

Maroota Matters

Term 2 Week 9



One week left of lunch packing and running the morning to a timed schedule... before a little rest. It has been a very busy term and a very successful term. Great work, Maroota!

Reports

Half-yearly reports will be sent home on Monday, 26th June. This year, reports will look a little different. We have included content descriptors in English and Mathematics (what we have been/are learning) and ticks will indicate achievement of these. There will also be comments for each key learning area (subject). These comments will not be in the traditional 'storytelling' paragraph that we often spend time interpreting. Comments will tell you exactly what your students are working towards mastering or their next steps in learning. We welcome your feedback around this different style of reporting.

Athletics Carnival

What an amazing day! The weather, although initially a little brisk, ended up being perfect for our carnival. Many, many thanks must go to Maroota's own Mrs McDonell for her amazing organisation and flexibility. The carnival ran smoothly, the students performed amazingly and the pack-up was efficient. Thank you to our teachers who started at 6.30 with the set up. They certainly slept well that night!! Many thanks to our amazing P&C who cooked and served 258 sausage sandwiches... with onion! Well done, Mrs McDonell, on your tomato and barbecue sauce distribution! Thank you to Lewis and Darcey for their tireless assistance during the pack up stage. You made life a lot easier for us tired, old teachers! Having 4 schools at the event seemed rather daunting... but it certainly added to the carnival atmosphere. Plus, it was lovely to catch up with our MMWaC friends. Finally, I would like to congratulate my beautiful Maroota PS students on their exceptional behaviour and sportspersonship. Extremely proud principal, right here!

Sport in Term 3

Once again, Mrs Aylward has excelled! She has managed to secure a grant with Tennis Australia for our lucky, lucky kiddos. Next term's sport will be held on Tuesdays, so once again, sports uniform can be worn on Tuesdays and every second Wednesday (check Facebook in our 'What's On' post, the electronic board at the front of the school or Compass to find out which week Wednesday bonus sport is on for K-2 or 3-6).

Not only do we receive quality tennis coaching, we also are now the proud owners of 30 tennis racquets, a HEAP of brand new (pop that tube!) tennis balls, mini court set up markers and nets. In addition to this, Tennis Australia will fund a community celebration, following the completion of the program. Steak Sanga, anyone? Keep an eye out for details... and THANK YOU to Tennis Australia and Mrs Aylward. We. Can't. WAIT!

Taco Tuesday

Next Tuesday (27th June) there will be no Toastie Cheese Tuesday.

Don't be alarmed, though! As long as you get your order in before Monday, 26th June at 9am, your kiddos can be the lucky recipients of a one-off TACO TUESDAY LUNCH! How exciting!

Many thanks to our P&C who are organising this spicy treat. Many thanks, also, to our amazing local suppliers.

To avoid disappointment, don't forget your orders!!!!!!

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School Maintenance

You may notice some activity at the front of the school, in the coming weeks.

The Department of Education will be completing some maintenance and improvement works on our MOOSH building. Fencing will be provided very soon (if not already) and then the process of raising and underpinning the MOOSH building will be done. Most of the work will take place on weekends and in the holidays. We apologise if this work causes any inconvenience. It's very exciting to have this work taking place. We are still fighting the fight to get an OOSH care provider and are hoping for some positive news, very soon. Keep those fingers crossed!

Term 3

Friday, 30th June is the last day for students, for Term 2. We wish you a warm, relaxing and regenerative winter break. We look forward to welcoming our students back for Term 3 on Tuesday, 18th July, 2023.

Pile Burns

Thank you to Peter Kazzi, Dave Camilleri and the Maroota RFS for conducting a number of pile burns for Maroota Public School last Saturday. We appreciate you working hard to keep our school safe.

Vale Carmen Camilleri

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our beautiful neighbour, Mrs Carmen Camilleri. Mrs Camilleri had a long history with Maroota Public School. She was the mum of 4 former Maroota PS students, a scripture teacher for many years, P&C lifetime member and received our Friend of Maroota Award. The Camilleri family are staunch supporters of the Maroota Muster and have always gone above and beyond for our school.

