



Kids' Corner

September 2019

The secret powers of authors, illustrators and readers were spread far and wide throughout Australia during **CBCA Book Week 2019** - a time to celebrate not only those books that won the CBCA Kids' Book of the Year Award categories, but also the excellence of countless stories that are created and shared every year. Special thanks to the six STEPS schools in Western Sydney who host and share a yearly **STEPS to Picture Book Forum**. The annual **CBCA NSW Branch Kids' Book of the Year Award event** showcased the shortlisted books for both Older and Younger Readers, as well as energy and enthusiasm from guests **Sue Whiting**, **Jules Faber**, and the reading teams from 12 schools.

Often our 'secret powers' include caring for others as in **RU OK? Day on September 12** and keeping our world in perspective on **World Peace Day on September 21**. Officially, CBCA Book Week is once a year, but stories in print and in life always shape who we are. Read on with **Australian Reading Hour September 19**. Happy reading always! Cheers - Jackie & Morrie.



THE RESULTS ARE HERE...

CONGRATULATIONS

CBCA 2019 Book Of the Year Award Winners



How many winning titles did you guess?

UPCOMING



September 12



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
21 SEPTEMBER 2019

September 21

STEPS FORUM

Primary and high schools in the STEPS FORUM create discussions, artworks and book trailers based on books in the various CBCA Book of the Year categories. **See more inside.**

BOOK OF THE YEAR EVENT

Book reviews at the CBCA NSW Branch Kids Book of the Year Award event kept us guessing 'which books will win?', right up until the grand announcement. **Read more about the event.**





A-I-R CREATES SECRET POWERS

The secret powers of **AUTHORS, ILLUSTRATORS** and **READERS** were spread far and wide throughout Australia as part of CBCA Book Week 2019. This issue catches up with some of the activities that transformed our libraries. We celebrate award books AND the excellence of all stories that are created and shared every year.

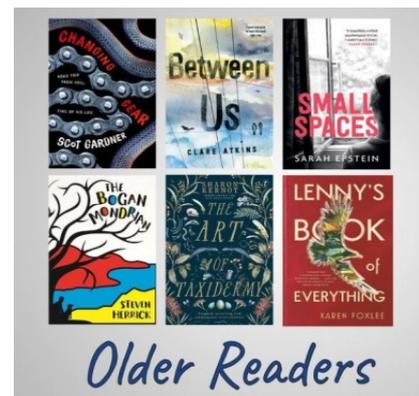
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Neighbouring primary and high schools in the **STEPS to PICTURE BOOKS FORUM** created discussions, artworks and book trailers based on books in the various award categories.

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BITS OF BOOK WEEK



BOYA = CBCA BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS

488 entries were submitted for the CBCA 2019 Book of the Year Awards titles, including more than 100 from first-time creators. They covered topics as diverse as consumerism, the environment, refugees, reconciliation, asylum seekers, social issues and more.

See the **CBCA WINNERS and HONOUR BOOKS** for each category on display at <https://www.cbca.org.au/winners-2019>, and see comments on the list at <https://cbca.org.au/Contents/Item/Display/5005>.

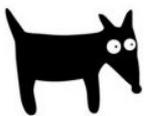
READ ON and ON . . . September is a perfect time to catch up on other great books with activities and lists from other awards:



- **PRC** - Although the **NSW Premier's Reading Challenge for 2019** is finishing, remember to check the booklists for great suggestions for your ongoing reading. Start reading now for the next PRC Reading Challenge. You can find the booklists at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>, and catch up with the author videos at <https://digital.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-reading-challenges/author-videos/2019>.

- **The shortlists for the 2019 INKY AWARDS** have been announced - <https://inkyawardsblog.insideadog.com.au/2019-inky-awards-shortlist/>.

Stop press - Winners just announced! - <https://insideadog.com.au/2019-inky-award-winners/>.



INSIDEadOG

The awards are presented for local and international fiction, poetry, anthologies and graphic novels written for young adults. Winners will be announced in September.

