





### **Welcome to Week 4 for 2023 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.**

Oh my gosh we are ONE! Amazing to think the Beacon has been buzzing into your inboxes for almost a year! There have been so many wonderful wins and amazing achievements for The Lighthouse since we first opened our doors and we could not have it done it without YOU all - our band of incredible supporters!

There was cake and a cuppa in celebration of our first birthday...but more on that later. What else have we been up to in week 4?

We wrapped up the last of the ARTC Inland Rail Weaving Workshops, Patricia and Gillian from Help A Friend Club paid us a visit and our workshops began with a bang!



## Workshops, workshops, workshops!

We have kicked off our workshops with gusto, and there is something for everyone who wants to get involved!

Tim Hunter and his first students were completely entranced on Tuesday. So much so that Kody (pictured) kept working when he went home!

There are still some spots available in Miss Miller's, World Building, Zine Scene, Editing for Writing, Digging Up The Past, 1000 Words: Illustration101 and Intertwined! Please visit [www.thelighthouseoowoomba.org](http://www.thelighthouseoowoomba.org).





## Flowers for International Book Giving Day

Last Friday we met the lovely Patricia and Gillian from Help a Friend Club Toowoomba. It got us talking about all things creative and the importance of community connection. They graciously accepted our Valentines gift of bunches of flowers for in the way of some of the stunning Botanicals Posters by the talented Tarn McLean.

Friday 14th February was also International Book Giving Day! We shared the love by encouraging little-ones to pop in to our one-way library to find a story that ignites their imagination.





## Weaving wrapped up

All good things come to an end and we had the last of our ARTC Inland Weaving Workshops. It was a wonderful experience for all involved and a special thanks to Aunty Barb for helping the children involved to learn and create at the same time! Having worked with children at Glennie then Rockville State School, it was Harlaxton State School's turn this term. From Aunty Barb:

"Thank you for the opportunity to be able to pass on knowledge weaving with natural products and getting children interested in this ancient craft.

During our time at Harlaxton, we had 5 groups of students from Grades 4, 5 and 6. Overall, the children were quite interested and very happy in the final outcome, although there could be a lot of frustration at the beginning of the 2-hour session.

I enjoyed working with the students and Miss Carmen and Miss H. It was a pleasure to have Miss Emily and Miss Emma join us on two occasions. Working with a group of 10 students can be difficult, but with the capable assistance of those mentioned above, it was great."

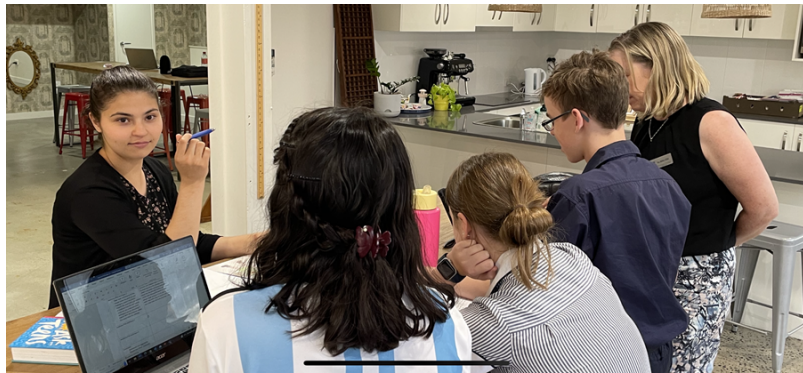


One Year of Shining Our Light

This week we turned ONE! What a marvellous milestone and certainly one worth celebrating! Over the past year we have had over 1853 children and youth and 2076 adults through our door - which is a total 4559 visitors!

We have rehomed thousands of books and we have loved hearing the stories of our community and creating a space for more stories to be written and shared.

On Wednesday morning we celebrated with cupcakes and a cuppa and reflected on how wonderful the ride has been over the past year. Thank you to all our supporters for helping us do what we do! We are so excited for what 2023 has in store.



## Homework Club

Our Homework Club is back and we have already had strong interest from our Kurdish, Kurmanjo and Arabic communities.

