

Chris Collin - Chooks in Space Author Presentation



Option 1

Level, Kinder/Early Learning Centres/Library Visits/Prep - Year 3

(Duration: 50 mins)

Chris Collin' fun, funky and highly interactive presentations around his latest book *Funky Chicken: Chooks in Space* will captivate audiences of all ages. The presentation includes amazing audio-video slideshows of the story, puppets, music & dancing (with costume dress-up for a couple of lucky participants!) and an art activity where the audience become illustrators and create their own 4 line rhyme!

- **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* - 8 mins
- **Q & A and dance with Puppet 'Poss'** - 'Poss' will question the students about the story and get everyone dancing to the Funky Chicken song along with 'Old Croc' (a volunteer croc from the audience!) 8 mins.
- **Audio/Visual** - Students will watch the audio/visual slideshow of Chris' new book *Funky Chicken: Chooks in Space* narrated by the author - 10 mins
- **Planet Chart** - Using a planet chart from the book, Chris and Funky Chicken will take the students on a short tour of the solar system - funky style! - 10 mins
- **Music/Movement** - Funky Chicken will dance with Chris and Nadia to the song 'Funky Chicken' while students dance and sing along to the lyrics on the audio/visual CD - 4 mins
- **Creative Drawing** - Students become illustrators for a day by drawing their own character from the story while Chris illustrates on a whiteboard - 10 mins
- **Memories From The Day** - Students gather with the presenters and hold up their beautiful illustrations for a group photo (subject to time and permissions)

Option 2

Level, Grade 4 to 6 - Duration 60 minutes

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- **Introduction** - where Chris will briefly talk about his passion to write children's books that kids want to read 'for the joy of reading'. Chris & Nadia will acknowledge that senior students will likely be reading books beyond this level, but will invite them to listen the rhythm and humour in the stories - 5 mins
- **Poetry & Reading** - Chris will read his first book *Funky Chicken: A Bushy Tale of Crocs and Chooks* while students view the book on the big screen - 5 mins
- **Q & A with 'Poss'** - Chris will ask questions about the story with assistance from one of his puppet friends - 5 mins
- **Follow Your Dreams** - Power Point presentation 'Journey of a Dreamer' where Chris will talk about his journey to follow his own dreams through the making of a children's picture book. The presentation will cover the entire process including inspiration, editing, finding the right illustrator, the audio/visual CD, printing and even how the books are sold i.e. the business of being a children's author. This is a fascinating insight into the process of publishing children's literature - 12 mins
- **Inspiration** - Chris will introduce his new book *Funky Chicken: Chooks in Space* and talk about how the inspiration for this story came from Book Week 2013 where the theme was 'Read Across the Universe' - 5 mins
- **Audio/Visual** - Chris will perform a live narration of his new book *Funky Chicken: Chooks in Space* full story Slideshow narrated by the author - 8 mins
- **Drama/Movement** - 'Actors' selected from the audience will act out one of the Funky Chicken stories with costumes and masks provided by the presenters - 15 mins
- **Music/Movement** - Presenters (plus puppets) and the audience sing and dance to the new song *Funky Chicken - Chooks in Space* with one or two lucky costume-wearing volunteers who will join the presenters for the dance! - 5 mins
- **Memories** - Students gather with the presenters for a group photo (subject to time and permissions)

HOST INFORMATION

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

Funkybooks will have the following equipment:

- Computer, Projector, 1.8m x 1m roll up screen & mobile PA system. **Please note** - If the host has access to a projector and screen, we would prefer to use this equipment in order to save set up time. **Please note if we are using the hosts equipment we will need technical assistance minimum 30 mins prior to the first performance for us to connect with your equipment.**
- If staff wish to purchase books on the day, we have a mobile EFTPOS facility and a special rate at 10% off RRP applies on the day for the school/centre resources/staff and parents/carers of students if they happen to be there on the day.

Equipment required to be supplied by the host:

- For the junior session (P/K - 3), 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. Please ensure paper and pencils/crayons are kept to one side during the performance and not with the students as they will be up and down for singing/dancing and these items would become an obstacle for them.
- 240v Power point.
- Clear space of about 5m x 4m for author performance plus spacing for audience.
- Table for presentation of merchandise (approx 1m x 2m).
- Small table for Chris to present from (approx 1m x 1m).
- Seating for audience if required (generally for staff/visiting parents only).
- Light refreshments and/or lunch (if applicable and pre-arranged).

For more information and bookings please visit our website

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