



**Welcome to Week 35 for 2023 at The
Lighthouse Toowoomba.**

Like a well sprung machine, we have launched into spring and embraced every petal, every person discovering us for the first time, and the very potential of all that is still to come as we hurtle towards the end of the year.

We will be taking a small break over the September School Holidays just with The Lighthouse Toowoomba closed (so none of our regular weekly workshops or Twinkles Book Club) but please know you are ALL WELCOME to pop and see *The Secret Life of Seedpods* in The Write Gallery as it is open every single day in September from 10am to 3pm.

Leave plenty of time for your visit - it is mesmerisingly beautiful.

One lovely visitor from Melbourne today said, *'I just want to give the artist a hug and say 'thank you' for creating something so beautiful'.*



Famous visitors!

If you haven't heard of Nathan Taylor, author, then you certainly will soon! Walking closely in the footsteps of John Marsden, Nathan has written an engaging and inspiring collection of novels for his students, igniting their curiosity and ensuring they fall in love with reading.

The Winterthorn Saga tells the story of Declan Moore, the great-great-grandson of a renowned war hero, who is struggling to come to grips with the fact he possesses no magical ability. In the Dominion of Euryma, witches and wizards are commonplace, but they are also under threat. Someone—or something—is abducting the magical populace, leaving ordinary people like Declan to pick up the pieces.

Inspired by Robert Jordan's *Wheel of Time*, Brandon Sanderson's *Mistborn* and the looming threat of climate change, the Winterthorn Saga is a contemporary coming-of-age adventure. It is Nathan Taylor's debut series.



Pedal power thanks to Ando!

Gosh, if you had a chance to see the Carnival of Flowers parade, you may have caught sight of us as we pedalled furiously to keep up with the Woolworth's float (and out of the way of the stilt walkers!)

Mark Anderson 'Ando's Metal Art' was incredibly generous and tricked up our trike with its green platform and totally on-brand whirly-gig on the back. Our entry to the parade 'Hatching Creativity' was so much fun to organise. Thank you again Ando, and thank you to Mary-Kate Thomson and Anna Battle for their thoughtful art direction.



And thank you Annie...

... we are not the only ones loving that you have moved here and are so generous with your time! Our little attendees of Twinkles Book Club love the singing, dancing, and of course, the reading.

Twinkles Book Club - every Friday (during the school terms) at 9:30am



Proudly introducing 'Wiimali'

by Ezeahl, Maddi, Ren, Rodney, Hayden, Destiny, Rahaf, and Ruby, all students from Harlaxton State School

**ISBN: 978-0-9876346-9-6 - Book Launch Friday
20th October 2023**

Wiimali is a Gamilaraay word and meaning 'to light fire' and has been used with permission. This gives you the gentlest of hints as to what this book is about! The book explores the ideas of place, of connection, and finding your voice in just in time to make a difference.

Wiimali lives in Toowoomba, and spends his days roaming the country with his friends. When they discover a grass fire started by a bolt of lightning, their perfect day quickly changes.

This remarkable book has been created by children from Harlaxton State School with support and guidance of The Child Writes Fund and the generous financial support of the FKG Group printing 1000 copies to be distributed for FREE to the children in the community.

The books illustrations were supported by Emma Mactaggart, Dr Tarn McLean, Brittany Moore, and Marisa Ballinger (see below L to R)