Translator Rojin Rash (pictured tutoring a student) is a wonderful addition to the community and we are thrilled to be a part of this wonderful service. 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](mailto:emma@thelighthousewoomba.org) if you or your organisation would like more information.

## Dates For Your Diary!

The Write Gallery is kicking off 2023 with its first exhibition, a collaboration between local artists and sisters, Taryn Walker and Shannan Jackwitz.

Blending the ancient technologies of ceramics and fibre, 'Intertwined' explores the fusion of clay and thread as universal mediums of communication and as common strands that link communities together.

Used for millennia as both functional and decorative parts of everyday life, this exhibition merges fibre sourced from across the globe, and clays collected closer to home, to create a truly unique experience you won't want to miss.

Be sure to join us on [Opening Night](#) where you will also have the unique opportunity to contribute to a large scale art installation that will be on display beyond the exhibition.

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/thelighthouse-toowoomba/intertwined>



*You're Invited*

to the official opening of  
**INTERTWINED**  
an exhibition by  
Taryn Walker and Shannan Jackwitz

FRIDAY 10TH MARCH 2023 5:30PM TO 7:00PM  
THE WRITE GALLERY 126 MARGARET STREET TOOWOOMBA  
(EXHIBITION CONTINUES UNTIL WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL)





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-5:30pm

Register now

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



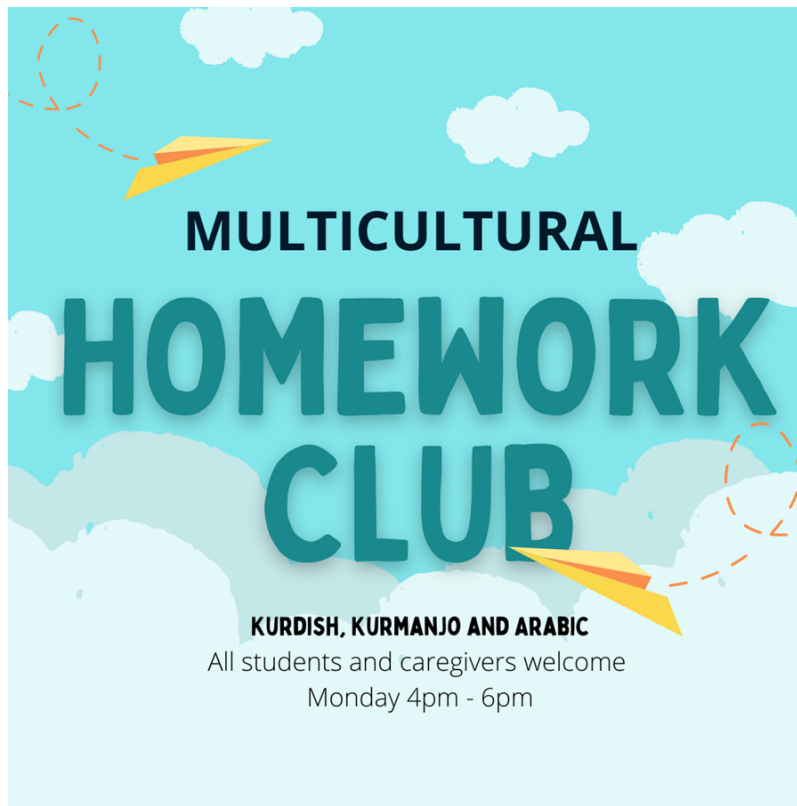
Miss Miller's Story Telling - don't miss out!

Places are still available for Miss Miller's Story Telling! Don't miss the chance to be part of this wonderful story telling group. The redoubtable Miss Miller has an incredible ability to unlock the literary talent of children of various ages and stages as they let their creative side run free.

[Book now!](#)

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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.thelighthouseotoowoomba.org/items/multiculture-homework-club>

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## 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: 5pm-6pm

Register now!

