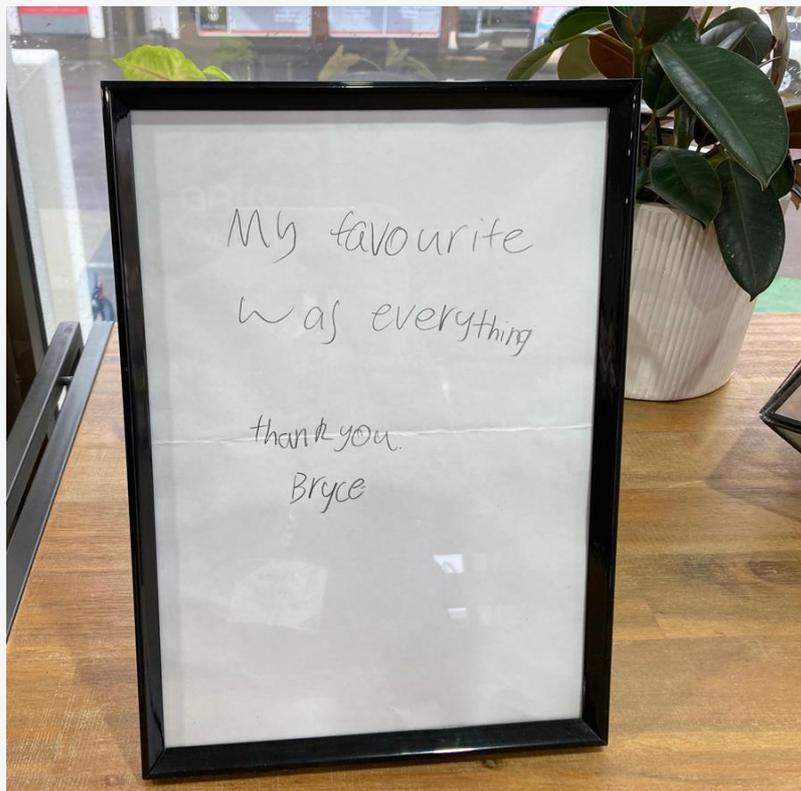


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Date: Friday, 22 July 2022 at 1:15:49 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time

From: The Lighthouse Toowoomba

To: Child Writes



Welcome to Week 21 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

Yes we are 21! And we're cracking the bubbles and blowing out the candles in excitement of what's to come. Following the buzz of the school holidays we have continued on with several workshops and events over the past fortnight and we have been planning many more!

We have had some wonderful engagement from local schools in the past few days and we are looking at ways we can take our programs directly

to them. It is wonderful to watch the local community's interest in and support for The Lighthouse Toowoomba grow by the day. We think the feedback above sums up exactly what we aim to create in our space - a love of everything!



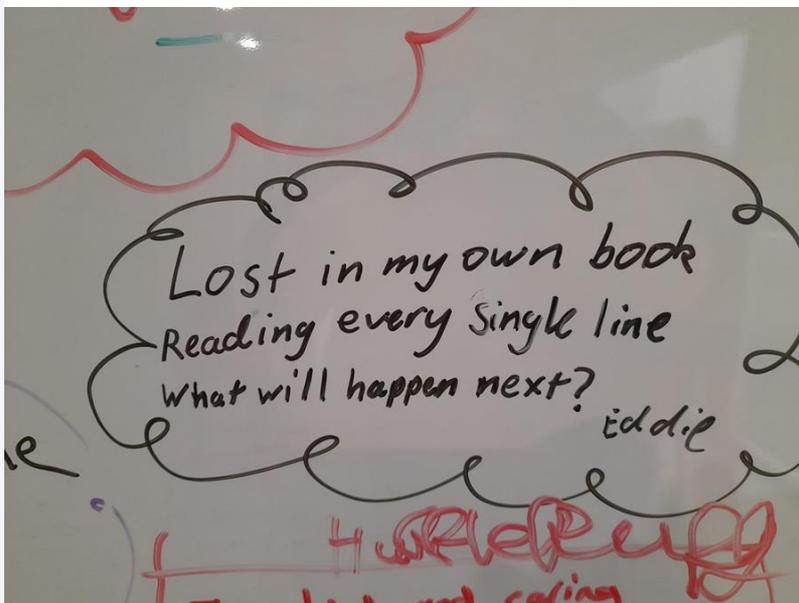
Christina Callaghan's Origami and Poetry

One of the many happy moments here at The Lighthouse Toowoomba is when we offer FREE wildly imaginative literacy-based workshops to children who need them.

