



# Primary Schools Day Essential Information

**Wednesday 7 August, Bangalow Showground**

Not long now until Byron Writers Festival kicks off. This essential information will assist in the smooth running of the event. Please read and pass on to relevant staff, we look forward to welcoming you soon!

## GETTING TO THE FESTIVAL

All Primary Schools Day sessions take place at the festival site Bangalow Showground, Market St Bangalow.

### By bus

- All coaches to enter the festival site via Station Street ONLY, traffic marshall will assist with directions - NO ARRIVALS INTO MARKET STREET
- Please ask your bus company to arrive between
  - Program 1 - 9.00 - 9.45am
  - Program 2 - 10.15 - 11.00am
- All coaches will exit via Market Street ONLY and make a left turn on Byron Street (for those coaches heading west they will need to make a U-turn at the roundabout beyond the Bangalow Bowling Club.
- Please note we will not be using the Bangalow Primary School bus zone on Byron Street.

### By car / minibus

On-site complimentary car/minibus parking is in the festival car park and the entry is via Market Street. Please arrive between 9.15 - 10.30am

### Student Drop Zone

- Students arriving by bus are to be dropped at the main Festival entrance (see map below). Please ensure your bus driver does not open bus doors until instructed to do so by our Festival team.
- Students arriving by car/minibus are to park in the main showing car park and make their way to the main festival entrance.

### **On-site Parking**

- On-site complimentary parking is available for coaches in the eastern festival car park. Cars and minibuses will be directed into the main showing car park. Follow instructions from our traffic marshalls.

### **Departure from Site**

- Teachers, it is essential that you have all your students ready to leave in their groups inside the main entrance.
  - Program 1 - Ready for departure before 1pm
  - Program 2 - Ready for departure before 2pm
- This way when your bus arrives you are ready to embark safely and be on your way. We appreciate your patience while waiting for your bus to arrive at the front of the queue.
- All returning coaches are to enter the festival site via Station Street ONLY. NO ARRIVALS INTO MARKET STREET. Traffic marshals will be there to assist with directions.
- All coaches exit via Market Street ONLY and make a left turn on Byron Street (for those coaches heading west they will need to make a U-turn at the roundabout beyond the Bangalow Bowling Club.
- Buses parked in the eastern festival car park will remain parked until your school group is escorted to the bus by our festival team for departure.
- If you have arrived in a small group by car or mini-bus please gather your students and make your way back to the car park for departure. Follow any traffic marshall's instructions to ensure your safety.

## **AT THE SITE**

### **Check-in**

Our festival team will check your group in at the main festival entrance. Your school will be allocated a specific marquee which your students will remain in for the day. You do not need to have any tickets or paperwork.

### **The Book Room – book sales**

Books by featured authors will be available for sale on the day and can be pre-ordered from the Book Room.

Students can purchase books either by:

- cash or card at the Festival;
- online at <https://thebookroomatbyron.circlesoft.net/c/bbwf-2024-primary-schools> ;
- the Book Room order form (attached)
  - Please send this form to students prior to the Festival so they can fill in and return with cash on the day.

### **Book Signing**

Signings are held during program breaks. Authors are happy to sign all books and bookmarks (including those brought from home) but are unable to sign loose sheets of paper.

### **Eat & drink**

Food stalls will be on site serving kids sized meals, snacks and coffee.

### **What should students bring**

- BYO water bottles, which can be refilled for free at our water stations.
- A keep cup for hot beverages - this year the Festival is implementing a 'No single use packaging' policy as part of the Byron Shire Council's new waste management guidelines.
- Weather appropriate clothes – in our Northern Rivers winter this will mean a sun hat and/or a jumper or rain coat!
- Book order form with cash

### **Lost property**

Lost property should be handed to the marquee supervisor. Lost property will be held there until the end of the day. Any unclaimed items will be returned to Byron Writers Festival head office (2/58 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay) for collection the following week.

### **Filming / photography**

Byron Writers Festival employs the services of professional photographers and videographers to record events throughout the Festival for archival and marketing purposes. If you, or any students in your care, do not wish to be recorded, please inform the photographer/videographer and a Festival representative on the day. Please be aware that media outlets may also be in attendance.

### **First Aid**

St Johns Ambulance will be on site for any scrapes, cuts or medical emergencies.

### **Accessibility**

We strive to make the event accessible for all students. If you have students with special needs please reach out to discuss how we can make their experience enjoyable at [info@byronwritersfestival.com](mailto:info@byronwritersfestival.com)

### **Risk Management & Insurance**

Our Risk Management Policy & Procedure document and Public Liability Insurance are available on request by emailing [info@byronwritersfestival.com](mailto:info@byronwritersfestival.com). Copies will also be available onsite at the Box Office.

