



*Scribblers*  
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TEACHER RESOURCES

# Ideas for your Classroom

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## JUNIOR YEARS: TEACHER RESOURCES

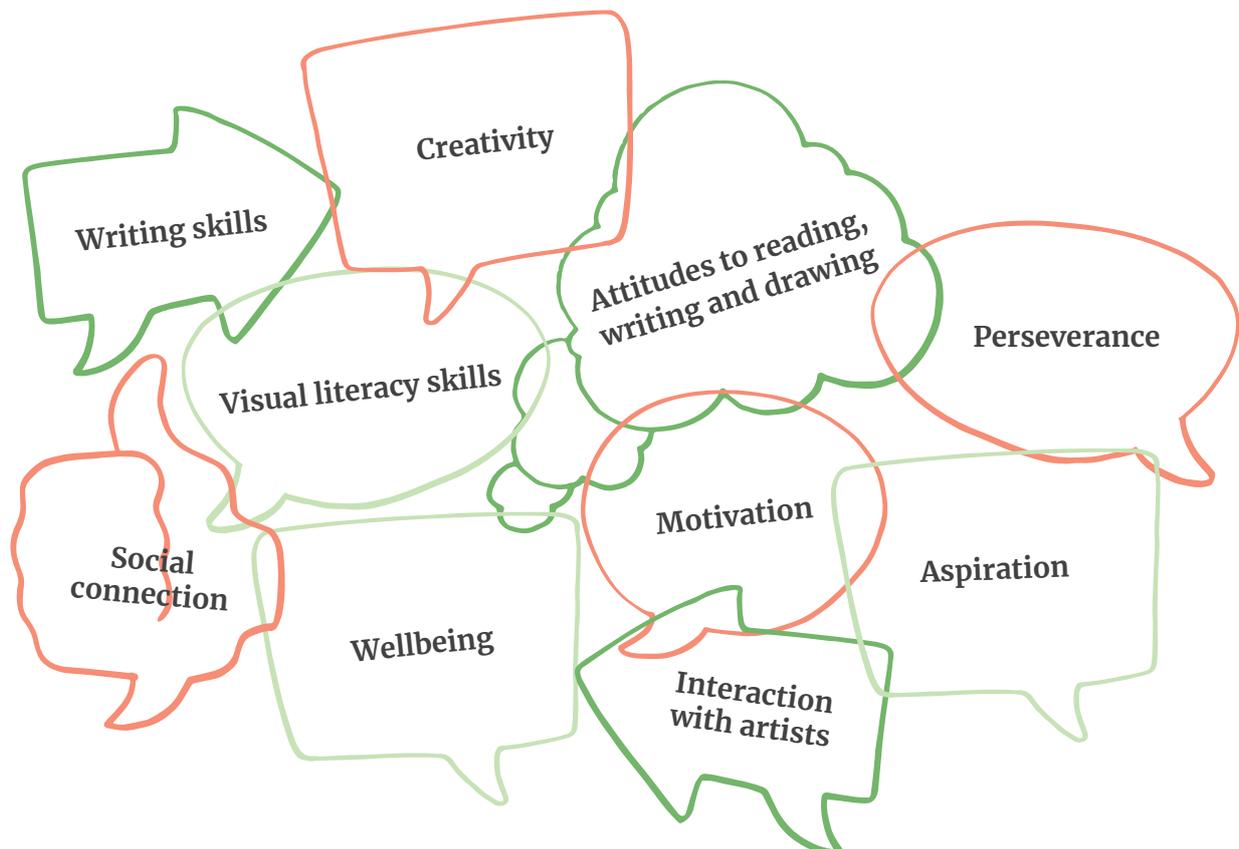
Scribblers Festival was created to instil the importance of books and creativity in children's lives, as tools to help them thrive in, understand, and communicate with the world around them.

As teachers and educators, you will be aware that there is robust research linking reading for pleasure with improved academic outcomes in reading and writing. A positive attitude towards reading demonstrably increases student motivation towards sustained learning.

The inaugural Scribblers Festival in 2018 had a strong positive impact on student attitudes toward reading, writing and drawing, which was demonstrated through qualitative and quantitative data.

The positive impact of participating in Scribblers Festival transferred successfully to classroom contexts and improvements were evident and maintained a month later, in student writing skills, visual literacy and their creative thinking skills.

## SCRIBBLERS HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON CHILDREN IN TEN WAYS



This resource kit includes classroom activities and reading lists to complement your excursion to the Festival. Many of our guest authors also have their own dedicated websites with lots of wonderful educational resources that you may like to explore. Links are included in this pack.

