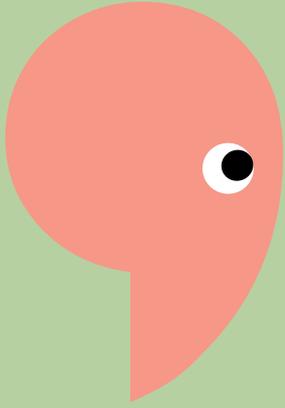




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PRIMARY SCHOOL DAYS

19–26 May 2022



WELCOME TO PRIMARY SCHOOL DAYS

Join us for an engaging and educational journey into the world of literature

Sydney Writers' Festival's Primary School Days program is designed to inspire the next generation of readers and storytellers.

Our hugely popular sessions bring renowned children's authors and illustrators to primary students for a fun, interactive and educational day that deepens their love of reading and writing.

During four 45-minute sessions, writers and illustrators talk about their craft, share their discoveries and take questions from students.

The Primary School Days program is best suited to school children in Years 3 to 6.

Sydney Writers' Festival acknowledges the 29 clans of the Eora Nation, the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Festival takes place. We extend this acknowledgement to all Traditional Owners of the land on which these events take place. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

DATES AND VENUES

Thursday 19 May	Riverside Theatres, Parramatta
Monday 23 May	Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith
Tuesday 24 May	The Concourse, Chatswood
Wednesday 25 May	Sydney Town Hall
Thursday 26 May	Sydney Town Hall

Tickets

\$25 per student (there is one free teacher ticket per 20 paying students)

\$25 per additional teacher

Tickets to Sydney Town Hall are free for primary schools with an ICSEA value of under 1000.

Booking

You can book online at swf.org.au

If you have any questions, please contact:

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THE PROGRAM

Nat Amooore: Chaos Kid

As a kid, **Nat Amooore** did it all – run away from home, play epic pranks, plot a future in Hollywood, invent money-making schemes and never listen to a word her parents said. Now as a ‘responsible’ adult...well, nothing has really changed. But at least she uses her creative powers for good! The bestselling author of *The Right Way to Rock*, *The Power of Positive Pranking* and *Secrets of a Schoolyard Millionaire* teaches students how they can pluck moments from the chaos of childhood and mould them into hilarious tales of adventure and mayhem.

Remy Lai: Draw Your Life!

Graphic novel superstar and renowned dog-lover **Remy Lai** goes on a drawing and illustration extravaganza! Students join the author of the critically acclaimed *Pie in the Sky*, *Fly on the Wall* and *Pawcasso* in drawing a unique character of their very own, learn all about how to tell a first-rate visual story and hear about the ways Remy’s own life inspires the stories she writes. (Students will need paper and something to draw with such as a pencil.)

Matt Stanton: The Great Story Hunt

Stories are all around us – if you know where to look. Luckily **Matt Stanton** is here to show us the way! The bestselling children’s author and illustrator of the Funny Kid series and *The Odds* teaches students how to uncover interesting stories and detect curious tales in all sorts of places – history, fiction, maths, conspiracy theories and their own experiences. By the end of this session, students will have everything they need to become story hunters themselves. Their tools? Words, illustrations and a lot of imagination.

