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Welcome to Week 13 for 2023 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

Hello and May the Fourth be with you! Yes we are four days into the fifth month of the year already - you believe it? We have lots to share with you in this edition as our space continues to bubble and bustle in activity!

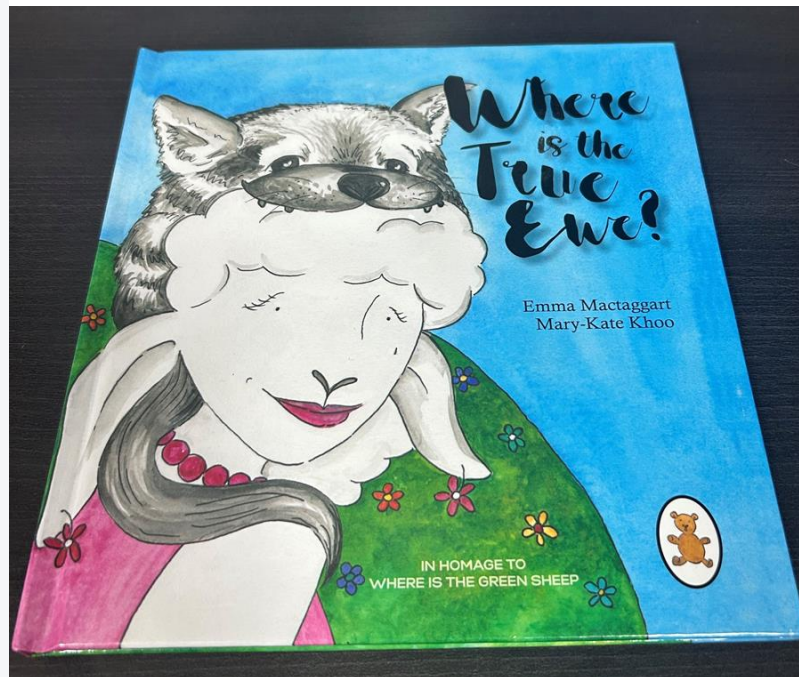
The Write Gallery has played host to the last days of Intertwined and we have hosted groups and individuals as they created their discs and left their mark on this wonderful community artwork!

We have hosted another round of amazing youth workshops and marvelled at the creativity and

passion of our young participants.

There have been further visits to Harlaxton State School (HSS) as we continue our partnership with them to expand our literary reach within the community.

That smiling face above, standing in the sunshine and selling our Mother's Day goodies, is the delightful Tash who has recently joined us in an administrative role at The Lighthouse.





Who is the True Ewe?

Mums often wear so many hats and have corresponding identities! With Mothers Day coming up why not give them a book that lets the mums in your life know you see them in all their glory.

Who is the True Ewe, written by our own Emma Mactaggart and illustrated by Mary-Kate Khoo is a tale that follows on from the little green sheep - who has finally grown up and now she has a family of her own! Who Is The True Ewe is a bid to remind us to be fully present as parents as it presents a collective memoir off all the faces parents truly reflect.

Copies of Where is the True Ewe are available at our Mothers Day Stall and Emma and Mary-Kate will be doing a special live reading of their book at The Lighthouse at 10:30am next Friday 12th May.

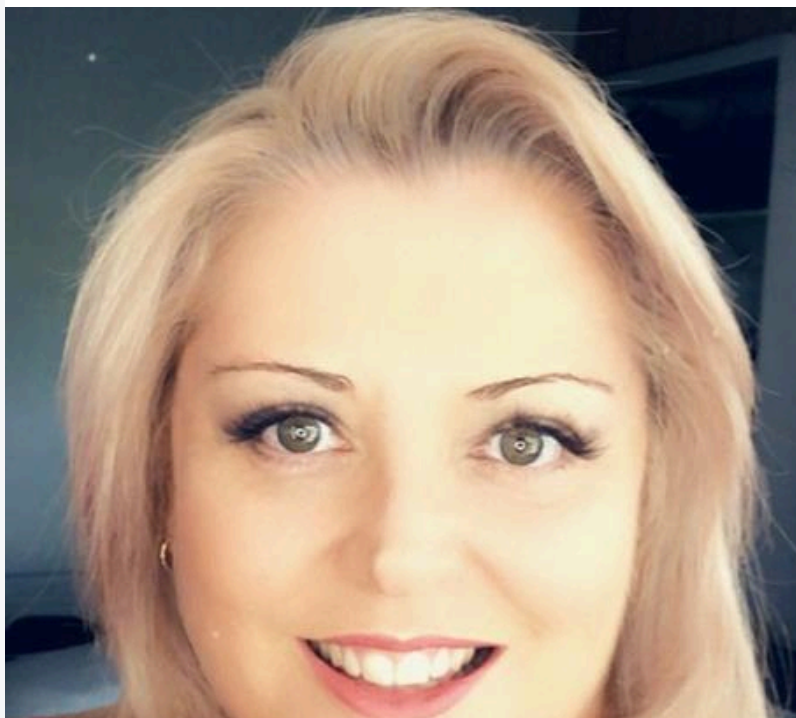


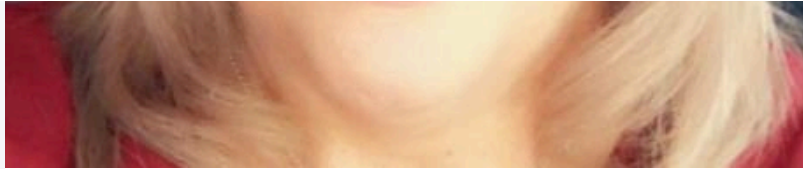
Grants

We are forever putting our Lighthouse Keepers hat in the ring to help raise funds for our new endeavours. This month we were rode the rollercoaster of high and lows by securing funds under [Toowoomba Regional Councils](#) Cultural and Arts Support Grant to assist with the hire of [The Write Gallery](#) in September to showcase [The Secret Life of Seedpods Exhibition](#).

