

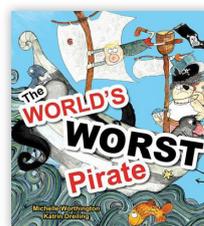
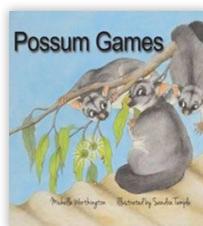
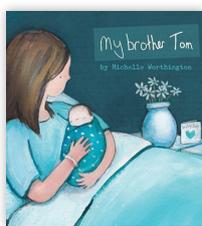
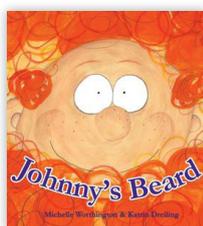
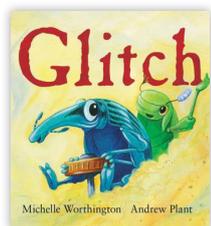
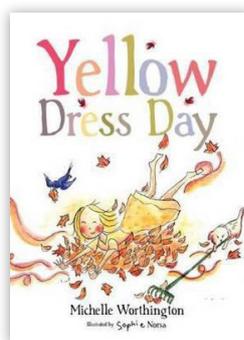
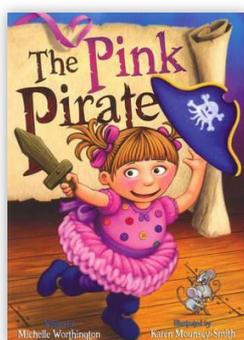
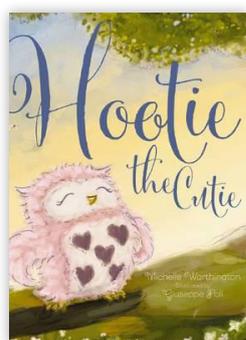
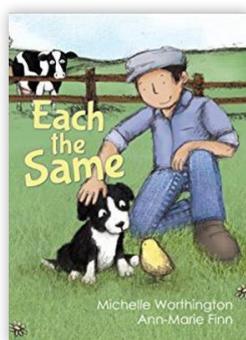
Michelle Worthington

SCHOOL *Workshop* PROGRAM



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The Author & Her Books



Michelle Worthington is an international guest speaker, award-winning business woman and author of empowering books for children and adults.

With over ten years in the book industry, she is a two-time winner of the International Book Award for Children's Hardcover Fiction and finalist in the USA Best Book Awards. Michelle also received a Gellett Burgess Award for Children's Literature and a Silver Moonbeam Award for her contribution to celebrating diversity in Picture Books. Her picture books were listed on the CBCA Picture Book of the Year award notables list and have been shortlisted for the Speech Pathology Awards and NSW Society of Women's Writers Award. Michelle's profit for purpose consultancy business, Share Your Story, was the winner of the 2018 AusMumpreneur Gold Award for Business Excellence and finalist in the Redlands Bar Awards for Best Start Up. She is a real life book fairy.





SCHOOL *Workshop* PROGRAM

Large Group Presentations

Tell me a Story

This session is designed for medium to large groups and can be run in school halls, libraries or classrooms. The powerpoint presentation has been designed to introduce the student to Michelle Worthington and her books, what it's like to be an author, how she comes up with her ideas, and even what her boys think about getting picked up from school when their mum is dressed up as a fairy!

