the ceramic pen on a disc
- Being able to offer a hug to a young person
- Hearing an adult saying 'I can't draw', to then show her disc to her peers with pride
- Listen to three young people explain their stories and be heard and valued
- Finding a solution to the disability access for the podcast room

*Main Picture:* sharing of an experience by artists who have already created wonderment in The Write Gallery, and who are going to in the future. Naomi Buchanan, Yalari student from Glennie (who will be exhibiting at Dreamscapes and Elementals, opening at The Lighthouse on National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day Friday August 4th) is pictured with Taryn Walker of Intertwined.





## Adieu Emerge...

Oh Emerge! We truly miss you all! We are all so grateful to have learnt the power of empathy, of unwavering belief, of patience and kindness - all keystones of the Emerge model of 24/7 'whatever it takes'. We wish you every success for Emerge V3.0 with the aspiration of providing a safe place with lots of space in a slower rural setting. It sounds perfect! To be able to watch the seasons, to grow food, to be connected to nature all will give the youth the chance to grow. Thank you to those remarkable humans who contributed to the weave,

ensuring we have a part of you forever!



## Flexi School in The Write Gallery

Flexi School Year 10 art students enjoyed a full hour in The Write Gallery with the artists Taryn Walker and Shannan Jackwitz having booked in a school visit. Wendy Ellem said following the visit, 'we had an amazing time... we are so lucky to have this amazing place just down the road from us'. Well we are the lucky ones... so lucky Flexi school are so close and so incredibly supportive.



## Multicultural Homework Club

A huge thank you to local teacher Emma, Year 12 student Nick and Year 11 student Olivia for

volunteering for Multicultural Homework Club.

It was another wonderful afternoon of interaction for the children in an inclusive and encouraging environment. This program has been made entirely possible by Ventia, and as the sound of laughter and conversation (and homework being done!) filters through the building on Monday afternoons we couldn't be happier it will run in Term Two, starting on April 17th as well.



## Yalari and Harmony Day

Yalari students were treated to afternoon tea (there were a lot of cupcakes!) by Suzie Holt, and as they embellished their discs, the conversation flowed to the origin of Harmony Day. The 21 March date originated from the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and it gives us pause to think about how our words and actions impact on others in the community. We believe differences are to be celebrated, and are essential to creativity.

Saeed cajoled the other children joining us for Multicultural Homework Club on Monday to help make this wonderful poster which will now stay on permanent display in the foyer on the door.



## International Read to Me Day - March 19

Live events were held in Los Angeles, Indonesia, Tanzania, Warsaw, Greece, Bahrain and the United Kingdom, Vietnam and here in Toowoomba!

The Lighthouse's event started with a twirl and swirl – Emily is the most magical book fairy (Thank you Terese for this the latest addition to her costume collection!) To think there are passionate Ambassadors and Readers all over the world reading on the same day, sharing the love of reading, is inspirational.



## 1000 Words - Illustration 101

Exploring story character building through illustration with Terese Eglington. Participants have had the most wonderful time tapping in to their inner illustrator through drawing and painting.

If you are keen to develop your creativity and learn how to create your character within a story setting then join us at our free 1000 words - Illustration 101 workshop for Term 2! To register click [here](#)



Hello Adapt Mentorship! We love that we can offer you space to share some of your incredible programming, including hosting a Zines workshop for Youth Week. It is awesome this is in the school holidays, as it is perfectly pitched to 13-17 year olds. If you would like more information, please contact Adapt directly: 0435 803 470 or [adaptmentor@gmail.com](mailto:adaptmentor@gmail.com)



## The place to podcast!

Did you know we have the equipment and space to support budding podcasters AND the expertise in volunteer David Iliffe from ABC Southern QLD Radio facilitating, ensuring the voices, and therefore the stories of our communities youth are heard. Rawah and Samah have plans for a series that will inspire you.

## 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> or email [emma@thelighthousetoowoomba.org](mailto:emma@thelighthousetoowoomba.org) to organise a time that best suits you.



# Zine Scene

TUESDAYS 3:30-5PM



Free for 12-14yr olds  
[www.thelighthouseooomba.org](http://www.thelighthouseooomba.org)

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 8 week workshop, suitable for ages 12-14 years.

When: Term 2 commencing from Tuesday 18 April

Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm

Register now

<https://www.thelighthouseooomba.org/items/th-e-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 8 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: Term 2 commencing from Thursday 20 April

Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm

Register now

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



# MULTICULTURAL HOMEWORK CLUB

**KURDISH KURMANJI AND ARABIC**

All students and caregivers welcome  
Monday 4pm - 6pm

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 Kurmanji and Arabic.

All students and caregivers are welcome to attend.

When: Term 2 commencing from Monday 17 April

Time: 4pm - 6pm

Register at

<https://www.thelighthouseotoowoomba.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: Term 2 commencing from Tuesday 18 April

Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Register now!

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



## Thank you!

A big thank you to the generosity of the students at the TGS Junior School with their House Captain's free dress fundraiser and book drive for the Lighthouse Foundation.

The books donated will be cheerfully rehomed via our outreach Twinkles Book Club program, and the monies raised will enable us to send a local author to visit a local school. Emma and Emily were on hand to receive the thoughtful donation and were thrilled to see the next generation so invested in giving back!



## Without wings we can't fly!

Calling all aerodynamic experts, engineers or anyone with magic powers! We still need wings for our modified magical bike ! Are you, or do you know, an engineer, tradesman or DIY dynamite who can assist us? Please get in touch with [emily@thelighthousewoomba.org](mailto:emily@thelighthousewoomba.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.

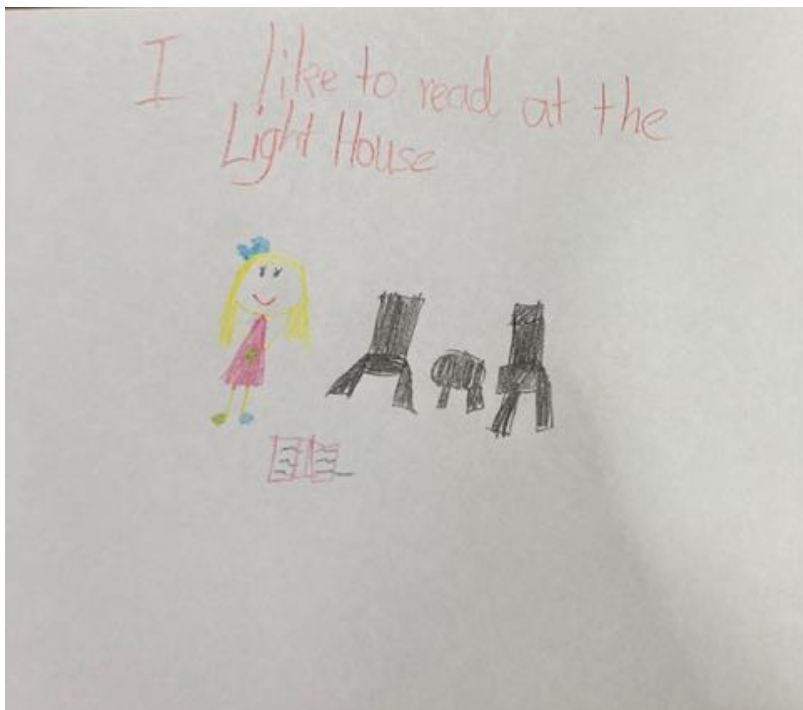
And if you would like to volunteer as a reader please

email [hello@thelighthousewoomba.org](mailto: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](mailto:media@thelighthousewoomba.org) We love contributions from our community.





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