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Welcome to Week 19 for 2023 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

We've been hustling and bustling again this past fortnight with little people and big people and birds and balloons! As always, there is so much to share, including a full fancy flight of feathered appreciatives came along to support artist and author Terese Eglington at her colourful exhibition opening last Friday (9 June). Read a fabulous review of the exhibition below - and don't forget there is still time to come along to The Write Gallery to see it for yourself, open **EVERY DAY 10am to 3pm until Saturday 24th.**

TAS (pictured above) continued their Thrive Options workshops with us; we had more happy times at Harlaxton SS; a glorious visit from students from Mater Dei; and Deputy Mayor Geoff McDonald dropped in...

And can you believe it, only one week of Term 2 left! Gosh we're excited for holidays and what Term 3 has in store.



Birds of a Feather Review

A review by Lilianah Brownhall (Year 10 Downlands College)

Birds of a Feather, The Write Gallery's latest exhibition at The Lighthouse Toowoomba, features a beautiful range of bird artwork, as well as inspiration behind the story of Benny the Bin Chicken, in a creative and serene setting that allows the imagination to take flight.

Through a peaceful yet bold representation of distinct native symbols and environments, the artwork captures the intriguing character and personality of each bird, addressing our deep respect and appreciation of the natural beauty of Australian wildlife.

The works on display in the Write Gallery are depicted using a variety of artistic media, all created by Terese Eglington, a local artist, author, and educator, who has presented her work throughout the Darling Downs. Terese's creations captured the unique charm and beauty of Australian birds in their natural environment, featuring everything from the striking flashes of colour of some cheeky Rainbow Lorikeets to the iconic image of a laughing kookaburra.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from a small group of secondary students from the Toowoomba Anglican School, who came for an afternoon in the gallery to see the stunning display of Australian birds in Terese's art. In our time at the gallery, the kids from TAS got the chance to slow down and paint in a still, calm atmosphere where they could create and be inspired by the inviting tranquillity of the space.

The following day was an exciting adventure for an artistic group from Mater Dei, who came in for a tour of the exhibition to create some art of their own. (See their stunning collaboration below). After some time in the Write Gallery, the kids warmed up to the space and we spent the afternoon doing a bit of fun painting in a celebration of colours and techniques.

After exploring the themes and style of Terese's artwork, the kids, though wanting to stay a little longer, thoroughly enjoyed their time in the gallery as a space that sparked inspiration and motivation in the young artists.



More Happy Times at Harlaxton



Reward has certainly been a two way street for the Lighthouse and Harlaxton State School in Term 2. Throughout the past few weeks they have taken 182

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As we have previously reported Emma ('Morty') and volunteer Bernadette have been at Harlaxton SS for Term 2 as part of an outreach of our Twinkles Book Club.

The feedback from Morty and Bernadette on the progress of the kids has been so heartwarming...

One child blew us away by acknowledging the books The Lighthouse had given to his year level. He gave us a huge thank you and a greatly appreciated hug.

Another child who initially took limited interest in the books we were reading, today verbalised his interest in the book being read and relayed to us his interests. We are so excited to bring a selection of books specifically for him next time!

Emma has only one more week with these legends (see below) as they finish the FKG Group book 'Wiimali'. Thank you so much to Carmen at the community hub at Harlaxton. Carmen answers our calls, is enthusiastic to all our suggestions, and ably directs our energy into those who need us most.

(See below - Setting up a scene in the FKG book. From L to R, an echidna, the main character and a kangaroo - of course!)





A kismet visit from Toowoomba Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Geoff McDonald popped in to say hi, and we happened to have this fabulous book ready to be pressed into the hands of a lucky human... Fast forward to the Queensland Beekeepers' Association Inc Annual State Conferences & Annual General Meetings and Geoff officially launches the event, meets Dr Cameron Jack and his wife Kelsey from Florida, and presents them with a gift from The Lighthouse! Sometimes you just have to beeeeeelieve books find the right owners!