The titles shortlisted for the Gold Inky Award (for an Australian book) are:

Hive - A J Betts, (Pan)

A Thousand Perfect Notes - C G Drews (Orchard Books)

Amelia Westlake - Erin Gough (Hardie Grant Egmont)

*****Whisper - Lynette Noni (Pantera) WINNER!!!**

After the Lights Go Out - Lili Wilkinson (A&U)

- **AUSTRALIAN READING HOUR - September 19**

The **Australian Reading Hour** will take place on Thursday, 19 September. The premise is simple – join the rest of Australia in picking up a book at any time of the day or night and read for an hour. See

<https://www.alia.org.au/ideas-campaigns-and-events-your-library/australian-reading-hour>.



EVENTS - WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Often, our "secret powers" include caring for others, as in September 12

RUOK? DAY™

A conversation could change a life.

ASK, and help make a difference to someone.

Some kids are smarter than you. Some kids have cooler clothes than you. Some are better at sports than you. It doesn't matter.



You have your thing too. Be the kid who can get along. Be the kid who is generous. Be the kid who is happy for other people. Be the kid who does the right thing.

Be the NICE kid.

[mural, St Clair HS library]

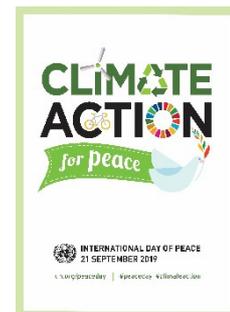
"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

- Jane Goodall -



Greta Thunberg with Jane Goodall

... and keeping our world in perspective on World Peace Day on September 21



BOOK WEEK GLENWOOD HS - Big and little readers



Young readers from Glenwood **Goodstart Early Learning Centre** pre-school visited **Glenwood High School Library** to meet up with reading buddies from Year 10 Child Studies to share reading. Groups were encouraged to bring their favourite stories in from home or borrow from the stacks of picture books in the library. There were lots of pre-event discussions around reading ages, interest, suitability, choice, current selections, comfort, time available etc.

The senior students 'loved the activity, using voices and seeing learning happening'. Some readers had experience creating their own stories. Plans for follow up and future liaison between GHS and Goodstart are being finalised.

- Radha Achar, Teacher librarian, GHS

The **STEPS TO PICTURE BOOKS FORUM** is a celebration of Australian picture books with the six schools of the STEPS (St Clair - Erskine Park) learning community and the CBCA NSW Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia.

Each reading team adopted a book from any of the CBCA Book Week categories that include pictures plus text.



Clairgate PS Reading Team

They presented summary comments, created book trailers, devised art works and shared extra discussion. Naomi and Christine, from Lewers' Penrith Regional Gallery, attended with members of the STEPS learning communities.

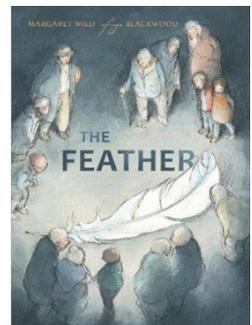
Audience participation was very animated and proved the value of extra and unique stories including **THE MEDITERRANEAN**, **WAVES** and, of course, **THE ALL NEW MUST HAVE ORANGE 430**.

The Forum has become a Book Week tradition in which reading teams from the STEPS schools showcase Australian picture books that have been shortlisted for 2019 CBCA Book Week. Each team really did shine at the forum with original thinking, perceptive comments and an obvious love of story - secret powers all round! It gives everyone a chance to discover a real feel for how words, picture and readers all join to make a story.

BLACKWELL PS ~ THE FEATHER - Margaret Wild and Freya Blackwood, Illustrator (Hardie Grant Egmont)



The silky white feather was found in the woods by two children - Maria and Nico. Greed had made the feather dark, dull and lifeless but love and kindness restored the magic, light and freedom back to the feather- to fly, to soar, and to be free.