The [Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers](#) also accepted our application to include it in their online program. AND the [Queensland Community Foundation](#) will be funding our Hello Baby 2023 Calendar competition this year (more details to come shortly).

Alas we weren't quite so lucky with our [Strong and Resilient Communities](#) application to run a full bells and whistles narrative therapy program within our walls. The program design is ready to go, so if you know of any way you knit our narrative therapy with your corporate narrative we are all ears.





Welcome Kathleen Kelly

Resident author Kathleen Kelly has taken an office with us at The Lighthouse! Kathleen's adventures are almost as wild as her books! We are so pleased to have such an accomplished author in our midst.



Book Folding

Thank you Marissa Thomas for so generously giving up your time to design, facilitate and deliver this joyful event on Wednesday 3 May.

Eight community members joined Marissa in the art of book folding at The Write Gallery and took home a love heart design as their own display.



More merriment with Miss Miiller

Words by Emma Mort, Lighthouse Admin superstar.

For the past 2 weeks I have been watching the fabulous Miss Miiller (yes there are two 'i's in her name) and I have learnt so much already even from the side-lines.

Miss Miiller guides the kids on how to make simple but interesting stories and then helps them transition to performing their stories in an animative, exciting and emotion-filled display.

The children imagine the stories through an easy model; beginning, middle and end as well as making storyboards using simple drawings and

minimal words.

Miss Miiller's interactive and easy-going personality brings out a sense of confidence and creativity in the kids that makes the scary part of public speaking that much less daunting. At the start of the classes the children do fun and creative games which gives them time to loosen up and get their creative minds churning.

All together I find Miss Miillers Story Telling Workshop a welcoming, exciting and creative workshop that all children would benefit from.



Another Happy Harlaxton Visit

The Lighthouse's Emma Mort, and volunteer Bernadette Carroll, recently visited our friends at Harlaxton State School and took over some rehomed books to share and read with them!

It was wonderful to see the children interact with Emma and Bernadette and take inspiration from the new reading material.



Trevor leaves his mark

LNP Member for Toowoomba North Trevor Watts paid us a visit in the Write Gallery and showed us his creative flair as he contributed to the Interwoven community art piece in The Write Gallery.

We have been so touched by the many local community representatives wanting to add their own immortal art piece.



Illustration 101 - Perspectives in pictures

Some fabulous snaps to come out of Terese Eglington's Illustration 101 workshop this week!

The happy participants continued on their journey

to story character building through illustration, and it was fabulous to see their drawings coming to life in 3D as they used clay to model their pictures.

Thursday afternoons at The Lighthouse are becoming the hottest children's ticket in town!



Zinesters at play!

Zines workshop – This week in our zines class it was a completely different experience to see a group of 3 young boys talk about forming a series of zines between each other from the different point of views. Witnessing the ability of teamwork demonstrated by these boys was truly empowering!





Mothers Day Stall

It's time to spoil the matriarch in your life as Mother's Day fast approaches. (Sunday 14th May for those yet to circle the diary!). We have a swag of spoils that will suit any grandmother, mommy, ma, mama, or maternal figure in your life!

From Emma and Mary Kate's fabulous book *Where is the True Ewe*, to bathbombs, posters, flower presses, notebooks and soap, there is bound to be a goodie that will bring a smile to mum's dial and hold you in stead as the favourite child.

Our little shop of love will be operating between now and next Friday 12th May at 126 Margaret St so please pop in and say hello!

Dates For Your Diary!

We still have time slots available for school groups to visit Intertwined! 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/thelighthousestoowoomba/intertwined> or email emma@thelighthousestoowoomba.org to organise a time that best suits you.



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Thursday
18 May 2023 9am



Birds of a Feather

An exhibition of beautiful bird art by
The Author and the Artist ~ Terese Eglington

The Write Gallery

126 Margaret Street Toowoomba

Join Benny Bin Chicken and his feathered friends for
the official opening on

Friday 9 June 2023 from 5:30 - 7:00pm

Exhibition continues until 25 June 2023

See the inspiration behind Benny the Bin Chicken's curious character
and other birdlife we encounter in our daily lives.



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.thelighthouseoowoomba.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.

The classes have started, but it is not too late to join in!

Tuesday - 5:00pm-6:30pm

Register now!

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



Thank you!

Thank you to the WEYN Network for hosting their meeting in the Gallery – they bought afternoon tea, embellished discs, and connected with the

Lighthouse – teachers taking bundles of books back to students and to the Wilsonton Community Centre... so happy 😊

Thank you to TAS students for joining us at The Lighthouse for a series of workshops. This week we were joined by the year 7/8 students to embrace their creative minds to make a post card. We will be blessed with these students once a week for this whole term!



And one last thing...

The Write Gallery is now taking wedding bookings...we kid, we kid! But how surprised and thrilled were we when this lovely local bride and groom wandered into The Write Gallery on their big day.

The happy couple couldn't resist snapping a photo in front of the magical Intertwined community weave and we must say it sure does make a beautiful backdrop.

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@thelighthouseoowoomba.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@thelighthouseoowoomba.org We love contributions from our community.



I like to read at the
Light House

