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Welcome to Week 34 at The Lighthouse Toowoomba.

We have had a busy, deeply rewarding, incredibly wild and busy fortnight! We had over 250 children in The Write Gallery for [Caroline Magerl Book Links - The Centre for Children's Literature](#) exhibition, performances by [Camerata - Queensland's Chamber Orchestra](#), special guests from [Mort & Co](#) and [King Of The Mountain Horse Race](#). It was fantastically fulfilling, exhausting and incredible all at the same time.

Intertwined Begins

Our first major exhibition for 2023 is coming together! After months of work

behind the scenes it was exciting to have Taryn Walker discuss details of the exhibition with Garth Hamilton at The Lighthouse this week. This is truly one not to miss - dive in now and register your interest if you would like to get your school involved! Send an email to hello@thelighthousewoomba.org



Camerata

Camerata came and visited us on Tuesday 18th October, and it was even more magical than we anticipated!

We are just so grateful for the incredible support from [Toowoomba Region](#) with a community support grant for the workshop that allowed children to create an instrument and then perform with the Queensland Chamber Orchestra! We had a room full of budding musicians and their families taking part in this incredible experience!

A big thank you to Camerata too for coming to the party - literally!



Concordia kids and Piano Fingers

"Thank you for a wonderful experience! Our students absolutely loved the activities and the opportunity to be 'free-range children'. Oh to have a space like this on campus!" P-2, Hume Street Campus, Concordia Lutheran Collage.

Is there much better feedback than that?

Concordia Kids joined us in The Write Gallery for the Piano Fingers exhibition

and classical music. Like our Grammar friends did last week, they too took to the floor with chalk and drew some of their own fabulous illustrations!



1000 Books!

Can you believe we've rehomed over 1000 books - 1000! - to children in the community. This excites us so much because it is what we are all about promoting and sharing a love of literacy.

Our one-way library offers free books available to keep for as long as you need them. Otherwise known as Humboldt's bookshelf we are so lucky to be supported by our wonderful community through constant donations to this space. If you have any children's books you are looking to rehome - we always have room for more books at The Lighthouse!



A lovely little loan

Mandy Scott from Washed on James bought in this rapturous relic last week for us to display in our stairwell. Mandy's father made the model plane and it's a true beauty from yesteryear. It has already drawn squeals of delight from some of our visitors - both young and old!

We thank the Scott family for letting us look after this treasure for the foreseeable future, and thank you to Mark Ross and Mac Ross for installing it with a smile.



Raising money for kids' cancer research



Write a Book in a Day

We are delighted to share details of

The Kid's Cancer Project Write a Book in a Day project. The final chapter has been written for Write a Book in a Day 2022.

Over the last four months, 1565 teams have taken on the challenge to Write a Book in a Day! Schools and writing groups across Australia wrote a book in just 12 hours, to be shared with a child in hospital, with sponsorship funds raised supporting research into better treatments for childhood cancer. Our amazing judging panel have made their final decisions! Stay tuned for the Winner Announcement on 9 November.

Our own Emma Mactaggart was part of the judging panel for illustrations and joined, Chloe Mauger, Maddy Proud, Margot Lindgren, Marita Smith, Mick Elliot, Will Kostakis, Felicia Harris and Nat Amore in helping decide the winner.

If you would like to be part of the 2023 Write a Book in a Day registrations open 1 May 2023. Click [here](#) to find out more about the project.

Dates For Your Diary:



In Conversation

Nette Hilton
CBCA Judge, artist, and author with artist,
illustrator, and author
Caroline Magerl

In conversation as the final event celebrating the
Book Links Exhibition 'Piano Fingers'