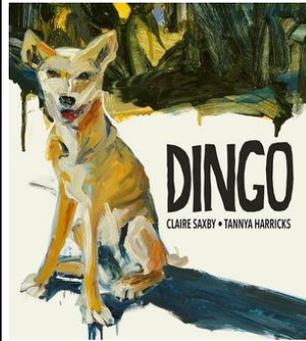
BANKS PS ~ DINGO - Clare Saxby and Tannya Harricks, Illustrator (Magabala)

Arvind and Olivia . . . We listened to **the different speakers** and it **made me feel happy and intrigued**. We also watched all the **different movie trailers and artworks** . . . we made our movie trailer and that **made me feel happy**. . . Some books made me feel sad. . . **I loved seeing the different artworks** . . . **I had so much fun at the Book Forum. Overall it was the best.**

Tai - **Dingo** is a non-fiction text with a fiction storyline running through it about a dingo mother and her pack on their search for food. The author also provides us with many facts about dingoes throughout the text.



Two Stage 3 classes- Marsden and Sendak undertook the task of working in pairs to produce a trailer that best represented the book



Caitlin - To create the illustrations, Harricks sketched the image in pencil first, while on location in the Alpine forests of Victoria, and then used oil paints to complete the picture in her studio.

Her illustrations in **Dingo** capture the Australian bush and its native inhabitants beautifully.

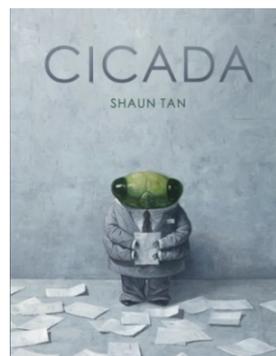
With beautiful illustrations throughout the book it was not difficult to find inspiration to make a piece of art to represent Dingo.

ST CLAIR HS ~ CICADA – Shaun Tan (Lothian)



There are many messages. . . The dark place inside is part of the colour of sad. . .

Don't stop, it is just part of life. . .



. . . The world can have a brighter side because problems can . . .
TOK! TOK! TOK!
change.

CLAIRGATE PS ~ CHALKBOY - Margaret Wild and Mandy Ord, Illustrator (Allen & Unwin)

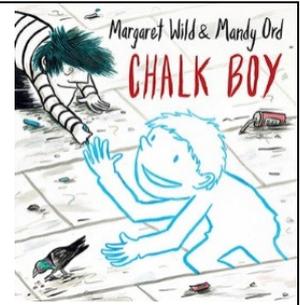


CHALK BOY shows themes of empathy, kindness, friendship and creativity.

Which one is real and

Our art work was a collaboration of works from Stage 1, Stage 3 and our Support Unit called Wingaru.

We particularly enjoyed the illustrator's choices which reflect the comic style of Barnaby the main character.



which is a character?

READING IS MY SECRET POWER BECAUSE . . .



. . . it allows me to discover new things and it introduces me to new people. - Jaxon . . . it is fun to read and it can help you to learn new things. - Manseerat . . . it allows my brain to be exposed to more words. I like Anh Do books because they are funny and make me laugh. - William . . . it gives me confidence that I have a lot of knowledge. - Jacinta . . . it allows me to learn new things. I love cookbooks and non-fiction books about animals. - Zahra

[completed by year 3 at [CLAIRGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL](#)]



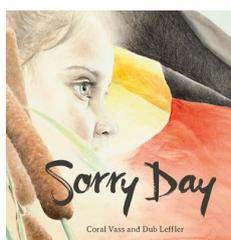
ERSKINE PARK HS ~ SORRY DAY - Coral Vass and Dub Leffler, Illustrator (NLA)

Jiya - Why do you think the author linked the 2 different lives?

- Why do you think is there so little text?
- Are the images important? Why or why not?

Kayla- Why do you think it is important for kids to learn about Sorry Day?

- Would younger students be able to understand this book?



Xenia- Who would you recommend this book to? Why?