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



## DIGGING UP THE PAST

**Writing a historical novel?  
Prepare with Jane Smith!**

- Learn how to find sources of historical information that will be useful in writing historical fiction or non-fiction
- Evaluate the relative merits of different sources and problems associated with them
- Learn how to incorporate your historical research into your writing.

This is a 3 hour intensive course on how to research, write, and expand your historical novel and research. Jane is a published archivist, librarian, editor, and local celebrity who will guide you with confidence. All proceeds support free literacy workshops for children at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

**4TH MARCH 2023 | 10AM-1PM**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA THE LIGHTHOUSE WEBSITE**  
 The Lighthouse Toowoomba | 126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba



## EDITING FOR WRITERS

**Are you a future novelist?  
Prepare with Jane Smith!**

- Learn how an editor can help you polish your manuscript
- Learn some Word tools that will help the editing process run more smoothly
- Learn to recognise common writing errors and practise fixing them

This 2 hour workshop will equip you with the confidence to prepare your manuscript so you can get the best value from your editor. Jane is a published author, archivist, librarian, editor, and local celebrity who will guide you with confidence. All proceeds support free literacy workshops for children at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

**5TH OF MARCH 2023 | 10AM-12PM**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA THE LIGHTHOUSE WEBSITE**  
 The Lighthouse Toowoomba | 126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba CBD

Thank you!

Thank you to Channel 7 Toowoomba for graciously attending and covering our first birthday celebrations on Wednesday. Thank you also (in advance!) to our favourite quarterly newspaper The Field Guide for what promises to be a splendid article on Intertwined. We use Facebook, Instagram, and occasionally LinkedIn, our regular newsletter, and word-of-mouth to share news of opportunities for the children in our community and to have the support of mainstream media is GOLD x Thank you!





We have wheels but we **STILL** need wings!

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@thelighthouse-toowoomba.org](mailto:emily@thelighthouse-toowoomba.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!

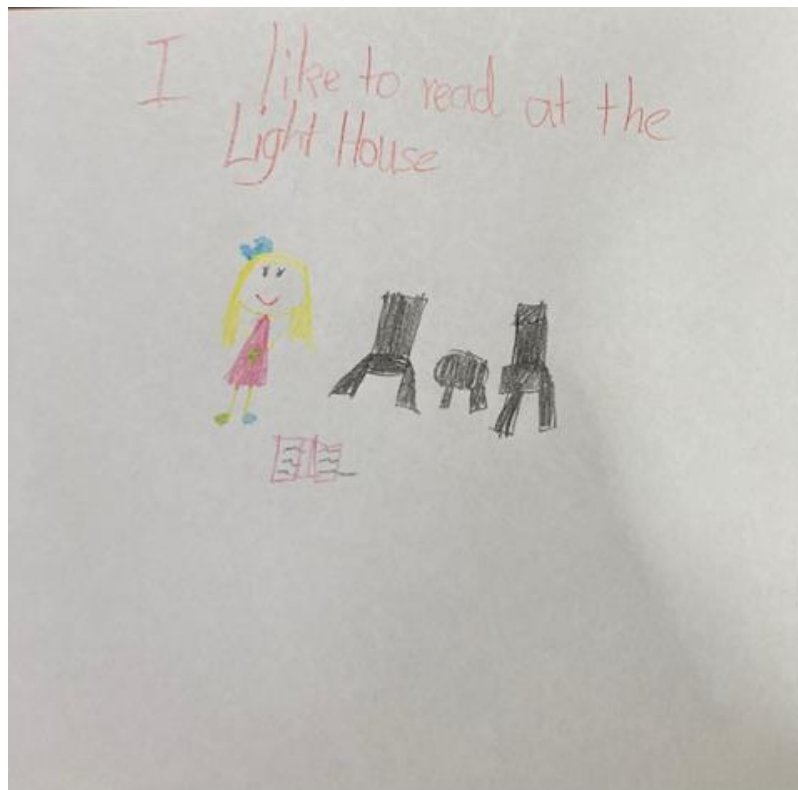
There is no need to book, just pop in anytime between 9:30am and 10:30am.

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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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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