

NEWSLETTER NUMBER NINETEEN

It seems only yesterday that I sent out my October newsletter and only the day before that that I sent out newsletter number one. But here we are approaching our 4th birthday, with a very special celebration Open Day on Saturday 6 December. Please have a look at the flyer, mark the date in your diary and come, especially with some children you know.

Angela Sunde arrived on Sunday 25 October. See my report on our latest Illustrator in Residence right. It was so good to meet Angela and to see the project she was working on develop over her week here. The gorgeous native waratahs in the bush around here became kind of a symbol of Angela's visit and I've included one of her photos here.

FEEDBACK

I very much appreciate feedback on my newsletters and welcome comments. Here is some very satisfying feedback from a supportive teacher:

Thanks for the newsletter and the extensive list of picture books. This list will come in handy as I head off and do a spot of Christmas shopping. I'll also print off my newsletter for the parents in my class so they too can enjoy the wonderful world of picture books. Very encouraging - and what a good idea!

VISITORS

Award winner Sally Murphy was on a whirlwind tour of Sydney with Steve Spargo from Walker Books. So it was especially good that they found the time to come to Pinerolo. I love welcoming travelling authors and illustrators. Congratulations Sally, on your wonderful books and thanks to Steve for bringing you.



Sally Murphy and me.

ILLUSTRATOR IN RESIDENCE – Angela Sunde

25 Oct - 1 November



It is extremely satisfying and exciting to spend a week with our Illustrators in Residence. Angela has published two books for young readers, *Snap Magic* and *Pond Magic*. She worked here on her new picture book, developing characters, storyboard and text. It's shaping up very well and I wish her every success.

Angela said: 'My time at Pinerolo was truly magical. It was a wonderful opportunity, which I relished and appreciated with the full understanding of someone who adores picture books. There were many I had been keen to read and others I newly discovered. It was all a joy. Pinerolo is a national treasure. I consider myself very lucky to have completed most of my storyboard amongst so much inspiration.'

NEXT: Dub Leffler 30 November - 6 December
Dub will be here for Open Day so come and meet him and watch him work on illustrations.

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Also visiting was old friend Myra Lee. Many people would remember Myra, who has moved back to New Zealand. She worked at Scholastic for many years and was a long-time worker for the CBCA (is now a Life Member). Her visit coincided with the 'Spring into Stories' event at Lawson, so it was an opportunity to catch up with several people.

'Spring into Stories' was organised by Westwords to raise money for the children of bushfire victims. Simon Marnie from the ABC compared the day and it all went very well. There were books to buy and a silent auction and over \$2000 was raised for this good cause.

Then the following Saturday was the Readers & Writers Forum organised by Katoomba Library in conjunction with Varuna. It was held at the Cultural Centre and so many people turned up that it looks likely it will become an annual event.

OPEN DAY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING & MORE

Not only will there be lots of Christmas bargains: adult's and children's books or a piece of precious original artwork as a very special gift – but there will be four guest illustrators here demonstrating their work and I feel very fortunate to be able to showcase them and their books. So be sure to come! Spread the word!



Put B IS FOR BEDTIME on your Christmas shopping list. Also for sale is the beautiful original artwork by Anna Pignataro - a very special gift for a child's room or indeed, any room.

NEW PICTURE BOOKS

The previous newsletter was crammed with wonderful new picture books. With Christmas coming up, there's no better gift for children than a beautiful picture book. Don't forget, picture books are for all ages, not just small children. So here are the latest:

FOR ANIMAL LOVERS

FUNNY HOMES by Dr Mark Norman (Black Dog). Features facts and photos of animals who live in unusual, sometimes strange and dangerous places. Also in the series: **FUNNY BUMS** and **FUNNY FACES**.

ZIGGY THE ZEBRA. Jan Latta is an intrepid traveller and wildlife photographer. This book and others in her 'True to Life Series', designed to educate children about endangered animals, provide facts, activities and superb photos. Collect the series: www.truetolifebooks.com.au

FOR EVERYONE

COME COUNT WITH ME by Marika Wilson (A & U). Learning to count can be enormous fun, especially when you can teach your Nana to do it too. Simple, energetic illustrations and large, clear type.

DUCK by Janet A Holmes & Jonathan Bentley (Little Hare). This delightful little board book is perfect for toddlers who have a special friend. A simple story about friendship, with very engaging illustrations.

FOUND YOU! by Mardi Davies (Ford Street). This new author/illustrator has created a fun story that is at the same time familiar but original. Florence Moon's simple game of hide and seek with Trevor needs a twist and gets it.