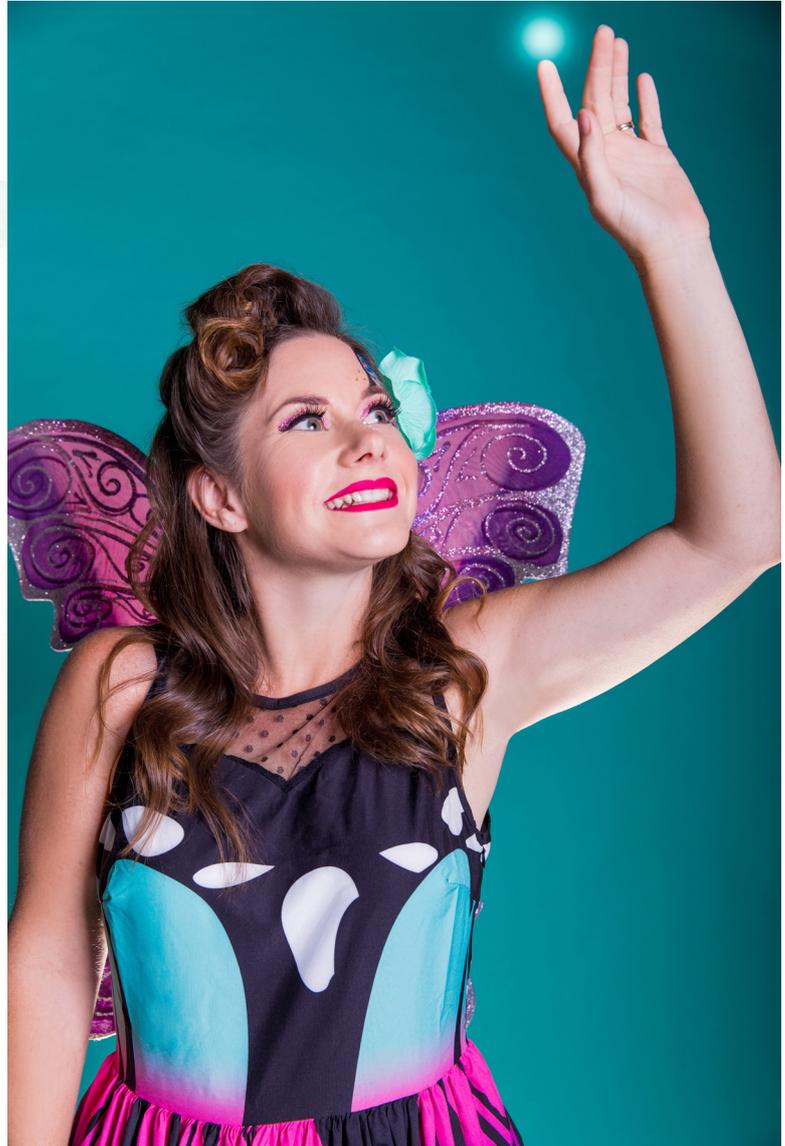
Time: 30 to 60 minutes

Maximum Size: Unlimited

Technology required: A data projector and screen.

FAQ: What is the maximum session size?

The maximum session size varies and is listed beside each workshop. Large group presentations can accommodate any number of students and workshops are capped at 60.



Junior School Workshops

Workshop 1: Curious Creatures, Wild Minds Book Week Workshop

Children will be transported on an exciting adventure and through the magic of storytelling, will meet a host of interesting Australian Animals along the way. Inspired by The Bedtime Band, The Three-Legged Kangaroo from Uluru, Possum Games & Glitch, students will create their own animal characters. Learn how to create a little storytelling magic!

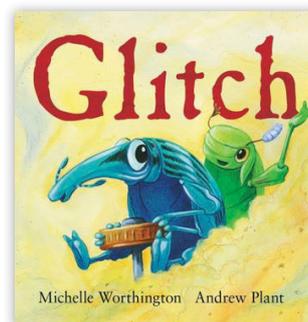
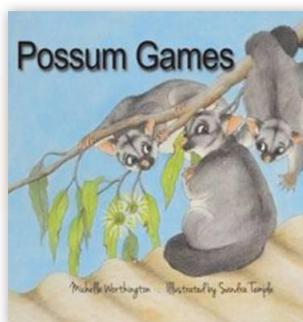
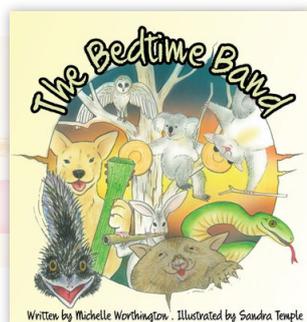
Curriculum Link: Narratives – Focus on storytelling and oral language development, as well as developing a character and structuring a simple narrative plot.

Time: 60 minutes

Maximum Size: Children will need to be seated with a pen and paper in the space available

Technology required: A data projector and screen

Drawing/Writing Materials Required: Pencils and paper



Workshop 2: Once Upon A Whoops! NAPLAN Writing Strategies for Juniors

This writing workshop combines fairy tale themes and improvised storytelling with creative writing. Students will explore the elements of fairy tales and narratives, as they follow the prompts inspired by Hootie The Cutie, Johnny's Beard and Little Gnomes Christmas Wish. Settings, good and bad characters, plots, problems and imaginative items will be woven into twisted fairy tales. Through oral storytelling and creative writing, they will bring their story to life.