Corey Tutt: The First Scientists

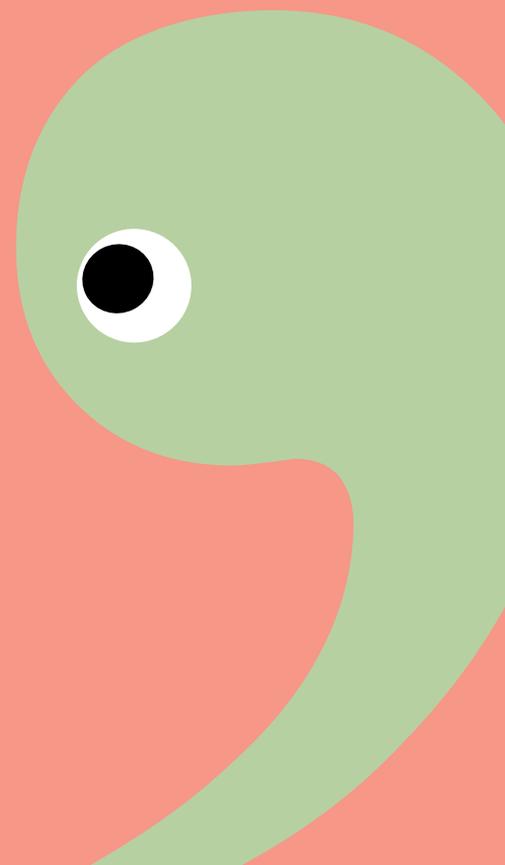
What stories do the stars tell us? How can we predict the seasons by looking at the world around us? Kamilaroi man and author of *The First Scientists* **Corey Tutt** takes students on a fascinating journey through time, sharing 65,000 years of learning about the land, sea and sky. From engineering to chemistry, ecology to astronomy, students uncover the remarkable feats of innovation achieved by the First Peoples of this land and discover the answers to life’s big questions (including where glue comes from!).

TIMETABLE

9.30am	Arrive at venue
10am	Morning sessions
11.30am	Lunch break
12.30pm	Afternoon sessions
2pm	Finish

All sessions run for 45 minutes. We recommend students bring their own lunch. Please note, signed books will be available for purchase on the day.

The Primary School Days program is hosted by Mick Elliott.



MEET THE AUTHORS



Nat Amooore

Nat Amooore is a children's author and host of the *One More Page* podcast. Her debut novel *Secrets of a Schoolyard Millionaire* came out in 2019 and had great success as both Dymocks' and QBD's 'Kids Book of the Month', becoming Australia's #1 bestselling debut Aussie children's fiction book in 2019. It has now sold into the UK, US, Italy, China, Estonia and Romania. Her second book, *The Power of Positive Pranking*, won the 2021 Environment Award for Children's Literature. Nat's latest children's book, *The Right Way to Rock*, came out in June, 2021 and she has another set for March, 2022.



Mick Elliott

Mick Elliott is an author, illustrator, literacy ambassador and professional mischief-maker. His debut trilogy, *The Turners*, was nominated for an Aurealis Award and his illustrated middle-grade series, *Squidge Dibley*, has been sold in six international territories. Mick has contributed stories and illustrations to many bestselling anthologies. His first picture book series will be released at the end of 2021. Mick has written and produced acclaimed children's programs for Nickelodeon, Sesame Workshop, Channel TEN and the ABC. He lives in Sydney with his family and their cavoodle named Gypsy.



Remy Lai

Remy Lai studied fine arts, with a major in painting and drawing. She was born in Indonesia, grew up in Singapore, and currently lives in Brisbane where she writes and draws stories for kids with her two dogs by her side. She is the author of the critically acclaimed *Pie in the Sky*, *Fly on the Wall* and the middle-grade graphic novel *Pawcasso*. Her new junior graphic novel series, *Surviving the Wild*, will be out in March, 2022.



Matt Stanton

Matt Stanton is a bestselling children's author and illustrator who has sold more than 1 million books. His middle-grade series, *Funny Kid*, debuted as the #1 Australian kids' book and has fans all around the world. He has 16 picture books to his name, including the bestselling *Books That Drive Kids Crazy!* and *Fart Monster and Me* series, and is currently creating his immensely popular graphic novel series, *The Odds*. Matt lives in Sydney with his wife, bestselling author Beck Stanton, and their children.



Corey Tutt

Corey Tutt is a Kamilaroi man from Nowra, NSW. As a young person, he developed a love of STEM subjects but found little encouragement for Aboriginal people to pursue careers in STEM. In 2018, Corey founded *DeadlyScience*, a not-for-profit organisation that provides science resources to remote schools in Australia and connects young Indigenous people with mentors in STEM. The organisation has attracted international attention, with Corey presenting at Harvard and Oxford universities. In 2020, Corey was named the NSW Young Australian of the Year and a Human Rights Hero by the Australian Human Rights Commission. *The First Scientists* is his highly anticipated new book.