

## Russ the Story Bus School Tour 14 February to 1 April 2022

*Sydney Writers' Festival is continuing in its planning for the postponed 2021 Russ the Story Bus tour, which will now be occurring in Term 1, 2022 and expected to run from 14 February–1 April 2022. All planning is being undertaken with up-to-date public health advice and in consultation with schools.*

### The Term 1 Tour

For our Term 1 tour, our favourite library on wheels, Russ the Story Bus, will be taking a break from visiting schools but the tour lives on! For seven weeks throughout Term 1 (Monday 14 February to Friday 1 April), the Russ the Story Bus team will be visiting schools throughout the Greater Sydney area with some of Australia's most loved children's book authors and illustrators. The team will be setting up a very special Book Fair at each school for students to browse through and select a book of their very own to keep.

### What happens on the school visit?

On Russ the Story Bus, students can:

- talk to the visiting children's book author or illustrator
- discuss their favourite books with Festival staff and volunteers
- choose a brand-new book to take home and keep forever from Russ Book Fair.

Students also enjoy taking part in an interactive talk presented by a children's book author or illustrator. The speaker will share their love of books, discuss their craft, answer questions, and inspire children to think creatively about reading, writing and storytelling.

### What teachers say about Russ the Story Bus

*'Each student gained a rich learning experience and created a happy memory'. Gillian Maugle, Teacher Librarian, Wiley Park Public School*

*'The joy of the children's faces when they realised they actually were getting to keep the bookswas priceless.' Kate Martin, Teacher Librarian, Riverbank Public School*

*'We try every day to instil in our kids a genuine love of reading ... so to be supported by you inthat endeavour is so lovely.' Darren Denmead, Teacher Librarian, Bathurst West Public School*

## Booking for your school

A visit from Russ the Story Bus is free for schools and is suitable for primary school children.

Up to 220 children are able to take part in a Russ the Story Bus visit, which includes two 30–40-minute presentations and ample time to visit the Book Fair and select a book to take home.

Expressions of interest are now closed for the Term 1, 2022 tour but to ensure you are considered for the Term 4, 2022 tour, please fill out our [online expression of interest form](#).

Sydney Writers' Festival selects schools to take part in the Russ the Story Bus tour based on a combination of factors. For information on eligibility and more, please visit our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).

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