Thanks to Mrs Camilleri, our school has two encouragement awards that are presented at our end of year presentation assembly. They are an integral part of our celebrations. We are grateful for Carmen's initiative and kindness and her recognition of and commitment to the learning of our students.

In close partnership with our amazing P&C, Maroota PS will be planting a tree and laying a plaque in Carmen's honour. We will be joined by the Camilleri family for the ceremony. We will let you know when it will take place, should you wish to join us in commemorating one of Maroota Public School's greatest supporters and advocates. Our love and thoughts go out to her family. She was a much loved and valued member of the Maroota Public School Community. She will be sorely missed.

PJs all day!

Next Friday, 30th June, 2023, we're having a day in our PJ's. There will be jammies, there will be movies, there will be popcorn! We've had such an enormous and successful first half of the year and we need to celebrate it. Maroota PS kiddos are the best around, by far! They've worked hard... it's time to PJ hard! Just remember... slippers are ok for inside... joggers are better for outside.

Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

Until next time...

Ann Smith 😊

Principal

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Medical Conditions

Following the athletics carnival, we have had an influx of students coming to the office asking for a puffer for their asthma. This is absolutely fine, of course. It is a requirement of the Department of Education, however, that each student has a Management Plan for diagnosed medical conditions, completed by their doctor and renewed by their doctor, every year. Medical conditions include asthma, all allergies and anaphylaxis, physical conditions and significant or ongoing injuries. It is a legal requirement for the school to have these plans stored onsite so that, in the event of illness, the school can react efficiently to ensure that your student gets the care that they need.

In addition to this, students are not allowed to carry medication on their person or in their bag (apart from asthma puffers). If a student requires medication at school, please bring the medication, (in its original packaging and with the pharmacist label attached) to the office where it will be stored and distributed, as prescribed. A legal document also needs to be completed by a parent or caregiver and co-signed by a staff member. This might seem excessive but it is legally required and enables the school to provide the safest care for our students.

Head lice

For what seems like the first time in a long time, head lice have raised their nasty heads. Please be vigilant in checking your children's hair and if evident, please treat head lice with one of the many commercial head lice treatments available. Remember to retreat after 7 days to be sure that the egg cycle is broken.

Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

Until next time...

Ann Smith ☺

Principal

Happy birthday to these MPS birthday buddies!!

July

20th Darcey

21st Charlie



Gardening Club

We have been planting in gardening club. Broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce in the main garden and a range of different seeds (flowers, herbs and veggies) in little pots to plant later.





Fun Outside



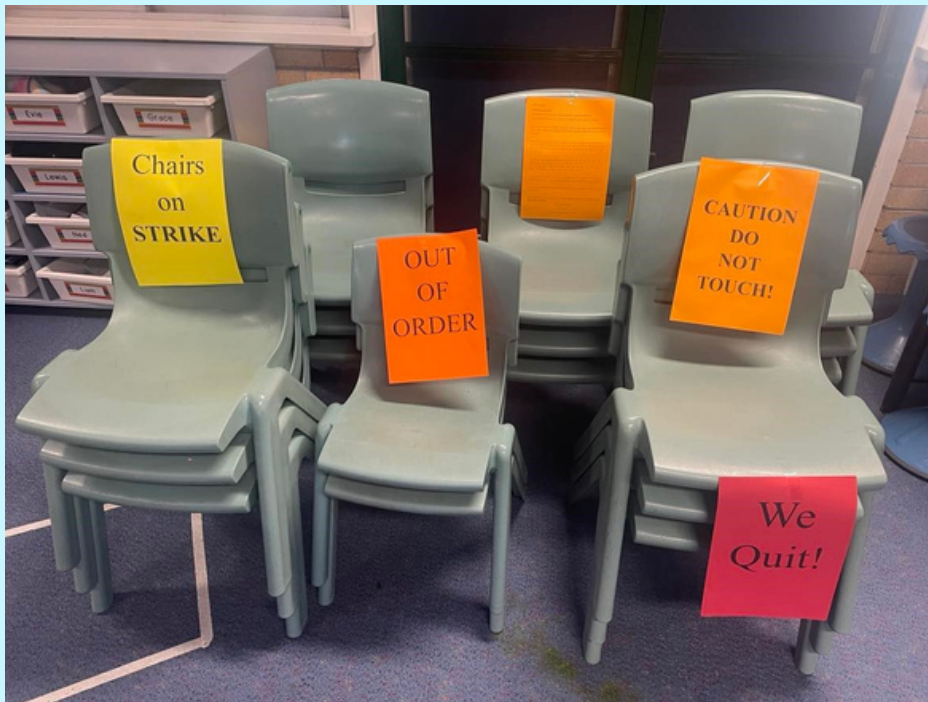
Celebrating Kindergarten's AMAZING writing