Firm friendships and graduates from Miss Miiller's storytelling!

Look at those shiny happy faces. Miss Miiller had them all eating out of her story scripting hand by the end of term 2 workshop.

Inter-school friendships solidified and budding authors created. What a triumph! Workshops are the heart of The Lighthouse and we are thrilled at the outcomes for our young community.

Just prior to the children's final presentations, everyone was protectively anticipating a bundle of nerves that were quickly replaced by lots of smiles and giggles for firm friendships were made during the term as well!





It's a wrap...

The Intertwined hero installation held over 503 embellished disks created over the three months it was in place. It provided a back-drop for wedding photos, the TLCforTRC Charity Expo, school groups visiting, as well as blissful conversations, and more! Watch this space for an update after the artists plan to meet soon with an organisation who may provide it a 'forever' home. This outcome was always in our minds as we gave the space to the artists, and the creation of a truly community driven sculpture is surely a magnificent outcome. The gift of the space was made entirely possible because of the generosity of the [King of The Mountain Horse Race](#), and this is one of many exhibitions in 2023 directly benefiting from their donation!



The First Nations Arts + Culture Collective

NAIDOC week will be recognised and celebrated by an exhibition in The Write Gallery by First Nations artists OFFICIALLY OPENS on Sunday 2nd July, and continues with a market day on Saturday 8th July.

FIRST NATIONS
ARTS+CULTURE COLLECTIVE
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
PRESENTS...

NAIDOC WEEK

OFFICIAL OPENING SUNDAY

2ND JULY 2023

2:00PM TO 4:00PM

THE WRITE GALLERY

126 MARGARET STREET TOOWOOMBA

MARKET DAY SATURDAY 8TH JULY



Lilianah!

Well Downlands College... we nearly didn't give Lilianah back to you! We have thoroughly enjoyed having this special young writer with us for a weeks work experience, as she wrote articles, helped us document workshops, painted with an artist, read to little ones at Twinkles Book Club, reorganised books

with an artist, read to little ones at Twinkies Book Club, reorganised books AND created the Word Speak Louder poster for festival organiser Matilda Banks.

Thank you Lily for your patience, generosity, thoughtfulness and showing so much initiative and good grace in the turmoil!



Terese...

What can we say about this remarkably generous and thoughtful artist! With a stunning array of books available (an exhibition in each one!), birds, birds and more birds, and 30 years of experience as a teacher, all combines to create the most warm and welcoming experience. This coming week we have Flexi School visiting, as well as 50 children from Our Lady of Lourdes, Dalby, and as they flock to the space we know we will have a great deal to share next

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Blow me down with a feather...

Students from Toowoomba Anglican School Primary also dropped in for workshops, and they found plenty of inspiration at Birds of a Feather...





Loads of Wonderful Workshops



We have a host of new workshops coming in Term 2! Want to build a world? We've got you covered! Write your own comic? Boom, kapow, wham bam you can at The Lighthouse!

Or how about learning the art of illustration? We can bring out your inner artist! We are now taking bookings for all our workshops in Term 2. Find out more

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FLIP | FLOP - Places available!

Flip flop between Writing and Editing - write, edit, repeat 😊

You know we are fans of endowing superpowers to children. Imagine how amazing their writing would be if they could self-critic, edit, resourcefully and constructively review their own work!

Sarah Bradbury is coming in hot with a wealth of experience as a writer and editor, and is offering this FREE workshop series to young aspiring writers from upper primary years aged between 9 and 12. Interested? [Book now!](#)

KIRBY KRACKLE

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CLASSES



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TUESDAY JULY 18
3:30PM - 5PM

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AND HUME ST, TOOWOOMBA



DEAR ASPIRING YOUNG AUTHORS OF TOOWOOMBA,
ON WEDNESDAY THE 28TH OF JUNE THE LIGHTHOUSE WILL BE
FACILITATING WORDS SPEAK LOUDER, A YOUTH WRITERS FESTIVAL
FOR ANYONE LOOKING TO SIT IN ON WORKSHOPS RUN BY SOME
INCREDIBLE AUTHORS. A MASSIVE THANKS TO BOTH YA NOVELIST
CLAIRE CHRISTIAN, AND SHORT STORY WRITER THOMAS ALAN FOR
HELPING BRING THIS EVENT TO LIFE!



