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Welcome to Week 22 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

Six months in to the wild ride we call 'The Lighthouse Toowoomba' and we all certainly can share tales of exhilaration, inspiration, adulation, wonder and joy... and at the same time, tears, bewilderment, astonishment and a sense that we aren't doing enough to help children in our community! It has certainly been a roller coaster, the biggest dips and turns and bumps have been experienced in the last fortnight and it is incredible we have navigated through

experienced in the last fortnight and it is incredible we have navigated through to what is going to be nothing short of an adventure for the next three months! This is therefore the perfect opportunity to acknowledge the fortitude and determination of our team and our incredible volunteers. Thank you!

As you read on, there is no doubt you will again experience the same sense of wonderment, knowing you were indeed responsible for helping us exceed own expectations again with regards to the number of children in workshops, increase the number of books being rehomed, and increasing the opportunities The Lighthouse continues to create.

The Lighthouse Toowoomba has thoroughly embraced the opportunity to work with the Diocese of Toowoomba Catholic Schools and by the end of this coming fortnight will have wrapped up another two professional development days in Toowoomba and Roma respectively.

And hot off the press - a wonderful story to tug on the heart strings! Garth Hamilton MP, Federal Member for Groom, delivered the paper cranes, made by our young friends in the Christina Callaghan origami workshop on 21 July, to The Japanese Embassy in Canberra. The cranes were received by Ambassador Shingo Yamagami in tribute to the late Japanese President Shinzo Abe. His Excellency Yamagami was moved to tears by the gesture as he was a friend of the President. Our sincere thanks to Garth Hamilton for making this happen and the children for the compassion.

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## So many books for St Vincent De Paul!

34 children received bundles of books from the One Way Library, worth \$2550, all donated by you! Thank you Celeste Brierty and Asif Rasheed for initiating and facilitating. Getting right to the heart of the 'why' Celeste reminded us that 'the provision of free books to the children of our Clients will both assist their learning and assist the parents in providing what they may not be able to afford.'



## Rockville State School & Motamo

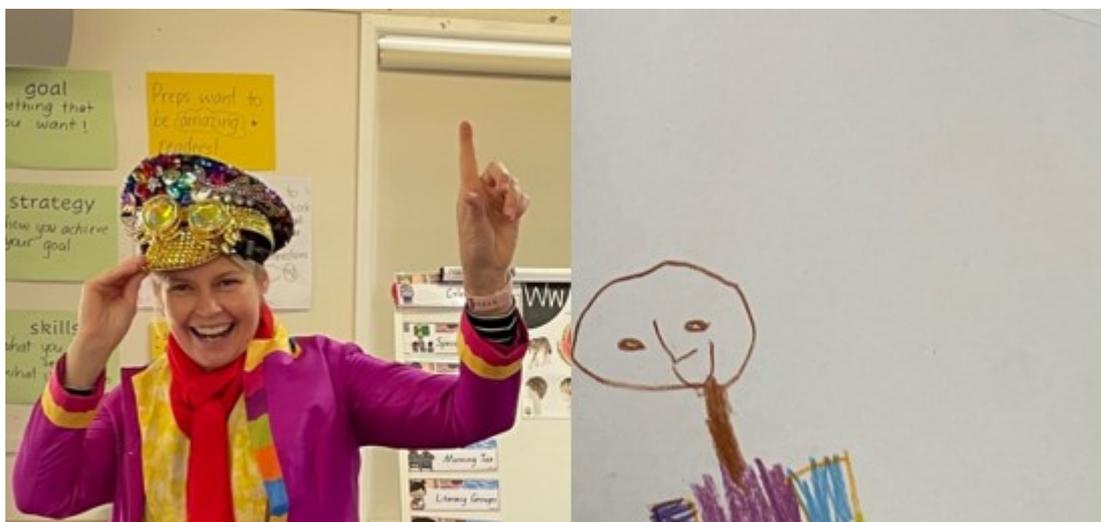
We are working in proud partnership with Rockville State School to send a body of work to be included in the 7<sup>th</sup> Motamo International Biennale of Children's Books to be held in Belgium next year. The focus of the exhibition is books made by children, printing workshops, guided tours, readings and many other activities in the company of many local and foreign guests. The theme for this exhibition is 'Anonymity and Pseudonym – the thousand faces of a masked identity'. They have specifically asked for us to showcase the work from First Nation's children from Australia, as the conversation is about presenting characters so the children are free to point out issues impacting them or preventing them from living their best lives.