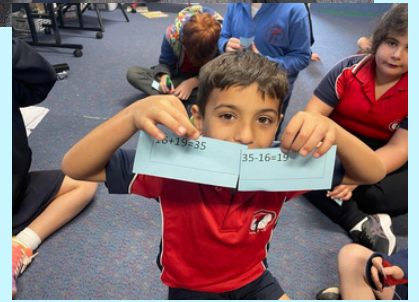
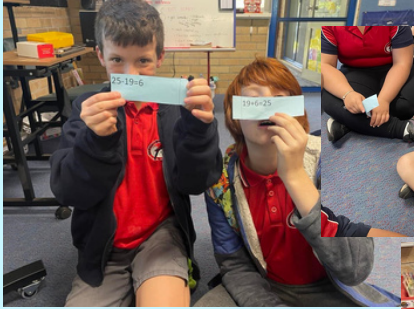
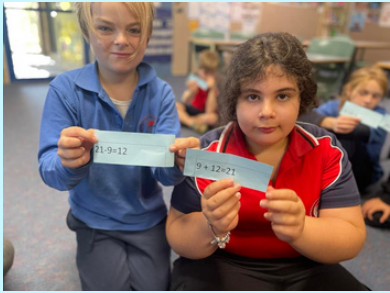




We are learning to
create equivalent
fractions by dividing
the same sized whole
into different parts



3-6 have been learning to write persuasively. One morning they entered the classroom and the chairs had gone on STRIKE! Students had to write a persuasive letter back to the chair to get them back to work.

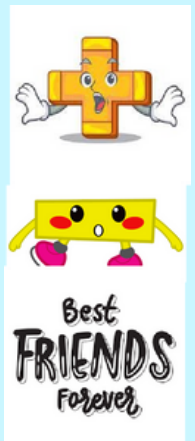


Addition \rightleftarrows Subtraction

$$2 + 4 = 6$$

$$6 - 4 = 2 \quad 6 - 2 = 4$$

We found our Best Friends Forever!



We are learning that addition and subtraction are best friends!

Addition and subtraction are inverse operations

Addition undoes subtraction and subtraction undoes addition.







Maroota Public School

Works notification | 21 June 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We are refurbishing the flooring of 2 storerooms and a library office in Building C at Maroota Public School. This work will involve working with asbestos containing material in the wall sheeting and in vinyl tiles on the floor.

The rooms are being safely used at present as the vinyl tiles and the walls are undisturbed and in good condition. The rooms will be cordoned off before the work starts.

Work to remove the asbestos containing vinyl tiles and wall sheeting will take place between Saturday 24 June and Sunday 25 June 2023.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before the work starts.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The rooms will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm they have been fully remediated, and the contractor will receive a clearance certificate before the maintenance work can continue.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances the date of the Maroota Muster has been changed to Sunday 20th August.

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SUNDAY 20 AUG 10AM - 3PM

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Getting to school and staying at school

Information for parents and caregivers

What is School Refusal?

School Refusal is a complex issue which can become a source of enormous stress for the whole family. That's why schools want to work with you to come up with a plan to support you and your child.

- Many children and adolescents are reluctant to go to school at some point, but some find it so difficult that they refuse to go.
- The term School Refusal is often used when not going is related to a worry or an anxiety.
- School Refusal can happen at any age, but seems to happen more during major changes in children's lives like beginning kindergarten or the transition from primary to high school.
- There is no single cause for School Refusal, and reasons will differ from child to child.

What might I see?

If your child has missed school twice over two weeks, especially with some of the behaviours below, this may be a pattern of School Refusal.