GEZANI AND THE TRICKY BABOON by Valanga Khoza & Sally Rippin (Ford Street). Bold solid colours illustrate this story based on traditional African folklore. A good introduction to this rich culture.

GRANDMA, THE BABY AND ME by Emma Allen & Hannah Sommerville (Omnibus). A new baby in the house can be trouble. In this household Grandma is a special friend. A family situation familiar to many.

HURRY UP ALFIE by Anna Walker (Scholastic). Another charming book from this creative author/illustrator. Alfie's getting ready to go out but there are so many other things to do he's late going to the park.

MONSTER CHEF by Nick Bland (Scholastic). Marcel is having trouble scaring people. Then he discovers a unique and amusing way of giving frights. Another fun book from this award-winner.

SALLY SNICKERS' KNICKERS by Lynn Ward & Anthea Stead (Walker). Sally thinks wearing her knickers on her head is rather cool but one day the teacher says stop. A fun rhyming story with mixed media illustrations and a surprise ending.

FOR FAMILIES AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA by John Williamson & Mitch Vane (Penguin). This well-known, iconic Christmas song, illustrated with engaging and very Aussie pictures, will have the whole family entertained on Christmas day.

THE CHRISTMAS ROSE by Wendy Blaxland & Lucy Hennessy (Walker). This beautiful book gives a new, heartfelt slant on the eternal story of Christmas night and bringing gifts for the new baby. Beautifully illustrate with evocative oil paintings.

DECK THE SHED WITH BITS OF WATTLE by C Buchanan, G Champion & Glen Singleton (Scholastic). The whole family will sing along to this Aussie version of 'Deck the Halls', complete with its own CD.

LITTLE DOG AND THE CHRISTMAS WISH by Corinne Fenton & Robin Cowcher (Black Dog). A very appealing and touchingly suspenseful story of a little dog and his best friend one eventful Christmas Eve. Expressive illustrations in ink and watercolour.

MR DARCY AND THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING by Alex Field & Peter Carnavas (New Frontier). The third book about Mr Darcy, this is about Stir-up Sunday when everyone gets together to make the Christmas pudding – but not without complications!

ONE NIGHT by Penny Matthews & Stephen Michael King (Omnibus). A magical, gentle book as all the animals remember that very special birth on Christmas Eve. Beautifully illustrated in pencil and watercolour.

SANTA'S BUSY REINDEER by Ed Allen & Nathaniel Eckstrom (Scholastic). It's the reindeer's busiest night of the year and there's panic. Another one for the family to enjoy together.

THERE WAS AN OLD BLOKE WHO SWALLOWED A PRESENT by P Crumble & Louis Shea (Scholastic). A new, crazy version of a traditional rhyme with chaotic illustrations and very special cover treatment.

THIS LITTLE PIGGY WENT SINGING by Margaret Wild & Deborah Niland (A & U). Five excited little pigs are preparing for Christmas. From two of our most accomplished picture book creators. Good stocking-filler fun.

I hope 2014 has been a good year for you and 2015 is looking even better. Max and I wish you and your loved ones a very happy festive season and thank you for your interest and support. Me and my mascot Grug signing off until next year. Margaret Hamilton AM

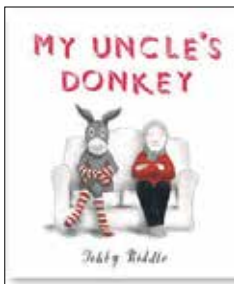


Family Fun Open Day

Our 4th birthday! Saturday 6 December 10am to 4pm

So much to see & do. Guest illustrators at work:

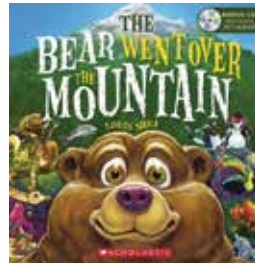
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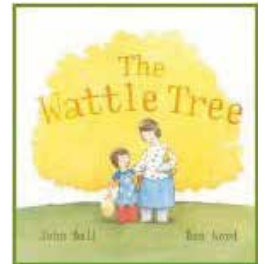
Dub Leffler, Illustrator in
Residence at Pinerolo,
is descended from
the Bigambul and
Mandandanji people of
S.W. Queensland.



Louis Shea will
demonstrate digital
illustration. His hilarious
books include:



Ben Wood
His books include:




Meet author John Bell as well

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