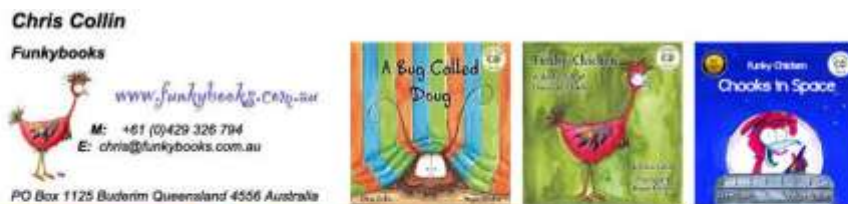


LIVE - VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT!

With Award-winning Australian author **Chris Collin**

Available through SKYPE or any other video conferencing media used by your school!



An educational, fun and immersive experience!

- Story-telling
- Puppet interaction
- Music – singing with Chris to his songs
 - Dancing and movement
- Art activities (become illustrators for a day!)
 - Explore rhyme and rhythm
 - The importance of editing!
- Making of a picture book (PowerPoint screen share)
 - Q & A

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Option 1 - Level Grade Prep - 2 Duration 60 minutes

				ACTIONS	
	ACTIVITY	DURATION (MINS)	DETAILS	CHRIS	HOST
1	INTRODUCTION	5	Presenter Introduction	View Host	View Presenter
2	READING	10	Chris will read his first book <i>Funky Chicken: A Bushy Tale of Crocs and Chooks</i> where the students will interact with animal sounds	Read with Big Book in Hand	Enjoy the story!
3	Q & A	5	Chris will answer questions about the story with assistance from one of his puppet friends!	Chris to offer his best on the spot answers!	Students to ask prepared questions
4	MUSIC/ MOVEMENT	5	Funky Chicken will dance to the song 'Funky Chicken' and students dance and sing along to the lyrics on the audio/video slideshow (a link to the a special page on the Funkybooks website to stream the story will be sent prior)	Sing and dance to the Funky Chicken Song!	Sing and dance to the Funky Chicken Song!
5	AUDIO/VISUAL	15	Chris will introduce his award-winning book, <i>Funky Chicken: Chooks in Space</i> and <i>A Bug Called Doug</i> discuss the inspiration behind the books. He will then read one of the stories	Read with Big Book in Hand	Enjoy the story!
6	MUSIC/ MOVEMENT	5	One of Chris' puppet friends will dance to the song 'Chooks in Space' and students sing along to the lyrics on the audio/visual slideshow (a link to the a special page on the Funkybooks website to stream the song will be sent prior)	Sing and dance to the song Chooks in Space!	Sing and dance to the song Chooks in Space!
7	CREATIVE DRAWING	10	Students become illustrators for a day by drawing their own character from the story while Chris illustrates his own funky characters!	Chris to draw a character on paper for students to follow	Host to hand out an A4 sheet and pencils/crayons to each student.
8	Q & A	5	Final Questions to Chris and puppets!	Respond to Questions	Students ask any final questions
9	MEMORIES FROM THE DAY		Students gather in front of screen holding up their beautiful illustrations for a group photo with Chris and Funky Chicken puppet in the background (subject to permissions)	View Host	View Presenter
		Total Mins 55-60			

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Option 2 - Level Grade 3-6 Duration 60 minutes

ACTIONS					
	ACTIVITY	DURATION (MINS)	DETAILS	PRESENTER	HOST
1	INTRODUCTION	5	Chris will briefly talk about his passion to write children's books that encourage kids to read <i>for the joy of reading</i> and where he finds inspiration for his stories.	View Host	View Presenter
2	AUDIO-VISUAL	10	Play the amazing 'Funky Chicken: A Bushy Tale of Crocs and Chooks' Slideshow, narrated by the author where the students will listen to the rhythm of the story and observe the relationship between the beautiful music and the narrative. Chris to provide link to a special streaming page of Funky Chicken Story (a link to the a special page on the Funkybooks website to stream the story will be sent prior)	Answer any questions the students have after watching the Audio-visual slideshow	Enjoy the story slideshow (narrated by the author) and orchestral music!
3	FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS	15	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, illustration, the audio/visual CD, printing and even marketing i.e. how the books are sold!	Chris to share screen to show the 'Journey of a Dreamer' presentation	Enjoy the presentation and feel free to ask questions at any time!
4	Q & A	5	Chris will answer prepared questions and any further questions about the 'Journey of a Dreamer' presentation with assistance from one of his puppet friends	Respond to questions as best as he can!	Students to fire questions at the author!
6	MUSIC/ MOVEMENT	5	One of Chris' puppet friends will dance to the <i>Funky Chicken Song</i> while students sing along to the lyrics on the audio/visual slideshow (a link to the a special page on the Funkybooks website to stream the song will be sent prior)	Sing and dance to the Funky Chicken Song!	Sing and dance to the Funky Chicken Song!
7	NEW WORKs and Q & A	10	Chris will introduce his work in progress <i>Funky Chicken: Mission InCROCible!</i> Chris will discuss the process and take questions from the students	Respond to questions without giving too much away about the new book!	Students to ask questions
8	MEMORIES FROM THE DAY		Students gather in front of the screen for a group photo with Chris and Funky Chicken puppet in the background (subject to permissions)	View Host (with a couple of his puppet friends)	View Presenter
		Total Mins 55-60			

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HOST INFORMATION

Two Weeks Prior to the Event

- Funkybooks will email the presentation details to the host.
- **Payment** for the event must be made at this time. Funkybooks will email a tax invoice to the Host which **must be paid by credit card or direct debit**. Note - GST will not apply for schools outside of Australia.
- Each participating class is to have (around 5) prepared questions which the students will be asking Chris on the day.

On the Day of the Event:

- The connection is made 15 minutes prior to when the students arrive to ensure all runs smoothly on the day. This session is included in the fees.
- The teacher/s running each session on the day must be fully aware of the presentation details (emailed two weeks prior) and have on hand the following:
 - Hard copies of the presentation details (options 1 and 2 if applicable) for themselves and any other teaching staff present for the session.
 - Ensure each participating class has their questions prepared for the Q & A sections.
 - A4 Paper and pencils/crayons for the illustration activity (P-3 only). **Please note – these are to be kept to one side until the art activity commences, approximately 40 minutes into the presentation.**
 - Room for dancing!!
- The teacher/librarian facilitating the presentation must be present for the entire presentation. He/she is to advise the students this is a live video conference and ensure the setting is controlled to allow a fun and funky interactive presentation! The presenter (Chris) will generally direct comments/questions during the presentation through this person.
- Access to a Computer which is connected to audio/visual equipment or interactive whiteboard for viewing the presenter and the audio-visual slideshows.
- Adequate space for the participating audience (normally on the floor and must allow space for illustrating on single A4 paper).

Steps for Ordering signed copies

1. If students/families/teachers (all over the world!) would like to purchase signed copies of our beautiful books there are just two simple steps! They just go to the secure shopping cart on our website as follows:
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2. Wait for their order to arrive at their door!