On Wednesday 21 July we did just that as Christina Callaghan generously lead an origami + haiku poetry workshop for children aged 8 - 14 years old. The children loved the combination of culture and creativity and Bronte shared the story Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. We then told the children about former Japanese President Shinzo Abe.

We asked the children if they would consider gifting the cranes to Mrs Abe as she is sad... and every child did - including this little crane with 'I

hope you are okay'.



Hello Chelsea!

Thank you Chelsea Baker! Another glorious workshop was trialled over the last fortnight, this time by us, not children! I know I know I know... we keep telling you the offerings here are FREE wildly inventive literacy-based workshops for children... and here we are testing a workshop we could potentially share with adults! Well, it worked. As a team we took a deep breath and slowed down and with patient gentle guidance from Chelsea, we created these beauties. When Chelsea shares a major exhibition in September | October next year, there will be ticketed seedpod workshops for adults and we couldn't be more excited.



Hello Chelsart

Miss Miller's Story Telling!

Miss Miller is a raconteur and is sharing her storytelling skills over 9 weeks, in a masterclass, especially for 9 to 13 year olds.

It is such a remarkable opportunity to include this in the workshops for the first time for The Lighthouse Toowoomba as we can't wait to see how the young story tellers skills improve exponentially given the amount of time.

(Shhhhh – we may even have an anthology to share at the other end of this!)

WRITE **CREATE** **MASTER**

MISS MILLER'S STORYTELLING
FREE
9 WEEK WRITING
MASTERCLASS
FOR CHILDREN AGED
9 TO 13

FRIDAY
29TH JULY UNTIL
23 SEPTEMBER
3:30PM TO 5:30PM





[Miss Miller's Storytelling: Register Here](#)

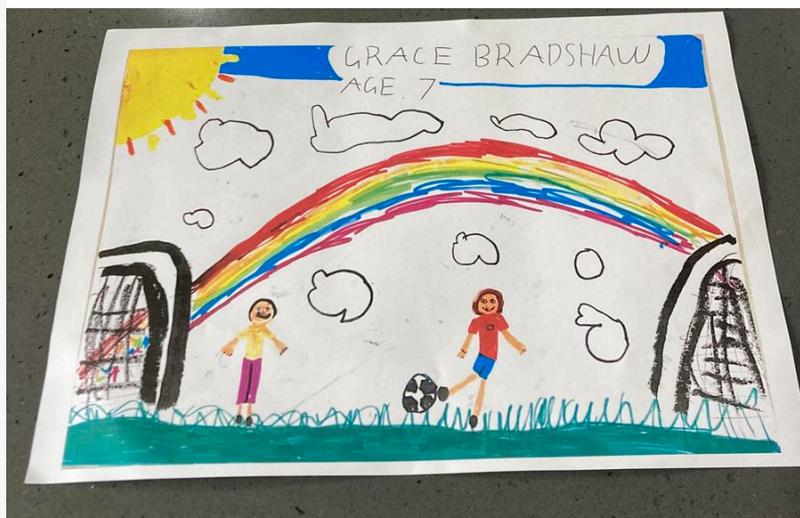
Hello Baby Update!

We have received some fabulous entries for our Hello Baby Drawing Competition and the children have particularly embraced two of the themes 'being active' and 'being connected'.

This super picture from 7 year old Grace Bradshaw shows family getting out in the sunshine and kicking the soccer ball!

Although we now have enough submissions to create our Hello Baby Calendar, for Toowoomba Base Hospital, we have decided to keep the competition open for another week so we can bolster our exhibition for Mental Health Month!

Entries for the competition will now close on Thursday 28 July. So if you know a child aged 8 and under who is yet to enter - tell them to get those crayons out and get creating!



Hello Baby
Drawing Competition

JUST FOR UNDER 8'S!
\$500 IN PRIZES
5 categories!

We are making a calendar when they arrive at The Toowoomba when the focus of this calendar is being!

Competition deadline extended!
 Entries close
Thursday 29th July

Show or **ACTIVE, or AWARE,**
TRAINING or HELPING OTHERS

THURSDAY 22nd JULY at 5:00pm

Use the QR Code to get the entry form

The Lighthouse Toowoomba
 126 Margaret Street
 Toowoomba QLD, 4350

[Hello Baby : Register Here](#)

Audio Alchemy

The wonderful David Iliffe, one of ABC Southern's most recognised voices, shared his experience and knowledge in a comprehensive workshop designed for students on Saturday 16th July.