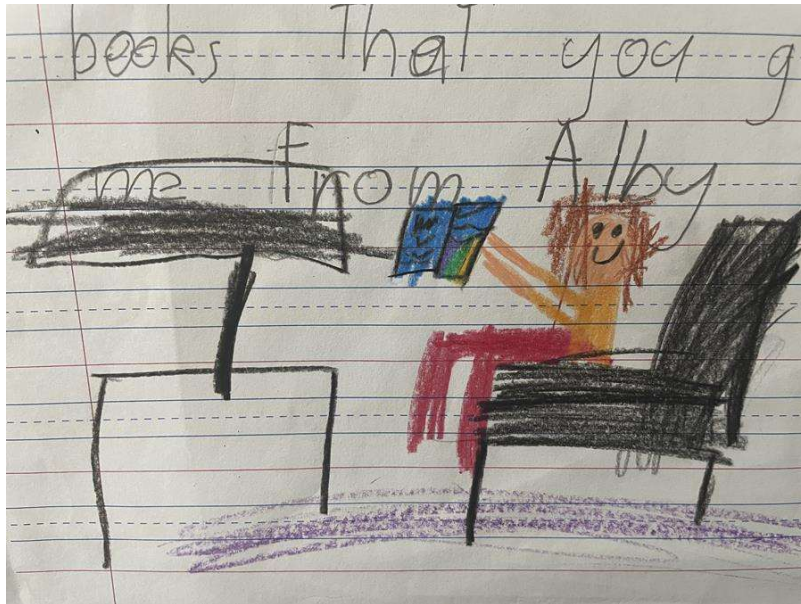


... is not a barrier! Read to Lead

You can't see Paddy and Joshua in the shot as they are tucked in behind the camera and beside the bookcase, but you can see Leigh Lucht! Leigh was thrown in the proverbial deep end, and graciously talked to camera and read, as we were testing 'proof of concept' for a campaign showing new parents how to read to their children. Parents truly do know how important it is to read to their children regularly, but barriers preventing parents from reading regularly include (1) not having books, (2) not knowing how to read, (3) not knowing what to read, (4) not having any experience of being read to themselves, (5) being too tired, and (6) not having enough time, are all things we want to show can be overcome. Our thinking is to create a suite of videos for tik tok

showing parents how to overcome these barriers -
so they can 'Read to Lead'!

Thank you QCF for the funding to create some
samples for us to attach to future grant
applications.



**Newtown State School - thank you for the
'thank you's!'**

Our little hearts flipped Wendy Olsen when we
received the letters from all the students in your
class! Each hand-written, with an illustration, and a
reference to their favourite book - so thoughtful
and generous.

To all the incredible donors who send their
preloved books here to be re-homed, this is the
impact! It was wonderful to be able to bundle up
books for all 363 students at Newtown just in time
for the school holidays.



Curiosity + Awe = Creativity

If only we could bottle the banter from children as they move through the different spaces here at The Lighthouse - from the podcast room, the children's writers centre, Mashed Theatre, to The Write Gallery.

There are many opportunities for school groups to be involved, so please pass this newsletter on to your favourite teacher!

1. [The Secret Life of Seedpods](#) - for school groups until October 11th
2. [Mr Chippa by Lee FullARTon](#) - for school groups in November
3. And if custom-designed workshops are more your jam, please simply email your request hello@thelighthousetoowoomba.org


And for children after school in Term 4:

1. [Writing for Expression](#) - after school Mondays starting Oct 9th
2. [Flip + Flop](#) - after school Tuesdays 3:30pm to 5:00pm
3. [World Building](#) - after school Tuesdays 5:00pm to 6:30pm

4. Twinkles Book Club - every Friday morning
9:30am to 10:30am
5. [Terese's Art Workshops](#) - after school
Thursdays 3:45 to 5:15pm
6. [Family Workshop](#) with Lee FullARTon Saturday
11 November 10am

Not forgetting that adults love being creative too:


1. QLD Writers Centre's 'Write Friday' - 10am to 2pm - no booking required
2. [Harley House Creatives](#) workshops Sunday 8 Oct, and Sunday 22 Oct
3. [Natures Patterns](#) with Chelsea Baker Tuesday
10 Oct 10am and 1pm
4. [Lee FullARTon with Sandyha Parappukkaran](#) Saturday 11 November 10am
5. [Lee FullARTon with Catherine Parker](#) Saturday
25 November 5:30pm




WRITE YOUR STORY

OWN YOUR STRENGTH


Navigate change and tap into creativity with story-telling activities across four workshops



Mondays
October 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
starts at 3:30pm



The Lighthouse
126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba



Write Your Story, Own Your Strength

Children's Writing for Expression Workshops:
Explore Narrative Therapy Techniques with Tanya Vessey.

Write Your Story is a series of workshops offered after school, Monday's 3:30pm to 5:00pm for FOUR WEEKS starting Monday 9th October. It is

for children from upper primary/early high school. Participants will learn techniques to navigate change and tap into creativity with story-telling activities across four workshops. Creativity and change happen consciously or unconsciously. Our response to creativity or change is the result of personal beliefs; this means that our beliefs create our response to change. The ability to adapt to change requires self-awareness and techniques to navigate what is beyond our control. **By using the structure of story to tap into creativity, these workshops address creating change to navigate challenges with a positive mindset and self-knowledge.**

These workshops have been made entirely possible to offer free to participants because of a generous grant from VARIETY QLD.



