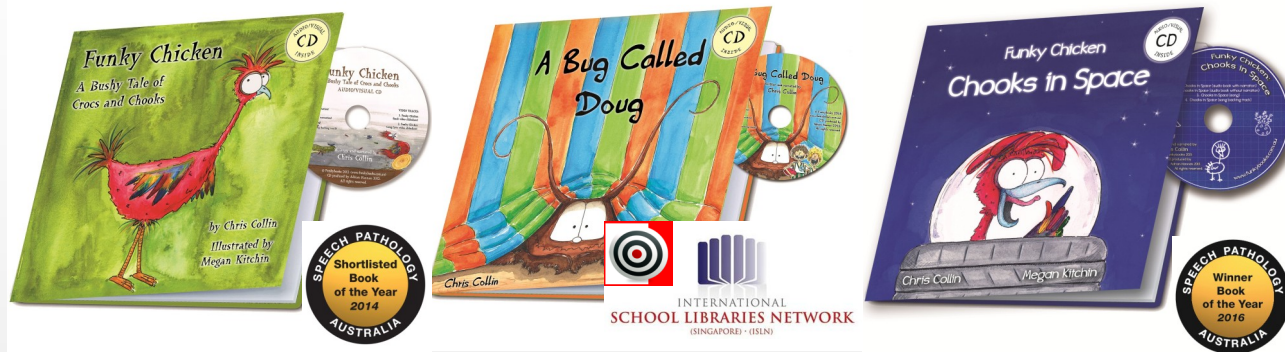




An Author Visit

with Award Winning Australian Author
Chris Collin and his
Fabulously Funky Books!



Fun, funky and interactive presentations around Chris' wacky, rhyming picture books!

Option 1 (kindy to year 2) Duration 45 - 60 minutes

Focus - Exploring literacy with fun - through rhyme, music, puppets and art

- **Introduction and Book Reading** - Students will join Chris with some animal impersonations of their own as he reads his first book, *Funky Chicken: A Bushy Tale of Crocs and Chooks* - 10 mins
- **Puppets** - Students will watch a couple of short puppet videos and interact directly with **puppet** characters from Chris' funky books!
- **Music/Movement** - Students will sing and dance with Chris and one his puppets to the *Funky Chicken Song*. A few special volunteers will be wearing some funky animal costumes!
- **Q & A** - With Chris and one of his puppet friends.
- **Audio/Visual** - Chris will explain what inspired him to write his books and will then narrate another story to an amazing audio-visual slideshow with musical score. - 10 mins
- **Music/Movement** - Funky Chicken will dance with Chris and the audience to another of his fun and funky songs, while students dance and sing along to the lyrics on the audio/visual CD - 5 mins
- **Creative Drawing/Rhyme** - Students will join Chris in drawing a characters from the books, while starting the first lines of a new rhyming story together. Teachers can help them extend on this later in the classroom - 15 mins
- **Memories From The Day** - Students gather with Chris for a group photo (subject to time and permissions)

Option 2 (year 3 - year 6 & Adaptable to suit all secondary levels) Duration 60 minutes

Focus - Creating fun picture books using rhyme and humour

- **Introduction** - Chris will briefly talk about his passion to write children's books that encourage kids to '*read for the joy of reading*'. Chris will acknowledge that senior students are reading books beyond this level, but will invite them to enjoy the rhythm of the poetry and the humorous nature of his stories - 5 mins
- **Poetry & Reading** - Chris will narrate his first book *Funky Chicken: A Bushy Tale of Crocs and Chooks* while students watch the audio-visual slideshow on the big screen. Students will be asked to note the relationship between the music, illustrations and narrative and how the music reflects the mood - 10 mins
- **Follow Your Dreams and Q&A** - Power Point presentation 'Journey of a Dreamer'. Join Chris' journey to follow his own dreams through the making of a children's picture book. This slideshow presentation will cover the process of inspiration, editing, finding the right illustrator, creation of the audio/visual CD, printing and even how the books are sold i.e. the business of being a children's author. Ideas and resources will be shared to inspire the audience to create their own stories and become our creatives of the future! This is a fascinating insight into the process of publishing children's literature - 15 mins
- **Inspiration/Work in Progress** - Chris will introduce the manuscript and cover design for his current work in progress; his next book, *Funky Chicken: Mission InCROCible!* This will be followed by a group discussion/Q & A on the cover interpretation, the narrative and illustration ideas – 10 mins
- **Drama** - with the **Funkybooks School of Overacting!** 'Overactors' selected from the audience will act out one of the Funky Chicken stories with costumes, masks and prompt sheet provided by the presenter - 15 mins
- **Music/Movement (Optional - can be replaced with Q & A)** - Presenters (plus puppets) and the audience sing and dance to the *Funky Chicken Song* with some volunteer 'dancers' from the audience dressed in some very funky costumes! - 5 mins

HOST INFORMATION - Chris Collin Author Presentation

Prior to the Performance

A promotional flyer will be sent to the host 2 weeks prior to the event. The host has permission from Funkybooks to use the flyer and the information it contains as they see fit in the weeks leading up to the event.

On the Day:

Equipment required to be supplied by the host:

- Teachers will be asked to assist with selection of volunteers dancers/actors and distribution of paper/colouring pencils as required.
- Access to power mains wall socket.
- Projector and screen. **Please arrange for a qualified person to assist Chris in connecting to your equipment.**
- (Option 1 only) The host is to supply 1 x A4 sheet per child and colouring pencils for the creative drawing activity. Floor space is also required adjacent to the performance area for this activity.
- Whiteboard and markers.
- Clear space of about 3m x 4m for presenters performance space plus spacing for audience.
- Table for Chris to present from and to display books/merchandise (approx 1m x 2m).
- Seating for audience if required (generally for staff/visiting parents only).
- Light refreshments and/or lunch (if applicable and pre-arranged).

Purchase of Books (if appropriate and fits school policy)

Chris will have books available at a special rate for the school/staff/families to purchase signed copies on the day. Payments can be made in cash, cheque or by our mobile EFTPOS facility.

For more information and bookings please visit our website
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