

Meet the Authors

Morris Gleitzman is a bestselling Australian children's author. His books explore serious and sometimes confronting subjects in humorous and unexpected ways. His titles include *Two Weeks With The Queen*; *Grace*; *Doubling Thomas*; *Bumface*; *Give Peas A Chance*; *Extra Time*; *Loyal Creatures* and the series *Once, Then, Now, After and Soon*. morrisgleitzman.com



A.F. Harrold is an English poet who spends his time showing off on stage, and writing poems and books. He is the author of *The Imaginary* (illustrated by Emily Gravett), *The Song from Somewhere Else* (illustrated by Levi Pinfold) and the *Fizzlebert Stump* and *Greta Zargo* series. afharroldkids.com



Katrina Nannestad is the award-winning Australian author of *The Girl Who Brought Mischief*, the *Olive of Groves* series, the *Red Dirt Diaries* series and, most recently, *The Girl, the Dog and the Writer in Rome*. In June 2018, she will launch *Lottie Perkins*, a series for younger readers. Katrina writes books that celebrate family, friendship and belonging. katrinanannestad.com



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 *Middle Earth* books, on *The Edge Chronicles*, the *Scavenger* series and the *Blobheads* series. He is the illustrator of Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book*; *Coraline*; and *Fortunately, the Milk*. chrisriddell.co.uk



Booking

Primary School Days tickets go on sale on 8 November 2017. Booking forms are included in this mail pack.

You can also find printable versions at swf.org.au/schoolsprogram

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Welcome to Primary School Days

The Primary School Days program is a fantastic opportunity for students to meet their favourite authors and illustrators, discover exciting new voices, have a book autographed, and be inspired by the world of imagination and ideas.

These hugely popular sessions bring together prominent children's authors and illustrators and young readers for a fun, interactive and educational day designed to grow their enjoyment of books and reading. During the session, writers and illustrators perform from their work, talk about their craft and take questions from the students.

Dates and Venues

Wednesday 2 May: Riverside Theatres, Cnr Church and Market Streets, Parramatta

Thursday 3 May: Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre
597 High Street, Penrith

Friday 4 May: Sydney Town Hall, 483 George St, Sydney
*A FREE EVENT for NSW schools with a FOEI score of 120 and over.

Monday 7 May: Sydney Town Hall, 483 George St, Sydney
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*Please note: there is limited capacity for the free events at Sydney Town Hall. We recommend you book early.



Sessions

Please arrive at 9.30am for a 10am start.



10am **Morris Gleitzman Presents...**

Bestselling children's author **Morris Gleitzman** introduces his latest characters and the fascinating, unpredictable, exciting, mysterious, funny, shocking, unique, heartwarming, scary, friendly and dangerous worlds they live in.



10.45am **Writing and Illustrating with Chris Riddell**

Join the UK Children's Laureate (2015–17) **Chris Riddell** as he describes his journey to becoming one of England's most legendary authors and illustrators. Chris reveals the secrets behind writing and illustrating his popular Goth Girl and Ottoline series as well as what it is like to work with renowned authors such as Neil Gaiman. Most importantly, find out why you should draw every day.



11.30am **Lunch Break and Book Signings**

With Morris Gleitzman and Chris Riddell
(We recommend students bring their own lunch.)



12.30pm **Daydreaming and Giggling Allowed**

Award-winning Australian author **Katrina Nannestad** has a passion for stories with laughter and heart. Katrina reveals 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.



1.15pm **Not Making Sense**

A.F. Harrold is an English poet and writer who makes people – especially children – laugh. Join him for poems, stories and comedy in this highly interactive and silly session. Expect the unexpected (although if you're expecting it then it's no longer unexpected).



2pm **Finish and Book Signings**

With Katrina Nannestad and A.F. Harrold