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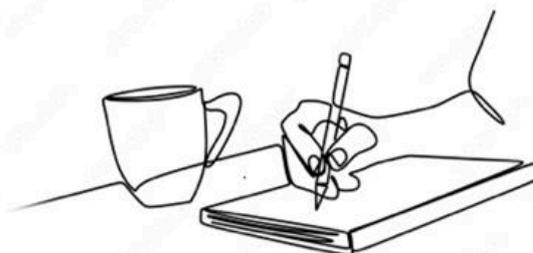


Thank you Bronteeeeeeeeeeee

We are shouting so Bronte can hear us as she heads to Melbourne! She led a very dedicated band of zine makers again in Term 2, and their work was quirky, thought-provoking, and worthy of swapping. Zines are tiny magazines that can be swapped, gifted and traded, and given the cacophony of materials used in one small space, they are riotous visually as well.

Writer's Critique Circle

6:30 - 8:30pm
6th July
The Lighthouse,
Toowoomba



Constructive critique is an essential ingredient to grow as a writer.

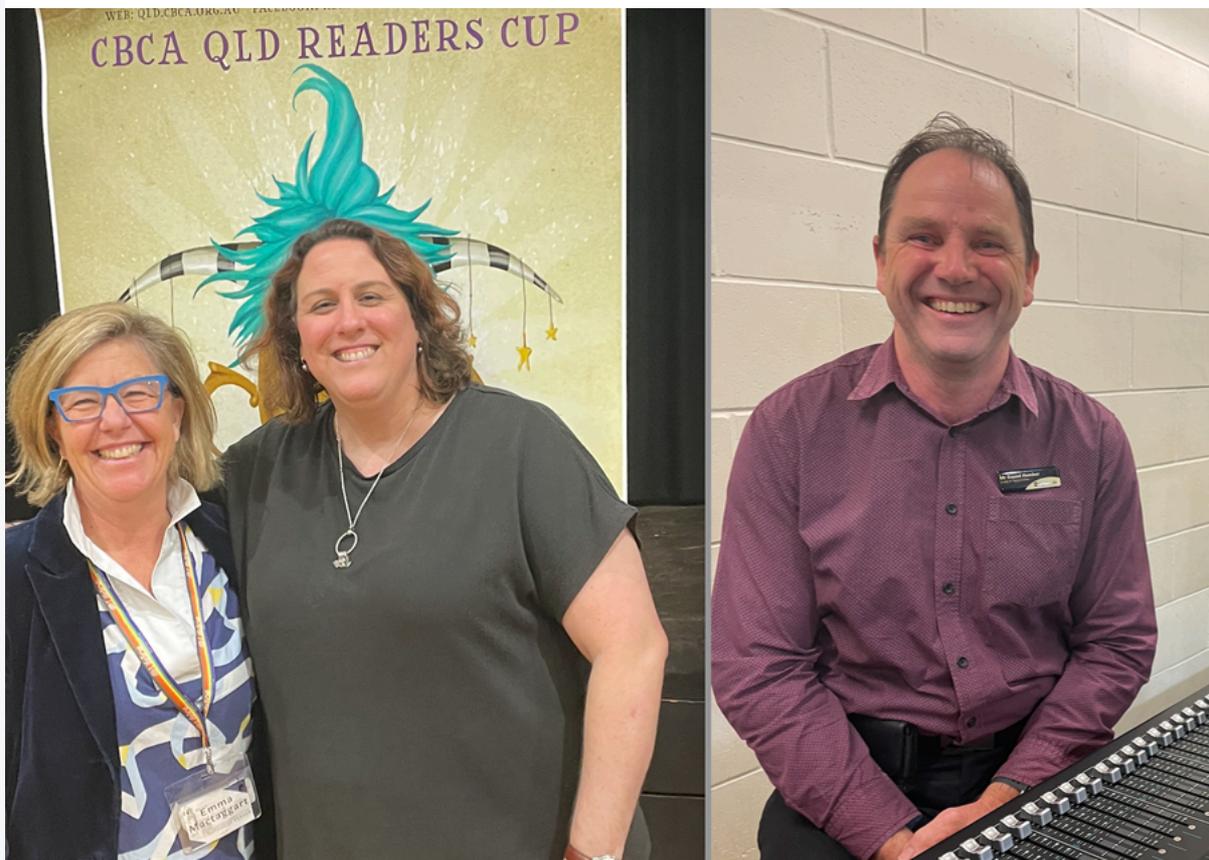
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Any level and style of writing is welcome: fiction, non-fiction, theatre, poetry, screen play, story synopses, song lyrics - whatever! However, since some of our attendees will be high school students and below, keep that in mind when selecting what material to read.