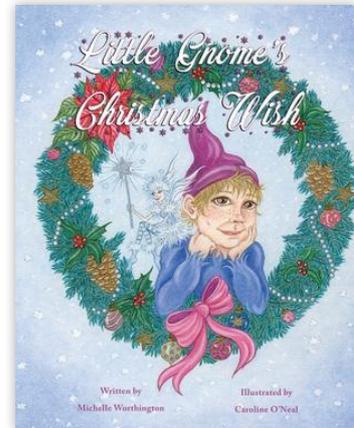
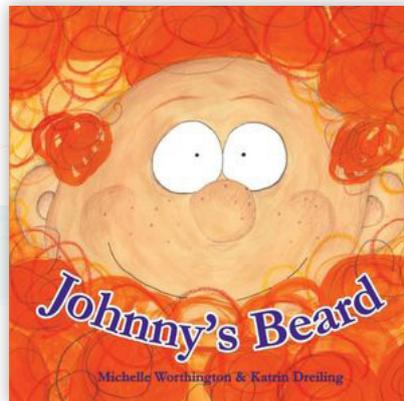
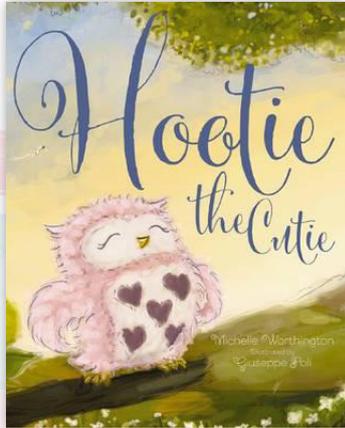
Curriculum Link: Fairy Tales – Focus on generating original ideas and introducing the essential elements of narratives – setting/character/plot

Time: 60 minutes

Maximum Size: Children will need to be seated with a pen and paper in the space available

Technology required: A data projector and screen

Drawing/Writing Materials Required: Pencils and paper



Workshop 3: It's a Pirate Party

What would happen if you found a chest of interesting objects and treasures? What clues might these things give you about the pirate who owns this bag? We read two different pirate stories, *The Pink Pirate* and *The World's Worst Pirate* to help children create characters, describe settings, plot an exciting story and start making their very own book.

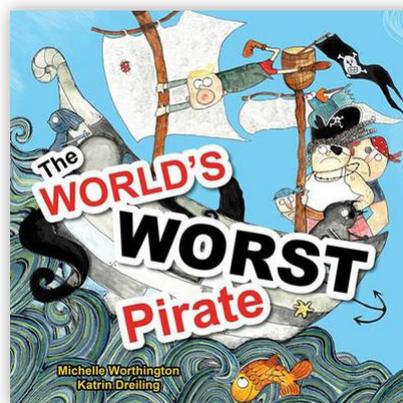
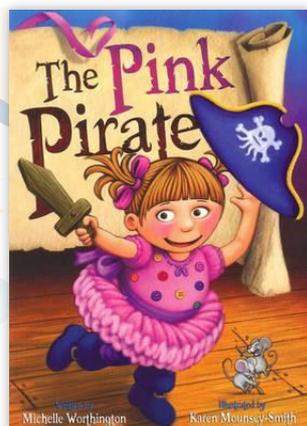
Curriculum Link: Essential elements of narrative writing – Focus on developing characters/ plots through story mapping

Time: 60 minutes

Maximum Size: Children will need to be seated with a pen and paper in the space available

Technology required: A data projector and screen

Drawing/Writing Materials Required: Pencils and paper



Workshop 4: Pyjama Party

Come to school dressed in your pyjamas to celebrate the best-selling book *Pug's Don't Wear Pyjamas*. Students will discuss character creation, sizzling story starters and how to use real life situations in creative writing.

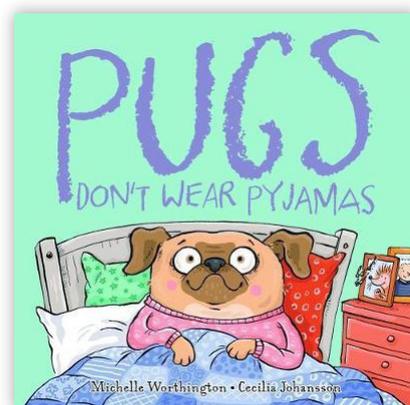
Curriculum: Essential elements of narrative writing – Focus on developing characters/plots through story mapping

Time: 30 minutes

Maximum Size: Children will need to be seated with a pen and paper in the space available

Technology required: A data projector and screen

Drawing/Writing Materials Required: Pencils and paper



Middle/Senior School Workshops

Workshop 5: Sizzling Story Starters

Since the dawn of time, humans have told stories to each other – powerful stories about their life experiences and funny stories to entertain their friends and family. This workshop combines writing and performing arts to engage children in the art of story creation inspired and use picture books as springboards for developing original and interesting innovations. Because these stories have similar patterns and make use of repetition and rhyme, the student's innovations will lend themselves easily to inspire children to tell a story that reveals something about themselves.

