Ticketing Info

Cost: All sessions $5 per student.

Funded Placements: 10% of all sessions will be offered gratis to disadvantaged children and youth, as identified by their schools, to ensure accessibility and equity.

Workshop Info

For all sessions and workshops, a notepad and pen are recommended. All sessions will benefit all grades. For 'best suitable' recommendations, see session information.

How to Book

Email Fiona at schools@wordsonthewaves.com.au

Or call 0412 985 909 to register your interest

Or complete the online expression of interest here:

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Please note this does not guarantee your booking. After completing this form, you will be contacted to discuss confirmation details.

How to Purchase Books

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When Fish Fly:
The Power of Possibility

THURSDAY JUNE 1 2023

This year's theme, *When Fish Fly: The Power of Possibility*, was chosen to illustrate how wonder and curiosity is always present in our ever-changing world. Possibility gives hope. It allows us to wonder and question, and enables young adults to think for themselves.

Our 2023 selection of curated presenters have created thought-provoking and enlightening worlds for their audiences filled with possible, the impossible – and perhaps new possibilities. We hope you and your students enjoy a flight of imagination through this year's exciting program.

Rawah Arja is an acclaimed writer and teacher from Western Sydney. Her first YA book, *The F Team*, has been shortlisted for multiple awards including the Prime Minister's Literary Award. Her writing has featured in *Second City: Essays From Western Sydney, Arab, Australian, Other*, SBS Voices and the Sydney and Melbourne Writer's Festival.

Zana Fraillon is an internationally acclaimed, multi-award-winning author of twelve books for children and young adults, including *The Way of Dog*, *The Lost Soul Atlas,* and *The Bone Sparrow*. Her passion for empowering young people to find their voice is a feature of both her books and her work with writers of all ages.

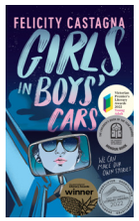
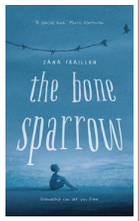
Felicity Castagna was a high school teacher for many years. Her most recent book, *Girls In Boys' Cars* was an Honours Book for the 2022 CBCA Awards and received The Victorian and Queensland Premier's Literary Award for YA. Felicity is currently a creative writing lecturer at Western Sydney University.

Jeremy Lachlan was born and raised on Wiradjuri country, in Griffith, NSW. His first-in-series debut novel, *Jane Doe and the Cradle of All Worlds*, was the 2019 Australian Book Industry Award Book of the Year for Older Children and has been published in over 15 countries and in nine languages.

Gary Lonesborough is a proud Yuin man from the Far South Coast of NSW. Gary's experience includes youth work, the youth justice system and Aboriginal health. He worked on the film adaptation of Jasper Jones. Gary's debut YA novel, *The Boy From the Mish*, was shortlisted for the CBCA's Older Readers 2022.

Samera Kamaleddine is a former journalist, writing about everything from friendship dramas and school bullies to body confidence. Now a children's and youth librarian, her debut YA novel *Half My Luck* was published after winning the 2020 Matilda Prize. *The Sideways Orbit of Evie Hart* (middle grade) releases May 2023.

Samantha Turnbull worked as an ABC multi-media journalist for many years before writing and producing kids' content including the *Fierce Girls* podcast. Sam is a multi-award winning slam poet who has performed across the country including being four-time state finalist in the Australian Poetry Slam.

TIME		AUTHOR TALK	LEARNING AREAS/GC	COST
WORKSHOP *Capped at 25 students* **9.45 – 10.45 am**		**Love Words** *Rawah Arja* Join popular teacher, author and mentor Rawah Arja for an engaging writing workshop. Students will discover ways to express ideas clearly and creatively, and to find joy in the process. **SUITABLE FOR GRADES 7-9**	*Learning areas:* English *General Capabilities:* Critical & Creative Thinking, Literacy, Intercultural Understanding	**$5**
AUTHOR TALK **10 – 10.45 am**		**Lights in the Darkness** *Zana Fraillon & Felicity Castagna* In the context of multicultural Australia, explore writing wonder into hardship and chances into change with our two award-winning authors. **SUITABLE FOR GRADES 10-12** 	*Learning areas:* English *General Capabilities:* Critical & Creative Thinking, Intercultural Understanding, Personal & Social Capability	**$5**
AUTHOR TALK **11 – 11.45 am**		**Transformative** *Jeremy Lachlan* Jeremy found more in the Cairo Museum than ancient relics. He found a pyramid of 'What Ifs.' Discover how literally getting lost can find your literary way home. **SUITABLE FOR GRADES 7-9**	*Learning areas:* English *General Capabilities:* Critical & Creative Thinking, Literacy	**$5**
12 – 12.45 pm		**LUNCH & BOOK SIGNINGS**		
AUTHOR TALK **1 – 1.45 pm**		**Wings of Change** *Gary Lonesborough & Samera Kamaleddine* What changes occur through the course of a good novel? Explore how writing the hard stuff and sharing diverse perspectives changes our world one page at a time. **SUITABLE FOR GRADES 10-12**	*Priorities:* Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Histories & Culture *Learning areas:* English, History *General Capabilities:* Personal & Social Capability, Critical & Creative Thinking, Intercultural Understanding	**$5**
WORKSHOP *Capped at 25 students* **1 – 2 pm**		**Flying Free: Words with Wings** *Samantha Turnbull* How does language change when read aloud? Bring your punctuation, pronunciation and poetic licence and reveal hidden strengths lifting poetry from page to stage. **SUITABLE FOR GRADES 10-12**	*Learning areas:* English, Drama *General Capabilities:* Critical & Creative Thinking, Literacy	**$5**