



9 April, 2018

Sydney Writers Festival Excursion Yrs 3- 6
Thursday, 3 May 2018
Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith

Dear Parents,

As part of our learning in English, an excursion has been organised for Primary students to visit the Sydney Children's Writing Festival. This event is a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with their favourite authors, discover exciting new voices and be inspired in a fun, educational and interactive day.

On the day, students will hear from bestselling Australian children's author Morris Gleitzman. His books explore serious and sometimes confronting subjects in humorous and unexpected ways. His titles include *Two Weeks with the Queen*; *Doubting Thomas*; *Bumface*; *Give Peas a Chance*; *Extra Time*; *Loyal Creatures* and the series *Once, Then, Now, After* and *Soon*.

Chris Riddell is the 2015-2017 UK Children's Laureate. He has won three CILIP Kate Greenaway Medals and was awarded the Costa Children's Book Award for *Goth Girl* and *The Ghost of a Mouse*. He is the author of the bestselling Ottoline books, *The Emperor of Absurdia* and, with Paul Stewart, the Muddle Earth books, on *The Edge Chronicles*, the *Scavenger* series and the *Blobheads* series. He is the illustrator of Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book* and *Fortunately, the Milk*.

Following this morning presentation, students will have lunch and the opportunity to purchase and have books signed by Morris Gleitzman and Chris Riddell.

After this break, A.F Harrold will take us on a poetic journey, as an English poet who spends his time writing poems and books and performing these on and off stage. He is the author of *The Imaginary*, *The Song From Somewhere Else* and the *Fizzlebert Stump* and *Greta Zargo* series.

Award winning Australian author Katrina Nannestad has a passion for stories with laughter and heart. Katrina will reveal the inspiration behind her colourful settings and the quirky characters that inhabit them, and explains why writing a story might be the best fun you ever have.

Children will travel to and from this event by seatbelted Coach. The bus will leave from school at 9:15am and will return to school at approximately 2:45pm.

There is no cost involved in this excursion. However, a **permission note must be signed and returned to school by Tuesday, 1 May 2018** for your child to participate in the excursion.

Yours Sincerely,

Alison Maunder

Excursion Permission



Excursion: Sydney Writers Festival

Date: Thursday 3 May, 2018

Venue: Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith

Cost: \$ NIL

I give permission for my child _____ in Year _____ to attend the Sydney Writers Festival excursion and travel to and from The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, in Penrith by seatbelted Coach.

Medical Details

> Does your child have any medical condition which you feel that teachers should be aware of?

> Please list any allergies and the symptoms

> Does your child need to take medication during the excursion? *(Details needed by the Teacher)*

> Is there any other matter regarding your child's welfare and enjoyment of the excursion which you would feel the teacher should know?

> Any special Dietary Requirements
eg. Allergies; sensitivities; intolerances; religious beliefs etc.

Contact Details

On the day of the excursion I may be contacted on phone no.

Mother's Home/Work/Mobile Phone No's.

Father's Home/Work/Mobile Phone No's.

Emergency Name and Phone No.

Emergency

In the event of an emergency I give the teachers of St. Finbar's Primary School permission to seek medical attention for my child. I understand that I will be notified as soon as possible.

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Parent/Guardian signature

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(Name – please print)

Date