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS DAY**  
**PROGRAM 1 - Lisa Harvey-Smith | Matt Stanton**  
 Students will remain in their allocated marquee for all sessions

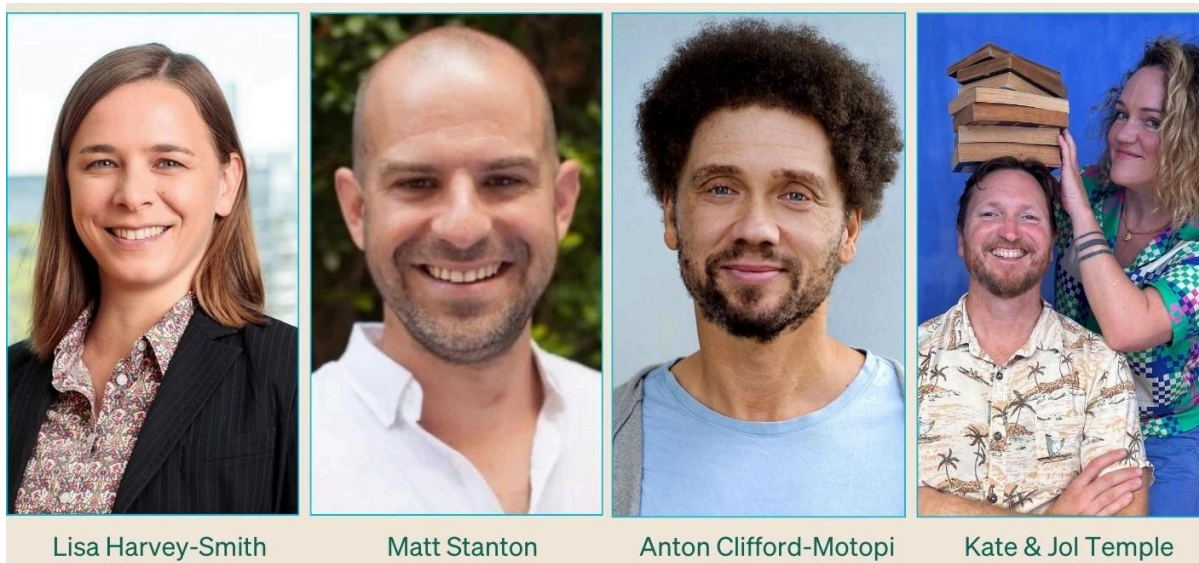
09:00am – 09:45am	Arrive at Festival, please ensure your buses arrive during these times to reduce traffic congestion
10:00am – 10:45am	<b>1st Session - Lisa Harvey-Smith or Matt Stanton</b>
10:45am – 11:15am	Snack break
11:15am – 12:00pm	<b>2nd Session - Matt Stanton or Lisa Harvey-Smith</b>
12:00pm – 12.30pm	Book signing
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Buses depart Festival Ideally have your buses arrive at 12:30pm for departure before 1pm

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS DAY**  
**PROGRAM 2 – Anton Clifford-Motopi | Kate & Jol Temple**  
 Students will remain in their allocated marquee for all sessions

10:15am – 11:00am	Arrive at Festival, please ensure your buses arrive during these times to reduce traffic congestion
11:15am – 12:00pm	<b>1st Session - Anton Clifford-Motopi or Kate &amp; Jol Temple</b>
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Lunch break
12:30pm – 1:15pm	<b>2nd Session - Kate &amp; Jol Temple or Anton Clifford-Motopi</b>
1:15pm – 2.00pm	Book signing and buses depart Festival Have your buses arrive at 1:15pm for departure before 2pm

- We appreciate your assistance in encouraging the students to remain seated during sessions.
- To reduce waste, there will be limited printed copies of the program available for teachers only.

## MEET THE AUTHORS



**Lisa Harvey-Smith** is an award-winning astronomer, science communicator and Professor at the University of New South Wales. In 2018 she was appointed as the Australian Government's Ambassador for Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). She is the author of *The Secret Life of Stars*, *Little Book, BIG Universe*, *Aliens and Other Worlds*, *When Galaxies Collide* and best-selling children's book *Under the Stars*.

**Matt Stanton** is a bestselling children's author and illustrator who has sold more than one million books in Australia. His middle-grade series *Funny Kid* debuted as the #1 Australian kids' book and has fans all around the world. He has twenty picture books to his name, including the award-winning *This is a Ball* series, and over twenty-five novels including the immensely popular graphic novel series, *The Odds*, *Bored* and brand new series, *Fluff*. Matt lives on the south coast of NSW with his wife, bestselling author Beck Stanton, their four children and giant dog.

**Anton Clifford-Motopi** enjoys writing stories that make children laugh. His stories explore themes of self-identity, family relationships and friendship, drawing from his experiences of being black with light-skin, growing up in a large adoptive family and raising four children. Anton's debut novel, *To and Fro*, was published by Allen & Unwin in March 2024.

**Kate & Jol Temple** are the internationally awarded children's authors of over 26 hilarious books for kids and counting! Their picture books include the smash-hit *Bin Chicken* series and the highly awarded backwards-forwards book *Room on Our Rock*, which has been translated into over 20 languages and was the recipient of the Charlotte Huck Award for outstanding fiction with the potential to transform children's lives.

We hope this has answered any questions you may have about the day, but feel free to reach out on [info@byronwritersfestival.com](mailto:info@byronwritersfestival.com) if you need to clarify anything.

We look forward to welcoming you and your students to the leafy sanctuary of Bangalow Showground for a jam-packed day of inspiring and fun sessions showcasing some of Australia's beloved children's authors.

See you at the festival!

**The Byron Writers Festival team**