Nature Patterns - Mental Health
Week

Nature Patterns with renowned local artist Chelsea Baker (Session 1 at 10:30am or Session 2 at 1:00pm) will be two of a wide variety of events held around the state as part of Queensland Mental Health Week from 7-15 October 2023.

Mental health issues affect more than one in five Australians every year, so Queensland Mental Health Week provides an important opportunity for people to think about the ways in which we can enhance our social and emotional wellbeing by building our personal resilience and support networks.

The 2023 theme 'Awareness, Belonging, Connection' reflects the important factors that help people maintain positive mental health and wellbeing.

Funded by the Queensland Mental Health Commission, Queensland Mental Health Week is coordinated by CheckUP and delivered by a strong cross-sector collaboration. For more information on Queensland Mental Health Week and links to mental health support services, visit qldmentalhealthweek.org.au

For 24/7 crisis support, call Lifeline on 13 11 14, or the Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467. In an emergency, call 000.



BOOK LINKS and The Lighthouse Toowoomba
are proud to present:

Mr Chippa and the Woodblock Carvers of Bagru

by author and illustrator Lee FullARTon

All eyes are on spring at the moment, but for those of you looking ahead a tad, there are still workshops available for school groups during Lee FullARTon's exhibition 'Mr Chippa', featuring the wood block carvings from the artisans in Bagru, and loads of interesting workshops and opportunities for adults and families. More information about the workshops is available upon request hello@thelighthousetoowoomba.org

[The Opening Night!](#) Friday 2 November 5:30 to 7:00pm. Bookings required. Free Event

[School Workshops](#) Available Wednesday 8 to Tuesday 28 November 10am. Bookings required. Free event.

[Adult Workshop with Lee FullARTon and Sandyha Parappukaran](#) Saturday 11 November 10am to 12noon. Booking required. Book Links Members \$20, Non-Member \$25. Limited places.

Up Late with Mr Chippa! Saturday 11 November Gallery open until 7:00pm. No booking, families welcome, FREE event.

[Adult Workshop with Lee FullARTon and Catherine Parker](#) Saturday 25 November 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Booking required. Book Links Members \$20, Non-Member \$25. Limited places.

LEE FULLARTON + BOOK LINKS

OFFICIAL OPENING
FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER
5:30PM TO 7:00PM

THE WRITE GALLERY
126 MARGARET STREET TOOWOOMBA

EXHIBITION CONTINUES UNTIL
WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 3:00PM

Mr Chippa



Welcome to Jade from Harley House Creative. Jade is running workshops for adults at The Lighthouse Toowoomba in October. From water colour brush lettering to watercolour mountainscapes, there's something for everyone.

Loads of information about this and more on our website:

<https://www.thelighthousetoowoomba.org/items>

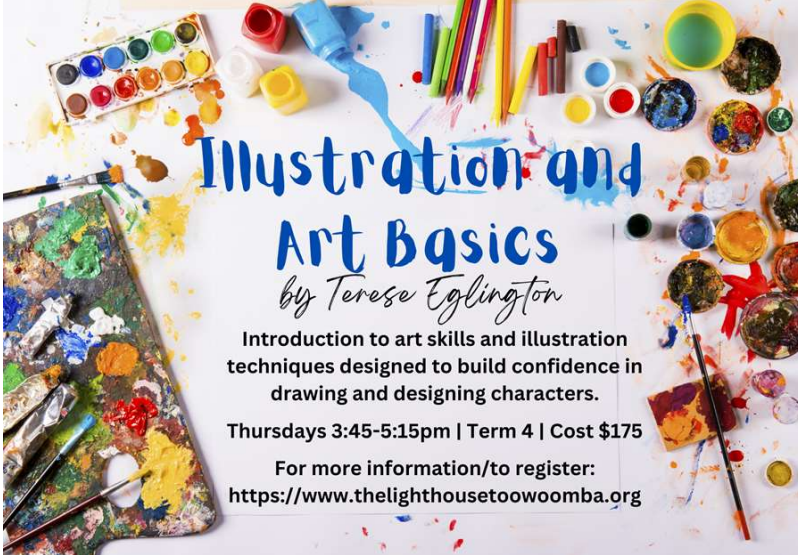


Illustration and Art Basics
by Terese Eglington

Introduction to art skills and illustration techniques designed to build confidence in drawing and designing characters.