- Tearfulness before school or repeated pleas to stay at home.
- Tantrums, clinginess, dawdling or running away before school or during drop off.
- Frequent complaints of illness before or during school, like stomach aches, headaches, dizziness or tiredness.
- Difficulty going to school after weekends, holidays, school camps or sports days.
- Long periods spent in sick bay or otherwise out of class.

What are the impacts?

School Refusal is a serious issue and needs to be managed early. Long absences mean that children miss out on both learning and friendships.

- The pattern can very quickly become a habit and very hard to change for children and their families.
- Missing one day of school each week means 2 full months' worth of learning lost over a year. This adds up very fast.
- Missing out on education can impact a child's lifelong learning and their social and emotional development in many ways.

It is important to respond

- School Refusal can also be a sign of an emerging mental health difficulty, so it's important to respond.
- That stomach ache might not be due to a bug, but a real symptom of your child's worry about going to school.
- Research shows that every day absent in high school has an impact on numeracy.
- Frequent absences might also jeopardise your child's relationships with their friends.
- Acting early is the best way forward. Seek help as soon as you are concerned.

Find support

You might find support for you and your child through your family doctor, the school counsellor, a family friend, a community-based support worker, an Elder, or a religious or spiritual leader.

*Is your child
refusing to
attend school?*

*We really
understand that
this isn't easy!*

*Talking with
your child's
teacher is the
best place to
start*

*You might also
find it helpful to
seek support for
yourself*



Every minute counts, every day!

What can I do at home?

- Really listen to your child's concerns and fears about going to school - issues can be addressed if they're understood.
- If your child is 'feeling sick', check it out with your family doctor.
- If you're worried about their mental health, then your GP or school counsellor can be a great place to start.
- Being firm and kind in getting your child to school regularly and on time will help, including not prolonging the goodbyes.
- Praise your child's positive behaviours to reinforce their success.
- Keep up family and other activities for your child and the whole family wherever you can.
- Seek professional help for yourself and your child.

Where else can I go for help?

At school:

- Try the class teacher or year advisor, the school counsellor/school psychologist, or the school leadership team.
- If you feel you haven't yet got the support you need, don't give up - try approaching someone else at the school.

In the community:

- Your GP/family doctor, a community-based support worker, an Elder, a religious or spiritual leader, a friend or relative, are all possible options.

Useful links for families

Family Connect & Support www.familyconnectsupport.dcj.nsw.gov.au

Parent Line NSW www.parentline.org.au 1300 1300 52

Kids Help Line (5-25 years) www.kidshelp.com.au 1800 55 1800

NSW Mental Health Line 1800 011 511

headspace (12-25 years) www.headspace.org.au

Raising children Network www.raisingchildren.net.au

Well Mob www.wellmob.org.au

A local contact for support is:

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!



Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best start possible.



Your child has probably arrived just after most children as the school day starts at 9:00am.



Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day. Being late often unsettles children.



15 minutes late = 8 days lost a year



20 minutes late = 11 days lost a year



25 minutes late = 14 days lost a year

It's not just the full days off, either - Every Minute Counts!

Sometimes just a few minutes late of a morning can set your child back for the whole day - it's all lost time which they can't get back.

Sometimes children worry about their parents when not with them. Reassure your child that you'll be safe while they're at school.

If they do stay home, don't make it more fun than school. Video games, TV, toys, snacks and parental attention are all high reward items for kids.

This isn't easy for parents and you might find yourself becoming pretty frustrated. Remember, it will take patience and time to resolve this. Be open to getting support, and know that occasionally you might have to change your approach to find what will work for you and your family.

Everybody has a responsibility to help children

Families, caregivers, the student, the school and the community

- All kids in NSW must go to school by the time they turn 6.
- They must go to school or be involved in training or employment up to the age of 17.
- The law says they must attend school every day.
- If they do not go to school they will fall behind in their learning.
- Children who go to school every day do better and have more opportunities.

Missing school matters and EVERY DAY counts

If kids go to school...



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Market stalls

Workshops

Free BBQ lunch

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Join us to celebrate Aboriginal
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2-9 JULY 2023



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Celebrating NAIDOC Week 2023

Join us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and heritage from Sunday 2 to Sunday 9 July.

