



A world class writers festival  
on the Central Coast.

**JUNE 12 & 13, 2021**



**Primary School Program 2021**

# Youth as Warriors of Change

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Friday 11th June 2021



The first Words on the Waves Writer Festival will be held on the scenic Central Coast with a diverse range of authors and illustrators coming together to celebrate writing, literature, and Australia's cultural and environmental future.

The Schools Program presented in partnership with SCBWI is a wonderful opportunity for students to meet their favourite authors and illustrators and talk about big ideas. We want to inspire students to think about the world that they live in, and how they can make a positive impact through their words and actions. Central Coast kids will learn what authors and illustrators do, hear amazing stories, ask questions and get creative with hands-on writing and illustration workshops.

**Tickets \$5 per student per session (inc. GST) – Sessions Limited to 100 students**  
**All sessions suitable for Grades 3 - 6**

Dates and Venues	Timetable
Friday 11th June, 2021 Primary Program (Suitable for students grades 3-6)  Jasmine Green (JG) Umina Beach and Umina Beach SLSC (UB)	<b>Arrive:</b> 9.30am <b>Morning Sessions x2:</b> 10.30am – 11.30am <b>Mid-Morning Sessions x2:</b> 11.30 – 12.15pm <b>Book Signings and Lunch Break:</b> 12.30pm – 1pm <b>Afternoon sessions x 2:</b> 1.15pm – 2pm

# Program

## MORNING SESSIONS

<p><b>9.45 am</b> Jasmine Green</p>	<p><b>WELCOME TO COUNTRY WITH LOCAL ELDERS</b></p>
<p><b>10am – 10:20am</b> Jasmine Green</p> 	<p><b>“READ FOR YOUR LIFE”</b> <b>Australian Children’s Laureate 2020-21 Ursula Dubosarsky</b></p>
<p><b>10:30am – 11:15am</b> Jasmine Green 1A</p> 	<p><b>THERE WAS A HUM OF EXCITEMENT!</b> <b>With Dub Leffler</b></p> <p>The importance of Australia’s Indigenous cultures. Join talented illustrator storyteller Dub Leffler for an entertaining session on the importance of understanding culture and connecting to and honouring heritage.</p> <p>Dub reads from his book <i>There was a Boy and Sorry Day</i> by Carol Vass illustrated by Dub Leffler, Dub talks about art to share the value of storytelling, reveals what we can gain by actively listening to stories and communities different to our own, and demonstrates how by doing this, the world becomes a better place.</p> <p>General Capabilities: Literacy, Critical and Creative thinking, Ethical Understanding, Intercultural Understanding</p>

**10:30am –  
11:15am**  
Umina Beach  
SLSC 1B



## STORIES THAT CHANGE THE WORLD

**With Susanne Gervay**

What is fiction? What is non-fiction? How does fiction and non-fiction connect to create story that reveals truth and changes the world? The journey to create, Susanne's new novel 'Heroes of the Secret Underground' reveals the power of non-fiction to inform fiction. It reveals the heroism of young people and challenges them to critically think about their world.

General Capabilities: Literacy, Critical and Creative Thinking, Personal and Social Understanding

**11:30am –  
12:15pm**  
Jasmine Green 2A



## SEA MONSTERS, FLYING MACHINE AND FLOODED CITIES

**With Deb Abela**

Deb Abela's anger about inaction against climate change inspired her to write Grimsdon, a novel about kids living in a flooded city, with sea monsters, flying machines and a feisty, sword-wielding female hero. Kids loved it and harassed her to write New City, and after even more kid harassment, she wrote the third and last book, Final Storm.

Deb will focus on the issues that inspired the novels, the research and how this led to key characters and events. She'll also discuss some innovative ways we are now acting to take care of the planet. Studied widely in Australian schools, the series forms an entertaining literature base to springboard students to learn more about this global, important issue.

General Capabilities: Literacy, Critical and Creative Thinking, Ethical Understanding

**11:30am – 12:15pm**  
Umina Beach  
SLSC 2B



## A THAI-RIFFIC! JOURNEY

**With Oliver Phommavanh**

Join Oliver as he takes the students on a journey of writing his Thai-riffic! book. Students will get an insight into two main characters, Lengy a Thai kid and Mr Winfree, his crazy English teacher. They'll discover how much of the book is true. Oliver uses his teacher and stand-up comedian experience to bring out the funny side of writing. Students find out where story ideas come from and how easy it is to write wacky and silly stories. There's fun and a dash of drama in this interactive and entertaining talk.

