



It's All In The Mind
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Is Seeing Really Believing? with Declan Cavanagh

Our brains are capable of amazing things, and when you connect it with our eyes – that's where the magic happens! In this workshop we're going to build a deeper understanding of how our senses detect input, which our brain can then perceive. This changes how we understand everything around us. From hypothesising about how shades and associations of colours are formed, to determining influences of proprioception, and on to what happens when the wiring between eye and mind goes awry, we'll explore it all!

Declan Cavanagh has an interest in many areas of knowledge, tutors all age groups in mathematics and has found a love for teaching and learning. He approaches traditionally hard-to-grasp topics with interesting and relatable content for the kids and is very interactive and animated. Declan has a passion for stimulating the Eureka! moment in a student and being a part of the journey towards developing academic independence.

Winnie The WHO? Mining Memories For Memorable Characters and Sensational Storylines with Dimity Powell

Are the most sensational storylines and coolest characters really located somewhere in an author's memory vaults or do the best ones lurk in deepest darkest Peru waiting to be found? If so, how can we retrieve them? Sometimes, the truth is stranger than fiction and memories of our past and the people we met there end up making the most 'unreal' stories. Pack your notepad and a spare set of underwear because we're going on a 'Where did they REALLY come from?' expedition. Along the way we'll visit the memories and ordinary people that resulted in some of the most famous story characters of all time. After exploring the true-life stories behind these made-up characters and learning how authors convert past events into future storylines, you'll be asked to turn your own memories inside out and meld them with your imagination to transform the familiar into fantastical fiction! **NOTE: If possible, please bring a printed photo of a treasured memory in your life.**

Dimity Powell loves filling every spare moment with words. She's the Managing Editor for Kids' Book Review and writes and reviews exclusively for children with over 30 published stories including *Oswald Messweather* (2021) and *Pippa* (2019). She adores honey on EVERYTHING and going on wild adventures especially in her own mind. Dimity resides on the Gold Coast with a ridiculous number of teddy bears.

Sure It's Real? with Yvonne Mes

The real versus the unreal versus surreal. Conscious mind versus subconscious mind - versus unconscious mind (we hope not!)? Prepare for a deep dive into the murkiest depths of your mind as you examine how the brain works at different 'levels' to engage your imagination and creativity. You'll explore how some unusual artworks came to be and how they are categorised as created in a particular style, and how your mind forms its own interpretations of them. We will use activities to create our own serendipitous surrealist art (often hilarious, always fascinating). What do they REALLY show? It'll have you going out of your mind!

Yvonne Mes is a contradiction; she is both book **creator** and book **devourer**. She writes and illustrates picture books, including *Meet Sidney Nolan* and *Oliver's Grumbles*. Her short stories are published in magazines and have been animated on Brisbane City Hall. She also has an insatiable appetite for reading and reviewing books.