We very much hope you enjoy Scribblers Festival 2019 and that it is an enriching learning experience for your students. Above all, we hope they have a memorable excursion that will spark their imaginations and encourage them to read, dream and delight in their own creativity.

## **CURRICULUM LINKS**

Clear links to the Australian Curriculum are a key focus of Scribblers Festival. These resources are designed to assist with your classroom planning, before and after the Festival. The activities promote discussion and education around Language, Literature and Literacy. They also address other areas of learning such as H.A.S.S, Science and Visual Arts.

## **GENERAL CAPABILITIES**

- Literacy
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Social and Personal Capability
- Ethical Understanding
- Intercultural Understanding

## **LEARNING AREAS**

- English: Language, Literacy and Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- HASS
- Arts
- Health





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## The Big Switch Off And The Even Bigger Outdoors...

Cristy Burne

### SET THE SCENE

*Off the Track* and *To the Lighthouse* are all about the joy of the great outdoors.

Have you ever gone bush camping far away from traffic, computers and everyday life? Can you describe what it was like to have no electricity, toilet or phone even just for a day or two? Write a few sentences about the best and worst bits about camping or being away from home. If you had to carry everything you needed for a trip in your backpack, what essential items would you include?

### BACK IN THE CLASSROOM

Cristy Burne's book *To the Lighthouse* describes a trip to Rottnest Island. Have you ever been to Rottnest Island? What do you know about the island? Can you think of a few words to describe it? Work with a friend to write down ideas for your own adventure story or play based on Rottnest Island. Use your *Scribblers Garden Almanac* to jot down little things that you notice about nature. Nature is full of amazing secrets and surprises – just look closely at the little details. You might like to make sketches of what you see just like scientists do.



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## I Was A Teenage Pencil Sharpener...Meet the Creator of Judy Moody

Megan McDonald

### FAMILY FUN!

Draw a picture of your family. Think of a word or sentence to describe each person.

Read an excerpt from a Judy Moody book. Write a description of Judy Moody, her little brother Stink, her best friend Rocky or her "pest" friend Frank.

### BACK IN THE CLASSROOM

Judy Moody is in a very bad mood and wants to change her little brother Stink for a brand new brother or sister.

Write her a letter describing a really annoying imaginary brother or sister that you would like to swap for Stink. Maybe use a funny story from your family as inspiration! Judy might realise that Stink isn't so bad after all.



### CURRICULUM LINKS:

Science: Biological Science  
English: Recount Writing  
Health: Being Active in Natural Environments



### CURRICULUM LINKS:

Visual Art: Family Portraits  
English: Letter Writing  
English: Guided Reading

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## When Your Butt Is The Butt Of The Joke

Matt Stanton

### SET THE SCENE

Who has a good joke? Funny Kid does! Everyone loves to laugh so spend a little time telling jokes and find out what makes you and your friends giggle the most. Before coming to Scribblers Festival you might like to borrow a Funny Kid book from your school or local library so you know all about Max and his talents for making kids laugh.

Max decides to run for class president in one of the Funny Kid books. If you were running for class president, what promises would you make? Write a short speech and present it to your class – you might like to include a joke or two!

### BACK IN THE CLASSROOM...

Now you've met Matt Stanton, the creator of Funny Kid, check out his Youtube channel to learn more about how to draw your own funny characters. Add words to your pictures to create your own mini picture book!

[youtube.com/mattstanton](https://www.youtube.com/mattstanton)

Maybe draw a comic to thank your parents for helping you to be the superhero kid you are!



## Teacher Tips:

### CRISTY BURNE

Cristy Burne has a huge range of extensive worksheets and reading notes on her website. [cristyburne.com/free-stuff](http://cristyburne.com/free-stuff). You can also find them in our Teachers Lounge.

### MEGAN MCDONALD

Megan McDonald has a range of resources on her website including lots of fun stuff!

[meganmcdonald.net](http://meganmcdonald.net) Read an excerpt from the Judy Moody or Stink series so your students get to know them better.



## Reading List:

### CRISTY BURNE

- *Off the Track*
- *To The Lighthouse*
- *The Cosmic Adventures of Alice and Bob*

### MEGAN MCDONALD

- *The Judy Moody series*
- *The Judy Moody & Stink series*
- *American Girl series* (age 9 upwards)
- *The Sisters Club series*

### MATT STANTON

- *Funny Kid Stand Up*
- *Funny Kid For President*
- *Funny Kid Prank Wars*



## CURRICULUM LINKS:

English: Oral Presentation  
Visual Literacy: Picture Books  
Visual Art: Comic Creation



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## Do You Have Ways Of Making Jacqueline Harvey Talk?