We have a great program of activities for you to enjoy!

Find out more at penrith.city/naidoc



Penrith NAIDOC Main Event

10am–3pm, Friday 7 July
Jamison Park, South Penrith

Council's flagship NAIDOC community event will return to Jamison Park! This fun and inclusive event will feature performances from First Nations artists, workshops, stalls, a free BBQ and more.

Nepean Hospital NAIDOC Celebration of our Elders

10am–12pm, Monday 2 July (launch event)
Nepean Hospital, South Block, Derby Street, Kingswood

Various photos of elders and artworks will be unveiled and displayed for the week. Community health centres will also participate in the visual displays throughout the week and official unveilings. Check the [Nepean Blue Mountains Aboriginal Health Facebook page](#) for updates.

NAIDOC Storytime

10.30am

Tues 27 June at St Marys Library
Wed 28 June at Penrith Library
Thur 29 June at St Clair Library

Suitable for children aged 2 to 5 years and their parents, grandparents or carer. No bookings required.

Family Film Screening – *In My Blood It Runs*

2pm, Wednesday 5 July

Penrith Library – to book click [here](#)
St Marys Library – to book click [here](#)

An intimate and compassionate observational documentary from the perspective of a 10-year-old Aboriginal boy in Alice Springs, Australia, struggling to balance his traditional Arrernte/Garrwa upbringing with a state education. Refreshments provided. Bookings essential via Eventbrite.

Interactive Display Craft Activity

Sunday 2 July to Sunday 9 July
Penrith City Library, St Marys Library, St Clair Library

Drop into any branch of the Penrith City Libraries and decorate a paper hand to be included in our NAIDOC display. No booking required.

Sharing Knowledge, Sharing Culture Twilight Markets

3pm–7pm, Friday 14 July
Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation, 51–57 Henry St, Penrith

This event shows appreciation to our elders and highlights the importance of our elders' knowledge, ensuring their wisdom is not lost but celebrated. There'll be yarns by the fire, and market stalls selling art, food and other items.

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Wednesday 12 July | 10.30am - 11.30am

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This session is specifically created for neurodiverse children and a parent/carer is required to attend.

COST: \$15.50pp* | Bookings Essential Online

*one ticket is good for child & parent/carer

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JULY 2023 SCHOOL HOLIDAY DROP IN PROGRAMS

DROP IN AND DISCOVER

Explore your creativity in this interactive session.

Bring your colouring page to life with Quiver, use your construction skills with magnets, check out our craft kits, and more!

When: Friday 7 July, 10am–12pm

Where: Berowra Library

When: Tuesday 11 July, 10am–12pm

Where: Hornsby Library

When: Wednesday 12 July, 10am–12pm

Where: Pennant Hills Library

Age: 5–12 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings not required. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for a fun, interactive session filled with stories and songs.

When: Thursday 13 July, 10am

Where: Hornsby Library

Age: 0–7 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings not required. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



For further information on these events
and more events in your library visit
hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

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JULY 2023 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S EVENT



THE DINOSAUR SHOW

A visual and musical feast for any little dinosaur lover!

Who is stealing the Dinosaur eggs? Help Tappy solve the mystery with the help of his friends! Join in the fun with the wild wacky dinosaur family as Tapejara the Pterosaur (Tappy) takes children on this exciting adventure. A simple storyline by Julie Zommers, with loads of action and involvement for the children. It's a visual and musical feast for any little dinosaur lover!

When: Wednesday 5 July, 11am-12pm

Where: Pennant Hills Library

When: Thursday 6 July, 10.30am-11.30am

Where: Hornsby Library

Age: 2-7 years

Cost: \$5

Bookings: Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

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NAIDOC WEEK CHILDREN'S EVENT

