



The Brainwaves Club - Canberra

The Tolkiens – Years 4, 5 and 6

Semester 1 2012

'The Write Stuff' with Erin Hardwicke



Twisted Tales!

Short stories pack a punch, through clever storylines, sarcasm, humour or unexpected twists. It might be time to reread the likes of Andy Griffiths and Paul Jennings as we look at short stories with a twist this week. You will have to choose your words carefully and see just how creative you can be! Bring along your favourite short stories to share and use for inspiration.

Diary of a Kid

The ever popular Jeff Kinney has retired and passed his writing empire on to you. As his successor you will need to write the introduction to the next series of Greg Heffley's diaries. Will he continue to be a wimpy kid, or will high school and growing up change him? Get your pencils ready for writing and cartooning!

Verse and Chorus

What type of music rings your bell - rock, pop, rhythm and blues, rap, hip hop, classical, country, jazz? Great lyrical composers capture the essence of the time in which they live. They leave us with a memento of an era passed. We will learn the art and craft of writing lyrics - you just never know, the next No. 1 hit could be yours!

What Makes an Award Winning Book?

Terrible tyrants, courageous champions, damsels in distress and a whole lot more! During this session we will be looking at award winning children's literature. We will open the writer's tool chest to discover what makes a successful children's book and which writing techniques we can employ in our own creative works.

Poetic Perfection

I sit at my desk
And wait for the bell
Wondering what
Made that terrible smell...

Today we will look at poetry and rhyme. You may find that you're a poet, and you didn't even know it!!

A Sewer Adventure!

Racing through the pipes on a converted toilet roll, battle stations manned as we scream round a hairpin bend... Where this story travels, twists and turns is up to you. Your creativity, imagination and humour will join forces to flush an epic adventure from your brilliant minds! This week we will investigate the plot development of good adventure stories and how we can incorporate our best descriptive language.

The Secret Life of Me!

Interesting person, interesting life, interesting story! What generates your interest in the life of another person? Similarities or stark contrasts, extraordinary feats and inspirational attitudes, courage and determination that exceed expectation are all aspects that draw us in as the reader. We will be looking at recently published and well known autobiographies to investigate their structure, style and content before commencing our own. Everyone has a story worth telling. How will you tell the world about your life in your autobiography?

Marketing the Unmarketable!

Grab my attention and don't let it go!
Convince me I need one so badly and show
Without this one thing my life's incomplete,
I'll buy one so quickly, in just a heartbeat!

This session we will be marketing the unmarketable and looking at the techniques that are used to sell us everything from consumables and toys to holidays and cars. Gruen Transfer, here we come!