Library News | Junior School

This week we summarise the shortlisted books in the Picture Book of the Year category.

It’s almost Week 5, and our favourite time of year in the Junior School Library – yes, it’s CBCA Book Week time again!

We have a host of fun and engaging opportunities lined up for the boys, parents and staff including a Scholastic Book Fair, author visits, daily challenges and our annual Book Character Parade! Some further information is outlined below – please contact the Junior School library on 9581 6121 or jslibrary@trinity.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions.
**Scholastic Book Fair**

Always popular with the students, the Book Fair allows boys, parents and staff to purchase books and stationery items from a wide selection available, with a percentage of sales then returned to the Junior School Library as credit for future Scholastic Book purchases. The Book Fair 2019 will be open from Tuesday 20 August to Friday 23 August during library opening hours: before school from 8am, second half of lunch and after school until 4pm. Please feel free to visit the fair with your sons during this time. Each class will have the opportunity to preview the Book Fair on 20 August, and boys will be invited to complete ‘wish lists’ to take home. Items can be purchased via credit card online using this wish list form, or with cash in person at the Book Fair.

**Author Visits**
This year we are lucky to have two renowned author/illustrators visiting the Junior School during Book Week. On Tuesday Juliette MacIver (author of *Yak and Gnu*, *Gwendolyn* and many more) will run one hour sessions for students from K-4. On Wednesday Donna Rawlins (author/illustrator of books including *Waves* and *My Place*) will run sessions for Years 5 and 6. We are sure the boys will find these sessions a valuable experience and look forward to reporting more in the newsletter next week.

**Book Character Parade**
This year our Book Parade will take place in the Sports Centre, commencing at 9am on Friday 23 August. As always, we encourage all boys (and staff and parents!) to participate in this celebration of literature and reading by dressing as their favourite book character and joining our parade. We are always amazed by the creativity and enthusiasm shown by all involved, and we can’t wait to see what costumes are dreamt up this year!

Boys will stay in costume for the day but must travel to and from school in normal school uniform, unless they are dropped off and picked up in the carpark.

This year’s Book Week theme is ‘Reading is my secret power’, however costumes do not need to reflect this theme, as long as the character appears somewhere in a fiction, non-fiction of graphic novel text.

**CBCA Picture Book of the Year shortlist**

**The Feather by Margaret Wild and Freya Blackwood**

This story of hope, kindness and redemption is set in a grey, dystopian world. When a great feather drifts from the leaden sky, two children recognise its extraordinariness and take it to the village for its protection. The villagers, however, want to encase it, and so the feather changes as the story unfolds. The ambiguous ending invites multiple interpretations about the effects of selflessness and kindness.”

**The Mediterranean by Armin Greder**

Precarious boats navigate the waters of the sea, from south to north. And more often than not, it is not only hope that drowns. This picture book for older readers is a devastating indictment of our society's treatment of refugees. With eloquent and powerful imagery, the creator of the multi-award-winning book The Island again asks us to examine our responses to the plight of refugees. How long will we remain silent witnesses?

**Girl on Wire by Elise Hurst**

Girl on Wire is a simple yet brilliantly uplifting allegory of a young girl struggling to build her self-esteem and overcome the anxiety that many children feel as they grow – she walks the tightrope, afraid she will fall, but with the support of those she loves, her toes grip the wire and she walks forward, on her own, with a new confidence.

**Chalk Boy by Margaret Wild and Mandy Ord**

“Barnaby is a pavement artist. This morning he started drawing me. I have a head that can think, eyes that can see, ears that can hear and legs that can
run. Best of all, I have a heart that can feel. Thank you, Barnaby.”

The All New Must Have Orange 430 by Michael Speechley

Harvey owned a heap of stuff but could always use more. The Orange 430 was the latest and the greatest. Harvey wasn’t sure what it did, but he had to have it! A cheeky picture book for anyone who’s ever bought a thingy or whatsit . . . and doesn't quite know why.

Cicada by Shaun Tan

Cicada works in an office, dutifully toiling day after day for unappreciative bosses and being bullied by his co-workers. But one day, Cicada goes to the roof of the building, and something truly extraordinary happens. A story for anyone who has ever felt unappreciated, overlooked or overworked, from Australia's most acclaimed picture book creator.

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