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Public Schools NSW

Writers in the Environment

3 Day Literacy Camp for Year 6 Students



To the Principal, Stage 3 Co-ordinator, Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator

When	Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September 2015
Location	Brewongle Environmental Education Centre 587 Chapel Hill Road Sackville North NSW 2756
Phone	02 4579 1136
Contact	Mark Edwards
Purpose	A unique and highly valued opportunity for students who are identified as motivated and talented writers to participate in writing, narrative and editing workshops.
Years	Year 6 students (only 50 places - first in first served basis)
Cost	\$185.00 per student (includes \$3.00 GST-food component) (includes accommodation & meals)
Visiting Authors	Simon French Susanne Gervay Richard Tulloch Pamela Freeman
Nominations Closing Date	Monday 20 th July 2015 Fax: 02 4579 1072 Email: brewongle-e.admin@det.nsw.edu.au

Can you please distribute the 'Writers in the Environment Camp Flyer' and 'Student Nomination Form' to those students whom you feel will benefit from participating in this camp.



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Brewongle Environmental Education Centre, located near Windsor, is conducting its nineteenth annual three day 'Writers in the Environment' camp. Students are able to participate in writing workshops conducted by guest authors/writers whilst being immersed within the natural environment.

Writing Focus Aims:-

- to engage talented and motivated students in workshops run by popular children's' authors
- to enable experimentation with a variety of genres and enhancement of students' writing skills e.g. characterisation, planning, setting the scene, developing a plot, different story beginnings and endings
- to immerse students within the beauty and serenity of the natural forest environment in order to stimulate inspiration to create new ideas

Overnight Camp Aims:-

- to meet and socialise with students from other schools with similar writing talents and interests
- to provide opportunities for students to participate in activities such as
 - bush walk to local historical site beside the Hawkesbury River
 - night activities at the campfire/amphitheatre area
 - wildlife presentation
 - solo diary writing
- workshop with an Aboriginal educator

Students will have the opportunity to work with the following experienced literacy teachers and renowned children's authors;

Simon French – "Where in the World", "Change the Locks", "Cannily Cannily", "Other Brother"

Susanne Gervay – "I am Jack Series", "Daisy Sunshine", "Butterflies", "The Cave"

Richard Tulloch – "Freaky Stuff", "Awesome Stuff", "Beastly Tales".

Pamela Freeman – "Victor's Challenge", "The Wonder Dog", "Princess Betony and the Unicorn"





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STUDENT NOMINATION FORM

I would like my daughter / son to attend the Writers' Camp.

Cost per student **\$185.00** *(Do not send money with this nomination form)*

Successful students will receive their package via email.

Location: Brewongle Environmental Education Centre
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Date: **Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September 2015**

Child's First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Male / Female Year: _____ School: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ P/code _____

Phone No: Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Work: _____

Email: _____

I am or am not able to assist as a "parent helper" – this would involve my staying overnight

and assisting with the preparation and serving of the meals. *(We will contact successful parents)*

I am aware I will have to transport my child to and from this camp.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Parents Signature: _____

Principals Name _____ Principals Signature _____

Principals Email _____



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FOR THE STUDENT - please indicate what you are interested in.....

Types of genre writing you are interested in;

Adventure / Drama / Action

Comedy / Humour

Fantasy

Science Fiction

Narrative

Expositions

Poetry

Other

Things you would like to learn from the workshop presenters;

More descriptive / interesting

Planning / developing a plot

Vocabulary

Improve / increase writing skills

Wider variety of styles

Beginnings / Endings

Characterisation

Other

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