Curriculum link: NAPLAN Developing narratives using a set structure, focus on oral storytelling

Time: 60 minutes

Maximum Size: Children will need to be seated with a pen and paper in the space available

Technology required: A data projector and screen

Drawing/Writing Materials Required: Pencils and paper



Workshop 6: Creating Cool Characters

Creating Cool Characters is a creative writing format that puts the writer straight into the heart of story. Inspired by *Noah Chases the Wind* and *Yellow Dress Day*, the decisions these young writers make, and the options they choose, will determine exactly how their particular adventure story unfolds. Children will need to generate a host of creative ideas, as well as apply logic and higher order thinking skills to weave their way through the writing process and solve the problems that arise. Both sides of the brain will get a workout here! Activities are designed to extend children's creative writing and thinking skills, as well as inspire a love of language and storytelling.

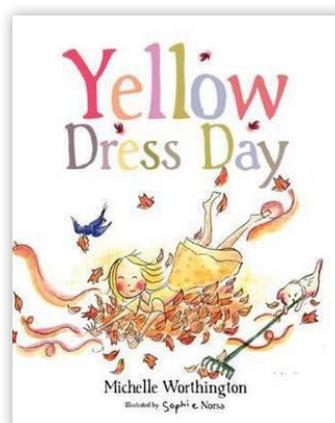
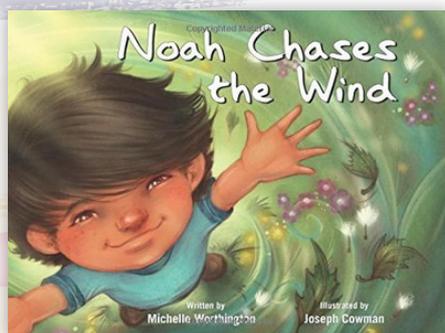
Curriculum link: NAPLAN Adventure/Fantasy/ Hero's Journey – Focus on plotting/planning an adventure style story, developing main characters and creating interesting plots.

Time: 60 minutes

Maximum Size: Children will need to be seated with a pen and paper in the space available

Technology required: A data projector and screen

Drawing/Writing Materials Required: Pencils and paper



Workshop 7: Creative Business Basics

Hear from international award-winning author and businesswoman Michelle Worthington as she shares her journey to starting her own successful creative business. Students will have the opportunity to interact and ask questions about what it takes to be an Australian entrepreneur and founder of a startup. Topics covered include idea generation, marketing and promotion, time management and resilience techniques.

Business Basics: Setting up and running a small business – marketing and promotion – life skills

Time: 60 minutes

Maximum Size: Unlimited

Technology required: A data projector and screen



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Willing Kids Program

Willing kids is a wholistic program is dedicated to improving children's mental health through literacy and improving literacy by focusing on better mental health.

It encourages children of all abilities to talk about making good choices and gives them the tools they need to thrive by supporting their mental health through sensory storytelling. In order to learn effectively, kids need to be happy. Happiness is a habit. By making conscious choices, kids can choose their own pathways to manage their anxiety. Anxious kids going to anxious adults. Kids can't do it alone. Parents and teachers are given the training through the willing kids program to break the cycle and stigma of mental health.

Mental health disorders at the most common disease of childhood In Australia. 13.9% of kids aged 4 to 17 years have been diagnosed with a mental health disorder. Mental health problems affect about one in 10 children. They include depression and anxiety and are often a direct response to what is happening in their lives. The exact cause of most mental health disorders is not known, but research suggests that a combination of factors, including genetics, biology, trauma and environmental stress are involved. Anxiety is the leading mental health issue, with doctors in research by suggesting it is rising with about a 20% increase in diagnosis over the last 5 years. Research suggests 50% of mental illness begins by age 4 and can often start with low self-esteem. Children can experience anxiety from as young as 18 months and while it is normal to feel some anxiety at this age comma the disorder is most common in children aged 7 to 9. Anxiety affects every aspect of a child's life, from eating to learning, making friends and everything in between. Sometimes it's important to go back to the basics.

Our Willing Kids stories serve two purposes.

1. improve mental health
2. improve literacy

Our stories are available as online animations and coming soon, thanks to Daisy Lane Publishing, as picture books.

Our latest animation, The Mouse and the Cat is now streaming live and free on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsxYv6Kpj0A&t=22s>

If you would like Michelle to bring the Willing Kids program to your childcare or primary school, please contact her for more details.

mworthington.author@gmail.com

Willing Kids 

Bookings

All author visits include:

One, two, three or four sessions can be run each day.
Specially priced books for your library, students and teachers with Michelle's own Book Club.
Book signing opportunities for students and staff.