General Capabilities: Literacy, Critical and Creative Thinking, Intercultural Understanding

### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

**1:15pm – 2pm**  
Jasmine Green 3A



## SHARE YOUR SMILE

**With Yvette Poshoglian**

Have you ever thought about telling your own story, true or imagined? Are you interested in writing, drawing, or both? If the answers are yes, then this fun and interactive session with award-winning author Yvette Poshoglian. Learn how to brainstorm ideas, make lists, incorporate your own photos and drawings, and use your imagination like never before to tell your own unique story. Students to bring a book and pen ready to start creating.

General capabilities Literacy, Personal and Social Capability

**1:15pm – 2pm**  
Umina Beach  
SLSC 3B



## FOR THOSE WHO PLANT TREES

**With Kirli Saunders and Dub Leffler**

For those who plant trees, this session explores climate, bushfires, and healing. Written from the point of view of 11-year-old, Bindi and her friends on Gundungurra Country. Author Kirli Saunders and illustrator Duff Leffler talk about the book.

General Capabilities: Literacy, Critical and Creative thinking, Ethical Understanding, Intercultural Understanding

# How to Book

The Primary School Program goes live on Monday 2 November 2020.  
All sessions are \$5 per student. All sessions have a 100 student LIMIT.  
All sessions suitable for Grades 3 - 6.

Teachers/Guardians: Free entry when accompanying students.

Teacher/Guardian supervision is required at all sessions.

If parents are bringing small groups you are expected to remain for the duration of the session.

## To register your interest:

- Contact: Jacqui Barton 0459783200
- Email: [schools@wordsonthewaves.com.au](mailto:schools@wordsonthewaves.com.au)

# The Authors

## Dub Leffler

Dub Leffler is a descendent from the Bigambul people of South-West Queensland, now living on the Central Coast Dub Leffler is one of Australia's most sought-after illustrators of children's literature. As well as an illustrator, Dub is the author of two children's books and is currently illustrating his 25th title. Dub's work has afforded him travel to places such as remote Australia, Europe, Indonesia and America, and his illustrations are in the permanent collection of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

## Susanne Gervay

Susanne Gervay OAM awarded the Social Justice Literature Award by International Literacy Association writes for all ages, tackling the great issues of our time - feminism with *Shadows of Olive Trees*, disability *Butterflies*, harmony *Elephants Have*

Wings, bullying I Am Jack books, vision The Boy in the Big Blue Glasses, Heroes of the Secret Underground championing young people. [www.sgervay.com](http://www.sgervay.com)

### **Deb Abela**

Deb Abela is an internationally published and awarded author of 27 books, including her cranky climate change trilogy, Grimsdon, New City and Final Storm. Her family's survival in WW2 inspired Teresa A New Australian. The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee and The Most Marvellous Spelling Bee Mystery are dedicated to Deb's grade 4 teacher, who sparked her love of words. Her picture books are Wolfie, An Unlikely Hero and Bear in Space. Deb's won many awards but mostly hopes to be as brave as her characters.

[www.deborahabela.com](http://www.deborahabela.com)

### **Yvette Poshoglian**

Yvette Poshoglian is the bestselling author of over 30 books for children and young readers. She writes the wildly popular Ella and Olivia series (23 books and counting!), the Frankie Fox Girl Spy books, The Puppy Diaries and has written historical fiction including My Australian Story: Escape from Cockatoo Island. Yvette is an English Teacher and a regular guest and panel host at writers' festivals and continues to work in schools with both students and teachers in the area of creative writing, storytelling and literacy. She is proud to be an ambassador for the Books in Homes charity.

<https://www.yvetteposh.com>

### **Oliver Phommavanh**

Oliver Phommavanh loves to make people laugh, whether it's on the page writing humour for kids or on stage as a stand-up comedian. He also shares his passion for writing with kids, using his experience as a primary school teacher. Oliver has performed at various comedy and writers festivals around Australia and Asia.

## Kirli Saunders

Kirli Saunders is a proud Gunai Woman and an award-winning international Children's Author and Poet as well as a Teacher, and emerging Artist. She created and led Red Room Poetry's Poetry in First Languages program from its conception until July 2020. Her debut picture book *The Incredible Freedom Machines* was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Awards and CBCA notables. Her poetry collection, *Kindred* was shortlisted for the ABIA 2020 Book Awards and FAB Booktopia Awards. She is the inaugural winner of the Daisy Utemorra Award and University of Canberra ATSI Poetry prize (2019). She is an esteemed judge for the Val Vallis Poetry Prize. Kirli is the 2020 NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year.

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