Participants will be invited to read through the pieces ahead of time, come up with helpful critiques, and discuss them at the meet up.

Submit your writing for feedback (Readers) - Complete the jotform and upload your writing excerpt by 30 June (<https://form.jotform.com/231517647843058>)



Thank YOU

Shez Morris (Teacher Librarian), Highlands Christian College (hosts of the Readers Cup event for primary and secondary schools) for the invitation to speak to over 120 students and 30 teachers and parents. 23 teams in the primary section is representative of a great deal of reading. Congratulations to GlenVale State School as the winners! To the Lead IT Danial Humber, thank you also for creating the most stunning slides for the mini-presentation. Emma did indeed run out of time prior to the event and this was such a generous, thoughtful thing to do!



Thank you!

Thankyou to Concordia and Heidi Edwards for the incredible book donation to The Lighthouse. Heid tirelessly coordinate, collated and transported the books to us and we are just so grateful!

AND thank you to the all the previous workshop participants who completed the Survey sent to your inbox last week. The responses really help us fine-tune what we are offering! It only takes 2 minutes, so if you have had a child attending workshops here at The Lighthouse and missed it, and would still like to be heard, here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8XS95LH>





One Last Thing...

To lovely not to include... A creative being creative in a creative space! Our Lighthouse friend Wadzi, presenter of her workshop Fashion 101 in 2022 and strong supporter of Twinkles on a Friday, is seen here sketching the action.

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.

We would like to say a big thank you to husband and wife Carmen and Bernie for volunteering last Friday!

And if you would like to volunteer as a reader please email

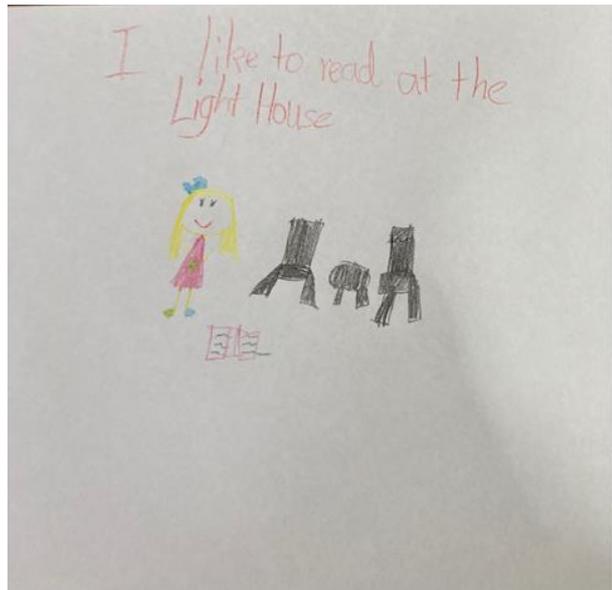
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We would love to hear your

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@thlighthousewoomba.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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