Jacqueline Harvey

### SET THE SCENE

Everyone loves a detective story! Think of a book you've read with a mystery to be solved. Were there clues and codes to be cracked? Did you solve the puzzle before the end of the story?

Play a game of *Cluedo* or *Guess Who*? Think of questions that can help you work out the secret answers. Can you spot when someone is lying? Would you like to be a spy or detective? Write down three things you might need to help you solve mysteries.

### BACK IN THE CLASSROOM

Work with your class to make a treasure hunt with clues. Ask your students to hide them around the school. Make sure each clue leads to the location of the next. Invite another class or group to find the clues and work out where the treasure is hidden.

Jacqueline Harvey has some great resources on her website that you might like to use with your students. Visit [jacquelineharvey.com.au/teachers](http://jacquelineharvey.com.au/teachers) to learn more.



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## Penpals or Penemies?

Kate and Jol Temple

### SET THE SCENE

Do you keep a diary? Have you ever had a penpal? Write a letter to someone in your class and tell them about your day. Include all the big and little things that happened to you. You can also do drawings and doodles to make it fun. Maybe add some stickers and glitter too!

### BACK IN THE CLASSROOM

In the book *Yours Troolie, Alice Toolie*, Alice and Jimmy are sworn enemies at the start of the school term. Do you think they'll be friends by the end? Read their book to find out.

Alice and Jimmy have great imaginations and are really creative. Alice teaches her class how to make Unicorn Slime for Show and Tell. Do you have any creative projects that you can show your class? Maybe you make fantastic Lego models, or draw amazing treasure maps or know how to make yummy snacks?

If your school was having a school fete, what fun things would you make to sell? Make a list with your friends.



### CURRICULUM LINKS:

Mathematics: Directional Language  
Geography: Mapping Skills  
English: Mysteries



### CURRICULUM LINKS:

English: Letter Writing  
Health: Friendships & Feelings  
Arts: Exploration, Improvisation, Performance



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## Who Are We Meeting Today? Megan McDonald or Judy Moody?

Megan McDonald

### SET THE SCENE

Judy Moody and her brother Stink are the creations of best-selling US author Megan McDonald. At Scribblers Festival, you will get the chance to meet her in person. If you could ask her some questions, what would they be? Work with a friend and write a list of five questions that you would like to ask a famous author.

Don't forget to send them to us at [hello@scribblersfestival.com.au](mailto:hello@scribblersfestival.com.au) so we can pass them on.

### BACK IN THE CLASSROOM...

Now that you have met Megan McDonald, and learnt all her secrets for writing great books, it's your turn!

See if you can write a short story about a funny thing that happened to you or someone you know. Remember, it doesn't have to be real. You are allowed to use your imagination to make a little story into a really big one. Megan McDonald often uses her family as the inspiration for her writing. Is there a funny anecdote from your family that you could turn into a story? Have some fun and see what you can create.



## Teacher Tips:

### KATE AND JOL TEMPLE

You can find the Unicorn Slime Recipe on page 204 of *Yours Troolie, Alice Toolie!*

### MEGAN MCDONALD

Judy Moody uses lots of fun words to describe things, for example 'bothers' (brothers) 'V.I. Q' (very important question), 'ABC gum' (already been chewed gum). Ask your students if they have any favourite sayings and create a class slang dictionary.



## Reading List:

### JACQUELINE HARVEY

- Clementine Rose series
- Kensey & Max series
- Alice - Miranda series

### KATE AND JOL TEMPLE

- Captain Jimmy Cook series
- *Yours Troolie, Alice Toolie*
- *Room on our Rock*

### MEGAN MCDONALD

- The Judy Moody Series
- The Judy Moody & Stink series
- Stink series



## CURRICULUM LINKS:

English: Narrative Writing  
Hass Skills: Questioning & Research  
History: Continuity & Change in Families



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## Secret Diary Of Best-Selling Author Philip Ardagh

### SET THE SCENE

Can you imagine what it was like to be a child 100 years ago? Or even 500 years ago? Well, author Philip Ardagh has written lots of books by doing just that. Before you meet him do a little research about these eras in history

- **Tudor Times**
- **Victorian Times**

Think of how life has changed. For example: What did people wear? What did they eat? What strange diseases were there? What were toys made from? Work with a partner to find the answers online or in books (like kids used to do!)

### BACK IN THE CLASSROOM

Imagine you were a friend of one of the Secret Diary characters – Maybe you were a Victorian housemaid like Jane Pinny, a knight in training like John Drawbridge or a Tudor servant like Thomas Snoop. Visit the past with your imagination and write a diary entry for your character. Make sure you include some of your research findings!