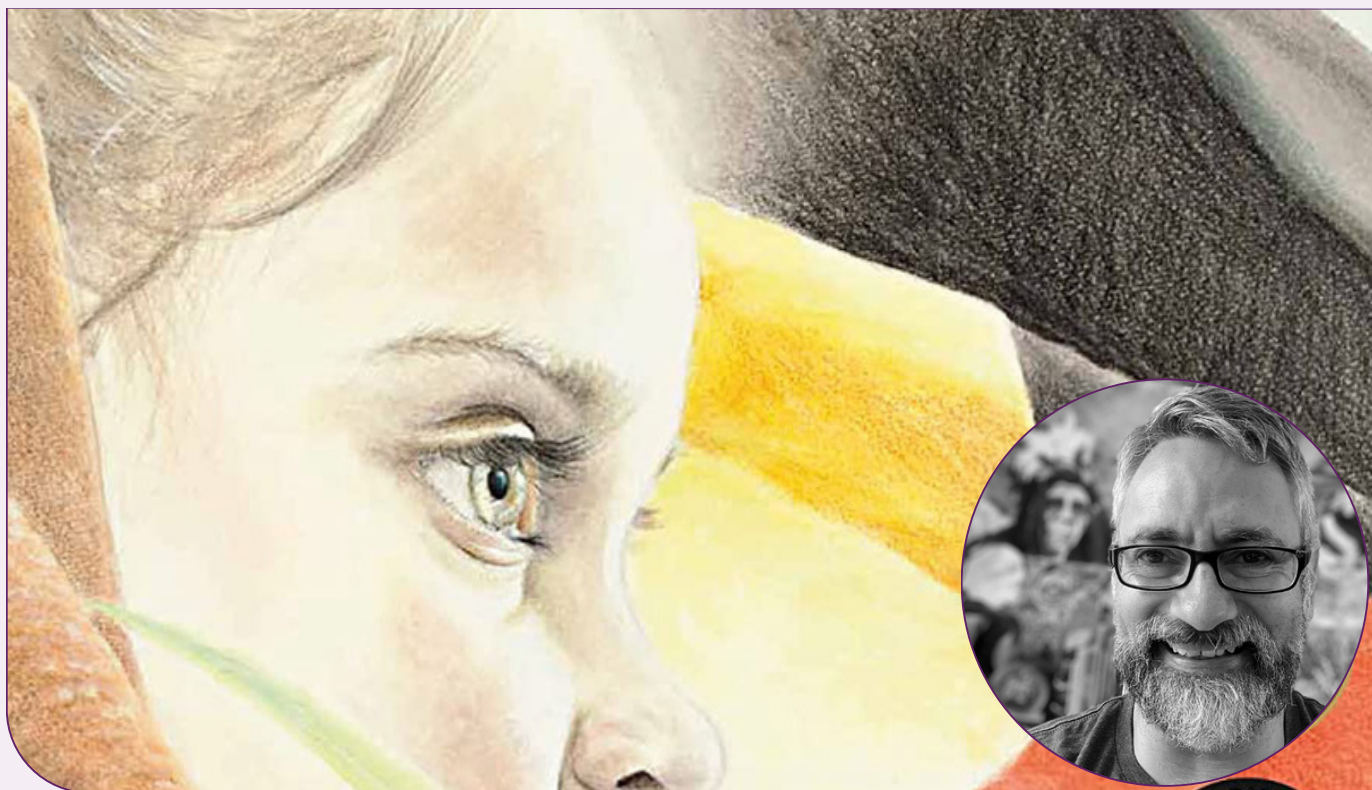


ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP WITH INDIGENOUS ARTIST DUB LEFFLER

Do you enjoy drawing?

Have you ever wondered what goes into illustrating a book? Join award winning children's illustrator Dub Leffler to learn drawing techniques, the illustration process and an insight into the life of an illustrator.

Descended from the Bigambul people of South-West Queensland, Dub Leffler is Australia's Premiere Indigenous illustrator of Children's literature. He has written two books for children & has illustrated over 27 titles including the much lauded *Once There was a Boy* and *Sorry Day*. Dub's work is known and held in collections around the world Including The Library of Congress in the U.S His current works include *The Beautiful Night*, written by Carl & Hakea Merrison (Hachette 2023), and *Walking Together* written by Coral Vass (Scholastic).

When: Tuesday 4 July

~~10am-11am,~~

ages 10-12 **11.30am-12.30pm,**

~~1pm-2pm~~ **1pm-2pm**

Where: Hornsby Library

Cost: Free

Bookings: Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings essential. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library



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