## Schools Workshops

We had over 68 children in workshops over the day at St Mary's Parish School on 25 July and 68 more at St Stephen's Primary School in Pittsworth on Monday 1 August. The Prep children continue to delight us all with their interpretation of our 'character building' exercise, and we can't thank Kristy Cameron enough for being such a great sport.

We have more workshops in the coming weeks with Roma on 11 August, Toowoomba on 15 August.





## Miss Miller's Story Telling!

If you could be a fly on the wall any time at The Lighthouse, pick Friday! The incredible Miss Miiller has certainly impressed this group of aspiring writers as they happily wrangle the second workshop of nine as you read this newsletter. One of the parents said, 'She had them completely hooked from the beginning', after the first session.

The poster has a blue background with a pattern of small white and yellow dots. At the top, three white rounded rectangular boxes with black borders contain the words **WRITE**, **CREATE**, and **MASTER** in bold, black, italicized capital letters. Below these is a large red speech bubble with a black outline and four yellow stars. Inside the speech bubble, the text reads: **MISS MILLER'S STORYTELLING** in large white letters, followed by **FREE** in large white letters. Below that, it says **9 WEEK WRITING MASTERCLASS FOR CHILDREN AGED 9 TO 13** in white. To the right, it says **FRIDAY 29TH JULY UNTIL 23 SEPTEMBER 3:30PM TO 5:30PM** in white. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.



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Here!



## Hello Baby!

We received many wonderful entries for our Hello Baby competition. Thankyou to all the children that contributed. The top 50 entries are currently being shortlisted and the winners will be announced at a special morning at The Lighthouse on Tuesday 30 August hosted by Geoff Hamilton for the QCF - Queensland Charitable Funds.

The morning tea will be attended by other other QCF recipients and we are delighted they will get to see the children's pictures on display.

\*\*Competition winners will be notified prior to Tuesday 30 August and will have the option to attend the Morning Tea.