#### CURRICULUM LINKS:

English: Historical Narrative  
History: Continuity & Change; Empathy  
Hass Skills: Questioning & Research;  
Analysing



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## Why It's Hard To Be Good When You Are Elizabella Georgia & Zoë Norton Lodge

### SET THE SCENE

In *Elizabella Meets Her Match* a new girl arrives to Bilby Creek Primary School. Moving schools can be tricky with so many new faces and names to remember! Every school is a little unique and it can be hard to fit in.

Think of things that make your school a little different from the rest and information that someone new to the school might find useful. For example: Where's the shadiest tree in the playground, what do the teachers get REALLY cross about, who is a prankster in your class, where are the best books in the library?

Write down a welcome leaflet for anyone who might join your class later this year. You could even draw a handy map of your school marking the things kids want to know!

### BACK IN THE CLASSROOM

Elizabella spends a lot of time writing 'Sorry Poems' to apologise for all the pranks she gets up to at school! Please send us your poem to read [hello@scribblersfestival.com.au](mailto:hello@scribblersfestival.com.au). Consider chopping up some pages from old newspapers and magazines to do a poetry collage. All you need is words, paper and a great big glue stick.



#### CURRICULUM LINKS:

English: Poetry  
Health: Friendships & School  
Visual Art: Collage  
English: Reading



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## Find Your Inner Storyteller With Alison Lester

### SET THE SCENE

Have a look at Alison Lester's beautiful colouring sheets from her website. Take some time to colour them in and imagine what the story might be about. You'll notice that there are lots of tiny details in the pictures, which are not only great fun to colour in but also make her stories rich and full of imagination. When you are finished, write a title and book description for the picture.

### BACK IN THE CLASSROOM

Story ideas can spring from anywhere. Now that you have met Alison Lester try to use her tips to create your own original picture book as a class. Everyone can help! Some of you might like to do the artwork while others might like to paint a picture with words. Work together to use everyone's storytelling talents.

You might like to read some of Alison's books for inspiration. Check your bookshelves at home or visit the library to find her stories.



## Teacher Tips:

### ALISON LESTER

Colouring sheets can be printed in black & white from Alison Lester's website [alisonlester.com/pages/fun-stuff](http://alisonlester.com/pages/fun-stuff)

### PHILIP ARDAGH

Ask students to find a fun fact about the past to share with the class. Example – In Tudor times footballs were made from wood or pigs bladders, and carrots were purple until the 17th century.



## Reading List:

### PHILIP ARDAGH

- The Grunts series
- The Secret Diary series
- *Tudor Boy Spy*
- *Victorian House Maid*
- *Medieval Knight in Training*

### GEORGIA & ZOË NORTON LODGE

- *Elizabetha Meets Her Match*
- *Elizabetha and the Great Tuckshop Takeover*

### ALISON LESTER

- *Are We There Yet?*
- *My Farm*
- *Running with the Horses*
- *The Quicksand Pony\**

*\*for more advanced readers*



## CURRICULUM LINKS:

English: Picture Books

Visual Art: Colour - Hues, Tints, Intensity



## FUEL THEIR IMAGINATIONS FURTHER!

Each student who attends the Scribblers Schools Program will receive a Scribblers Festival Garden Almanac as part of their excursion. We believe that nothing helps creativity bloom like a healthy mind and body. Along with space for inspiring ideas, plots and scribble zones, this journal has important tips on healthy eating which is so essential to nurture busy minds. You might like to use the journals from time to time for outdoor writing lessons. Shady trees, fresh air and space to think make a great recipe for creativity.



## GOLDEN FEATHER HUNT

Join the hunt for the elusive golden feathers at a library near you! Hidden in the pages of library books, across Western Australia, are thousands of feather bookmarks awaiting discovery. Among the feathers are some special treasures. Twenty silver and five golden feathers will bring their lucky finders fantastic prizes. Check our online list to see if your school's local libraries are participating. We wish all your students the very best of luck!



## THE GOLDEN PEN AWARD

We invite teachers from across WA to champion the work of their brightest sparks by encouraging them to enter The Golden Pen our creative writing award competition. There are fantastic prizes to be won, including the top prize of \$500.

Simply submit a piece of original writing on the theme 'Discovery' by 31 March 2019.

Open to high school students aged 12 -17. Further details can be found on the Scribblers website.



## SCRIBBLERS FESTIVAL FAMILY WEEKEND

Don't forget that there is a whole weekend of Scribblers events for children, families, YA lit enthusiasts and fans of creative learning at The Goods Shed, Claremont, May 11 & 12.

For a full program of events visit our website.



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