- Why did the illustrator choose that medium for the pieces of art?
- Why does he use a really

vibrant green colour for the present or the future?

ARTISTS IN ACTION



The mural captures the past, the present and the future.

ST CLAIR PS ~ GIRL ON WIRE - Lucy Estela and Elise Hurst, Illustrator (Viking)

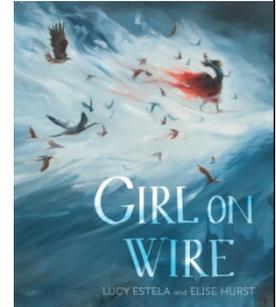


What do you notice about the illustrations throughout the story?

Where is she going? What might she be afraid of?

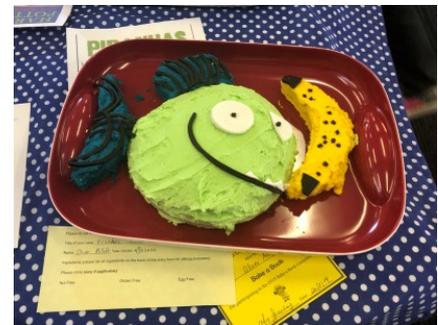
Do you think the wire is representing something?

Who do you think the additional voice is in the book?



BAKE A BOOK. CAKE A BOOK. - St Clair Public School used their secret powers to come up with a delicious approach to CBCA Book Week with secret recipes for 64 character cakes.

Toothbrushes, anyone?



MORE BITS OF BOOK WEEK

What is the best thing about Book Week? *Book Week is a way for anyone of any age to converge and discuss something they all have in common - books!*

Erin Year 9 St Ursula's College



Display from Glenwood High School Library

JUST THINKING - Hmmm - Can it be that our *secret powers* turn us into

CURIOUS CREATURES WITH WILD MINDS!

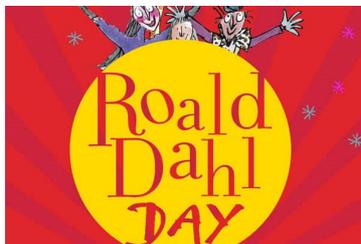
Find out with the CBCA BOOK WEEK 2020 theme.

WRITE NOW - stimulus triggers for free writing

- Listen to a speech by Jane Goodall or Greta Thunberg. Describe their point of view about a topic. What do you agree with? What do you disagree with?
- Picture books often highlight a social issue. How do pictures influence how we feel about an issue?
- What do you do that genuinely helps someone?
- Create 3 points of criteria for judging the kinds of books you like. What type do you like? What makes a good "this type of book"?

WAYS WITH WORDS

Aspects of language/ vocab



**Roald Dahl Day is
September 13.**

He loved making up words.
How about you?

Roald Dahl loved playing around with words and inventing new ones. In the BFG he gave this strange language an even stranger name – gobblefunk!

Try to match up his made up words to the correct definition.

Word	Definition
Babblement	The BFG's word for TV
Bootboggler	Formula makes you look younger
Chatbag	Delicious and lovely
Electric Fizzcolckler	Someone who talks a lot
Glubbage	The BFGs favourite drink
Frobscottle	Doing something very quickly
Hipswitch	Sweet which turns teeth green
Mint Jujube	Something rotting
Rotsome	Means rubbish
Pink spotted crunch	Sweet which gives electric shock
Scrumdiddlyumptious	A nice gossip conversation
Telly-telly bunkum box	A creature which can eat people
Wonka-vite	An idiot or foolish person

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LINKS – hyperlinks to more info

- **RU OK? DAY** - <https://www.ruok.org.au/>
1. Ask R U OK? 2. Listen 3. Encourage action 4. Check in
- **WORLD PEACE DAY** - <https://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>
The theme draws attention to the importance of combatting climate change as a way to protect and promote peace throughout the world.



September is another big month for catching up with free reading. Happy reading always. Cheers - Morrie

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