Thursdays 3:45-5:15pm | Term 4 | Cost \$175

For more information/to register:
<https://www.thelighthousetoowoomba.org>

And do you have any free workshops?

YESSSSS!



DATE CLAIMERS

Got your diary handy? Here are the **'one day only'** pop-up exhibitions in The Write Gallery in October!

Concordia's 'Skateboards' - Sunday 22nd October - for more information contact [John at Concordia](#)

Changing the Narrative - Thursday 24th October - for more information contact Susy and Adam at [Adapt Mentorship](#)

The Yalari Art Exhibition - Saturday 28th October 5:00pm - for more information [contact Penny](#)

These exhibitions all feature work by children. The Lighthouse Toowoomba is able to gift the Gallery

to support their work at this point in their careers as creatives because of the ongoing generous support from our donors. This is actually what your donations enable us to do!



Yalari Year 10
**'Pay It Forward'
Art Show**
with students from
Scots PGC, The Glennie School and Toowoomba Grammar School

28th October 2023
5pm - 7pm

All are welcome.

Artist talks | Silent Auction | Raffle | Lucky Door Prize

Variety of art for sale:
student works, donated works, and beautifully painted gifts.
Food and drink available.

Contact Yalari on (07) 5665 8688
for further information.

Artwork by Naomi Buchanan



The
LIGHTHOUSE
GUIDING CREATIVITY

SEASONAL ART MARKET

INTERESTED?

[CLICK HERE](#)

Calling artists of all ages!

We are launching the SEASONAL ART MARKET and expressions of interest are due 1 January 2024. That may well seem like ages away, but if you are looking at the art accumulating in your studio, and you are BUSTING for an opportunity to sell your work, this could well be exactly what you are looking for. Basically, once a quarter we are hosting an art market for 20 days, with 10 artists, and each is allocated a portion of wall space in

The Write Gallery, and there is no commission
charged on sales.

Interested?

[There is a great deal of information to share, so
click here to read on...](#)



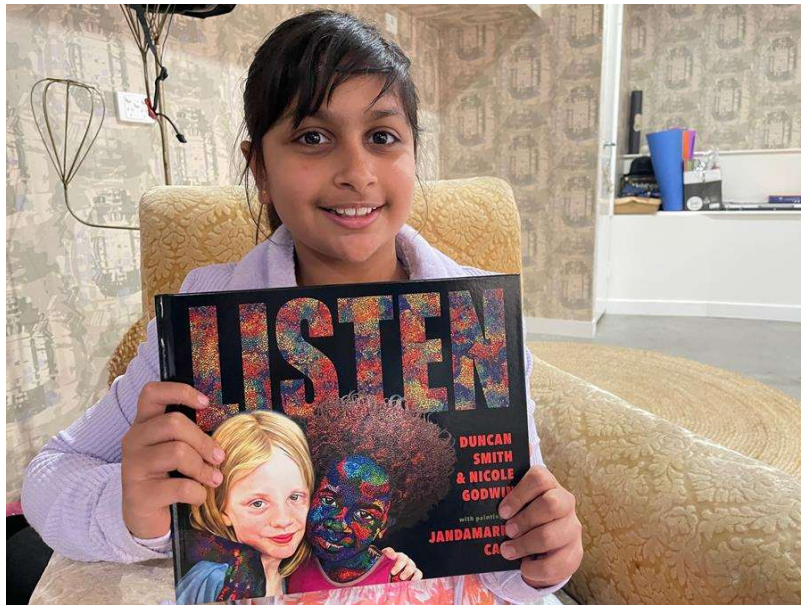
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LISTEN

**by Duncan Smith & Nicole Godwin with
paintings by Jandamarra Cadd**

A book review by Shanaya Bhardwaj

This is a great book. The illustrations are so unique. Each one has its own beautiful pattern. It is really fascinating to learn about our ancestors and their connection to country. It is truly an amazing book. It really shows us to respect our ancestors and their land.

CLICK! Fundraising



Headshots at
The Write Gallery
with Kat

'Perfect for early graduates,
employees, updating your
LinkedIn profile'

Friday 20 October
10:30am to 2:00pm

\$99

BOOK NOW

*Single headshot sessions are
normally \$250.*



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We acknowledge the First Nations 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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