The aim of the workshop was to teach the students podcasting techniques and enable them to become part of a team who will produce 'AWAKE' a podcast with Toowoomba's future leaders in conversation with the wisdom of the past.

The workshop was a resounding success and has evolved into the terrific team at Emerge creating their own podcast with their first guest confirmed as 'Farmer Dave' from Big Brother!



Anna Battle's Art Workshops

Colourful, contemporary Australian Artist Anna Battle is coming to The Lighthouse Toowoomba! If you have ever had a chance to watch any of Anna's amazing live paintings being created in Instagram, you will be familiar with the joy of watching layers and layers come together as wonderful works of art. She has two classes for children - Monday 1st and Monday 8th August.

For adults, there is something for you too! 'Trees and Landscapes in Acrylic' starting soon: booking link is <https://www.trybooking.com/CAYPH> And because The Lighthouse Toowoomba is in such a great location for all things creative, Anna's Urban Sketching group are meeting here to start each session! Booking link is <https://www.trybooking.com/CAYPD>



Awesome Imagination Workshop (1st August)
: Register Here

Awesome Imagination Workshop (8th August)
: Register Here

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@thelighthouseooomba.org

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InstaPoetry Update

Due to availability we have moved the date of our InstaPoetry with Dr Georgina Bardon to the September School Holidays - Monday the 19th September.

Register now through the link below and watch this space for more information!

A flyer for an 'Instapoetry' event. The title 'INSTAPOETRY' is in large, outlined letters at the top. Below it, text asks if the reader loves reading authors like Rupi Kaur, Nikita Gill, or Amanda Lovelace, and if they've ever wondered how instapoetry works or how to create their own. It invites them to a whole day of creating in 'The Write Gallery', where they will workshop ideas, respond to artworks, and create their own instapoetry moment. The event is for students aged 15-17 years old. The date is Monday 19th September, 2022, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 AM. Attendees are asked to bring a water bottle and lunch box, and registration is a must. On the right side, there is a QR code and the text 'Register Here!' with an arrow pointing to the QR code. At the bottom left, there is a logo for 'The Lighthouse Toowoomba' with the address '126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba CBD' and email 'hello@thelighthouseoowoomba.org'. The background features colorful, abstract floral patterns.

[Instapoetry 19th September : Register Here](#)

Water One World : Two Stories - Part Two

On Saturday 16th July we hosted the second instalment of this remarkable opportunity to work with a children in Iran. We were able to connect in person, and they shared their experience writing and illustrating children's picture books, exploring the beauty and joy of the Farsi language, and the challenges of translating intent to English. We would not have been able to even attempt something so ambitious without the gentle instruction and kindness of our translator Farzaneh Magzub.



Trees and Landscapes

shiny happy art 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)

NEW shiny happy art

Urban Sketching Outing

WITH ANNA BATTLE

1- 4pm, SUNDAY 31 JULY 2022 | TOOWOOMBA
\$66 | BYO sketchbook, pencils and paints | NUMBERS LIMITED

And just one more thing...

It is one thing to have an amazing idea, and another to have such remarkable support from the movers and shakers in our community at this wonderfully early stage. We are grateful beyond explanation to have shared the vision (and of course a grand tour of the physical space) with Federal Member for Groom Garth Hamilton, State Member for Toowoomba North Trevor Watts, Toowoomba Regional Councillors Melissa Taylor, Tim McMahon and Megan OHara-Sullivan, Deputy Mayor Geoff McDonald, and next week, State Member for Toowoomba South David Janetzki will be on site. As well as representation at the various levels of government, their superpowers is also **connecting** the community. This is how we have met so representatives from other organisations and our favourite phone calls start with '... said to ring' and magic simply seems to follow!

Connecting is everything, and as we cheerfully extend the Hello Baby Competition for another week, we are reminded of the 5 ways to wellbeing and how everything at The Lighthouse simply fits - as we aim to **be aware** of what the community needs, of the importance of **being active**, and we **keep learning** about how we can best **help others**.

We feel great and invite you to mingle at our place simply because we know it will make you feel great too!

x Emma



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

To make the truly generous contribution to this remarkable community we wish to make, it is only possible with the support of volunteers. We are particularly grateful to Christina Callaghan for her wonderful Origami + Haiku workshop, Chelsea Baker for sharing her expertise embellishing seedpods, and David Illife for sharing his expertise in the Audio Alchemy workshop. You have all been so inspiring and created truly magical workshops for our younger friends of The Lighthouse, and adults alike!



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