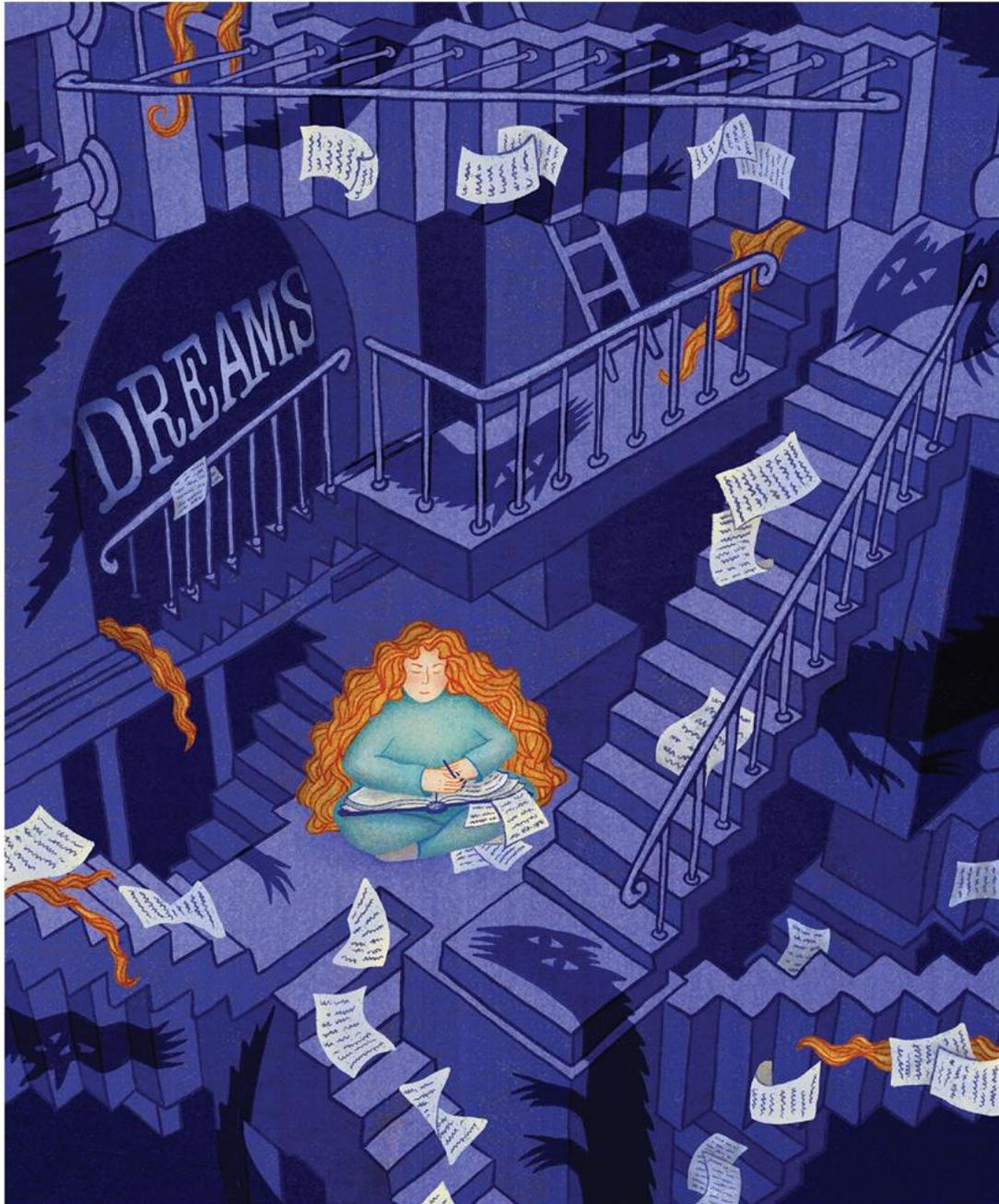
## Brisbane Children's Writers Festival

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We encourage all our budding authors to get involved!



## BRISBANE CHILDREN'S WRITERS FESTIVAL

8 OCT 2022, 9:00AM - 4:30PM  
QUEENSLAND WRITERS CENTRE

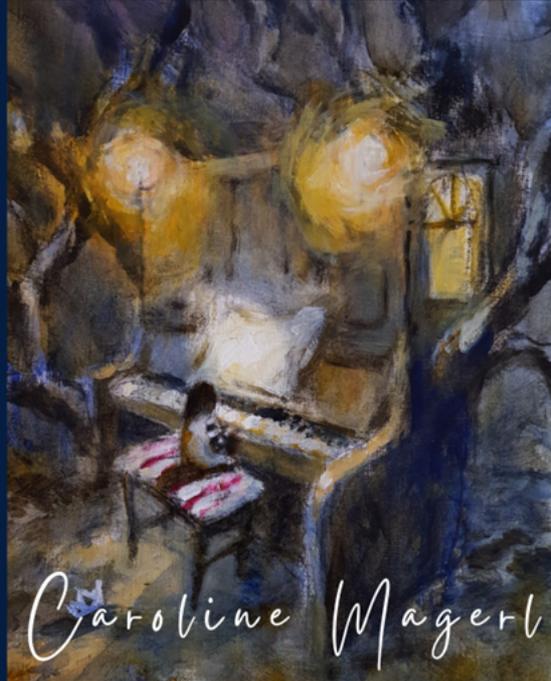
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## For Your Diary: Piano Fingers

For all enthusiasts of children's books and literature, teachers, parents, this event is hosted by Book Links (The Centre for Children's Literature) on Saturday 8th October and you are invited!

# Piano Fingers



Book Links AGM + Lunch  
Saturday 8th October  
12pm to 5pm  
The Write Gallery  
126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba

Upcoming Workshops:

## Botanicals by Tarn McLean

Free workshops! We are taking bookings for class groups on the following days:

- **Early Learning or Primary Sessions** Tuesday 6th of September to Friday 9th of September from 9am
- **Upper Primary or Secondary School** Tuesday 6th of September to Friday 9th of September from 11am

If you would like specific details about the links to the curriculum etc, please Contact Bronte at [bronte@thelighthouseoowoomba.org](mailto:bronte@thelighthouseoowoomba.org) to make a booking, and include: **Botanicals** in the subject line + preference for date / time.