Brisbane SCHOOLS

Dates are available to schools in South East Queensland in Terms 1 to 4. Regions covered include Brisbane, Logan, Moreton Bay, Redland City, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba.

Queensland Schools

Dates are available to schools in Queensland in Terms 1 to 4 on application. At least one full day author visit is required to cover travel costs. Regional and remote schools welcome.

New South Wales Schools

Dates are available in Term 2 and Term 3. At least one full day author visit is required to cover travel costs.

Victoria Schools

Dates are available in Term 3 and Term 4. At least one full day author visit is required to cover travel costs.

WA, SA, ACT Schools

Dates are available in Term 3. At least one full day author visit is required to cover travel costs.

Workshop costs.

The total cost per day is \$770 including GST for a full day of workshops, which includes multiple sessions throughout the day to suit your needs. There are no additional costs for travel or accommodation expenses. Single school presentations and workshops are \$325 per session.

Contact

Bookings, enquiries and book orders can be made directly at

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All bookings need to be confirmed in writing to secure your days.

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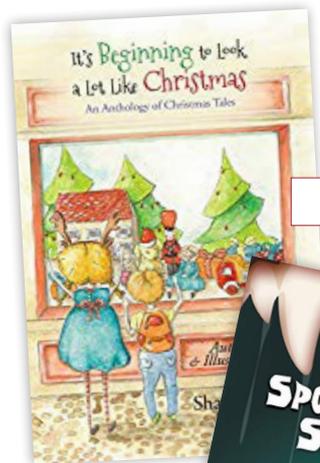
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Order Form

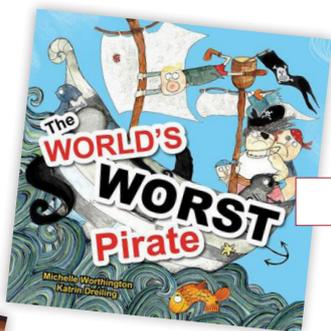
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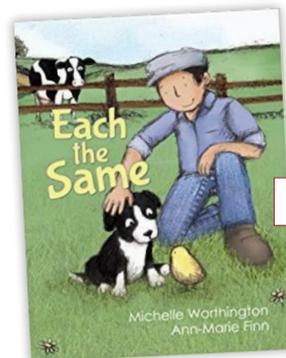
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It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas



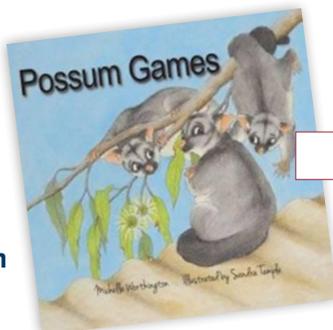
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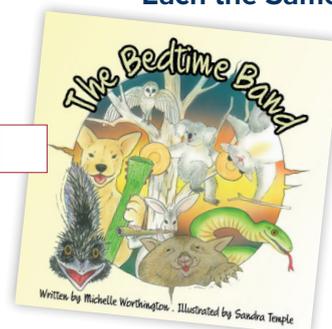
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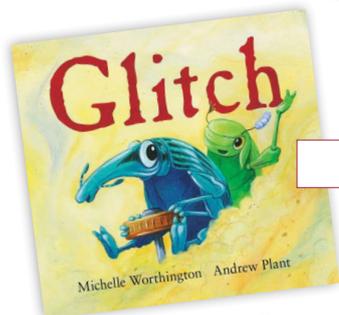
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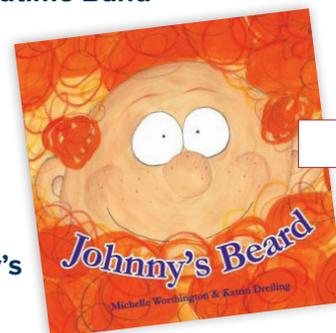
The Bedtime Band



Glitch



The Three Legged Kangaroo from Uluru



Johnny's Beard

Pre-Order / Payment Form

Order Form Simply tick the books you would like to purchase

Child's Name: (please print)..... Class.....

No. of Books purchased:@ \$15.00 each (inclusive GST)

Total \$.....

Method of Payment:

Cash Cheque Please make cheques payable to: Michelle Worthington

or please charge my: Visa Mastercard

Card Number ____/____/____/____ Exp Date ____/____

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All copies will be signed by the author.

However, if you would like a personalised dedication please relate the details below.

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