



FANTASTIC FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG READERS, WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS - ITS WORD PLAY!

Meet solo sailing sensation Jessica Watson; get scribbling with Leigh Hobbs and Dave Hackett; find your tribe with Rebecca Sparrow; swap a book with Anita Heiss at the Indigenous Literacy Day Great Book Swap; meet the man behind the YouTube phenomenon and follow up book Christian the Lion; hear where Emma Dean, Brisbane's celebrity singer/songwriting sensation finds the inspiration for her songs; and meet and quiz Chris Morphew – the mystery man behind H.I. Larry, Zac Power.

Anything is possible in a day at *Word Play*!

Word Play is one of the most important, educationally rigorous and academically-engaging initiatives undertaken by Brisbane Writers Festival and is now of the largest schools program of any Australian writers festival.

In 2010 *Word Play* will run over 3 action packed days - **Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 September** – at the cultural precinct South Bank, offering a rare opportunity for students from **Grade 4 through to Grade 10** to meet their favourite writers and illustrators.

Word Play is within reach of every teacher looking for a curriculum relevant program, inspiring students to think critically, celebrate diversity, find inspiration and debate new ideas.

Word Play Project Manager Molly Palmer has produced a broad and contemporary program that will have students and teachers buzzing with inspiration.

“We are extremely proud to announce this year's program which will offer an incredible 10 000 places in 72 sessions, with our 31 authors and illustrators. 12 of these 72 sessions will actually be delivered online, allowing students in regional and remote Queensland classrooms the opportunity to access the Festival,” said Ms Palmer.

Don't miss the opportunity to come along and be part of a lively, creative and academically-robust program that provides the opportunity for students to engage with national and international authors, illustrators, screenwriters, songwriters and playwrights and encourages us all to explore our creativity!

FULL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

International: Steve Cole **National:** Edrei Cullen, Randa Abdel Fattah, Kate Forsyth, Fiona Wood, Van Badham, Steph Bowe, Leigh Hobbs, Emma Dean, Chris Morphew, Morris Gleitzman, Ace Bourke, Oliver Phommavanh, Robyn Bavati, Michel Streich, Rodney Dillon, Gabrielle Wong, Adam Taor, Anita Heiss **Local:** Rebecca Sparrow, Kate Hunter, Katie Noonan, Dave Hackett, Christine Bongers, John Danalis, Cats Thompson, Tammie Matson, Sally Henderson, Joel Gilmore, Annette Henderson and Jessica Watson

More information on *Word Play* can be found at www.bwf.org.au or for school booking enquiries contact groups@qtx.com.au

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