# AWESOME IMAGINATION WORKSHOP

discover the wonder of acrylic paints with  
the inspirational Anna Battle



Choose one of two classes available:

MONDAY 1 August

or

MONDAY 8 August

12:30pm - 2:30pm

Especially designed for children aged  
between 9 and 12 years

enquire today:

[emma@thelighthouseooowomba.org](mailto:emma@thelighthouseooowomba.org)

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**Awesome Imagination Workshop  
(8th August) : Register Here**

# INSTAPOETRY

Do you love reading Rupi Kaur, Nikita Gill, or Amanda Lovelace?  
Ever wondered how instapoetry works?  
Or how to get into creating your own?

Join us for a whole day of creating in The Write Gallery.  
As part of this program you will workshop your ideas,  
respond to artworks, and create your own instapoetry moment.  
This is a project for students aged 15-17 years old.

MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

9:30AM TO 3:30AM

PLEASE BRING A WATER BOTTLE AND LUNCH BOX.

REGISTRATION IS A MUST!



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Instapoetry 19th  
September : Register  
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# Trees and Landscapes



**IN ACRYLICS - WITH ANNA BATTLE**

MONDAYS | 9:30 til 11:30am | The Lighthouse, Toowoomba  
25 JULY & 1, 8, 15 AUGUST 2022 | \$395 (includes paint & some supplies)



# SAVE THE DATE

BOTANICALS BY  
TARN MCLEAN OPENS

ON FRIDAY THE  
2ND OF SEPTEMBER  
AT THE WRITE GALLERY

## Mashed are in the house!

The energy shared by Matt, Aleecia and Bridget is palpable as Mashed host their classes and rehearsals in The Rabbit Hole workshop space each week. If you are interested in hiring this space for your workshop, please contact [emily@thelighthousewoomba.org](mailto:emily@thelighthousewoomba.org) for more information.



## And just one more thing...

Just in case you were thinking all we did was work, work, work!

We are loving having Cancer Council at The Lighthouse as their office is being repaired. Lou and Sarah certainly embrace their commitment to the upcoming Relay for Life (and they constantly make us smile too!)

Imagine the stories you can share with each other as you participate – here is the link to register:

<https://www.relayforlife.org.au/event/view/toowoomba-2022>

x Emma





## Wanted!

Do you have any lanyards left over from conferences or that last big event you went to? Ever been curious as to who would be silly enough to want to rehome them? We would LOVE to use them for our happily expanding team of volunteers.



## We've Got Merch!

The Lighthouse is now fully stocked with our own merchandise. Keep your tootsies warm with our Frostbite Proof Socks or stress less with our Chill Pills. Come and say hello to see the full range of goodies on offer! Who doesn't need a jar of Fresh Mountain Air, or a supply of Dodo Eggs...



## Thank you's

Our little hearts are always full here. Sincerest thanks to Washed On James for shouting us a cleaner from Everyday Concierge. We start today with the entire Lighthouse looking as neat as a pin Thank you to our ever-patient translator Farzaneh Magzub, and to our podcasting mentor David Iliffe. And thank you Greater Downs Local Level Alliance GDLLA for folding us into the incredible groups as you work your magic in this community. The connections made in this space really do work! Thank you also to Toowoomba South MP David Janetzki and Federal Member for Groom Garth Hamilton for spending time with us as we show you our potential to really help the amazing organisations in our community who make a difference to the lives

in our community who make a difference to the lives of children every day.



## Did You Know...

We can create VIP events and programs just for you and the organisation or school you represent, that align with our existing exhibitions such as the upcoming 'Botannicals' or 'Piano Fingers', and build collaborative experiences for your needs. Simply email [hello@thelighthousewoomba.org](mailto:hello@thelighthousewoomba.org) to start the conversation.

## We would love to hear your stories or reviews!

We know we live in a community of creative people. If you have any stories or reviews that you would like to share in our newsletter we would be thrilled to read them! We love short pieces that are appropriate for a general audience. Please submit them to [media@thelighthousewoomba.org](mailto:media@thelighthousewoomba.org)



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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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