SUNDAY, 30TH OF OCTOBER
11AM
THE WRITE GALLERY
126 MARGARET STREET TOOWOOMBA



WordFest Junior Zine Workshop -
bookings open now

Friday 4th November 5:30pm to
7:30pm. All materials supplied, bring
own snacks and drinks. Book:
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A poster for a 'Wonderful Wand Workshop'. The background is a light purple circle with a teal border, surrounded by small blue stars. The text 'WONDERFUL WAND WORKSHOP' is written in a pink, stylized font. Below it, in a smaller black font, it says 'JOIN US TO MAKE MAGIC WANDS AND WEAVE MAGIC WORDS. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO DESIGN AND BUILD THEIR OWN WAND OUT OF CRAFT MATERIALS AS WELL AS PLAYING WORD GAMES.' A large, diagonal blue stamp reads 'FULLY BOOKED!'. At the bottom, it says 'WORKSHOP IS SUITABLE FOR 8 TO 10 YEAR OLDS.', 'SATURDAY, 12TH OF NOVEMBER', '10:30AM TO 12:30PM', 'REGISTER ONLINE AT', and 'HTTPS://WWW.THELIGHTHOUSEWOOMBA.ORG/'. An illustration of a hand holding a wand is in the top right.

A poster for a 'Yalari Pay It Forward Fundraising Art Show'. The background is a colorful, abstract pattern of concentric circles made of small dots in blue, red, white, and yellow. The text 'YALARI PAY IT FORWARD' is in white, and 'Fundraising Art Show' is in a large, blue, stylized font. Below this, it lists 'DATE: 2 November 2022', 'VENUE: The Write Gallery, 126 Margaret Street, Toowoomba', and 'TIME: 6 - 8pm'. A white box contains the text: 'Come and join us for your chance to purchase an original Yalari student artwork and other artworks kindly donated by families and supporters. Lots of styles, lots of colour and lots of passion will be displayed in the artworks. Money raised will go towards the Yalari Pay It Forward Program to sponsor another Yalari student in 2023.' At the bottom, it says 'Kindly hosted by The Lighthouse, Toowoomba' and 'Organised by Yalari Year 10 students at The Glennie School'.



And just one more thing...

Praise for our intern Emma Mort who took the initiative to set up the Lighthouse for a days action (when Emma was running late), and then settled in to read to a handful of

toddlers for Twinkles Book Club.

We are so PROUD of Emma Mort! She is spending a little less time with us as she embarks on a TAFE course but we still get a good dose of her company. Thank goodness because empathy is her superpower, and she is hilariously funny! She has grown over the last year to become the young woman who will embrace all that the future holds, with confidence, courage, and a very sincere and gorgeous smile.

And thank goodness she had already been promoted and had a key!





Thank you!

Emma was a guest speaker for the Inner Wheel meeting at the invitation of Club President Sandra Martin. The 'thank you' gift of new children's books for the One-Way Library was gratefully received. It was wonderful to share an insight in to a day in the life of The Lighthouse Toowoomba, and to catch up with Wendy Coombs and Lyn Merry who have both already generously donated books.

Each week books make their way to us to be re-homed, and our constant happy challenge is to get them into the hands of children who need them! The Department of Child Safety gather up books for all their children each month for birthdays, and a huge bundle went this week to the Wilstonton Early Years Network.

It is also with huge relief to know the school that had a 'do not lend' list has changed this policy. If you know of a school that is haemorrhaging books beyond their normal replacement budget, please let us know and we will do what we can to help.



Creative101 - Fashion Drawing with Wadzi Chikwira

We were so grateful Wadzi was happy to test an idea for us - a creative class for adults as a possible fundraiser for The Lighthouse. With a cheery band of willing testers, Wadzi shared her passion for fashion and everyone dabbled with fashion drawing. We are onto something! Can't wait to bring you a full program of joy in 2023.



**Are you having a fit
that it's almost**

November...

Which means it will soon be December at which point you will have even less time to get organised for Christmas!

Let The Lighthouse Toowoomba's quirky merchandise range come to your rescue with our groovy gifts and stocking fillers! Our gallery posters appeal to all with every star sign covered...Or give someone a Little Fit to help them cope with the frenetic pace of the festive season. Pop in and say hello over the coming week and pick yourself up some presents with personality!



Keep us in mind... our little stall of wacky quirky Christmas gifts will be at The **Farmers Markets on Saturday 26th November**. Thank you to the tireless organiser Robyn for squeezing us in! 100% of the proceeds will go directly to free workshops for children in 2023 and we guarantee our gift ideas are very, very original!

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 9am and 10am

