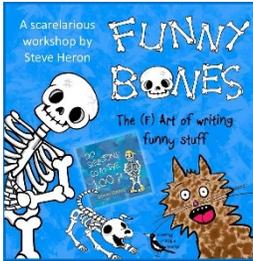




## 2025 – school, library and festival presentations.

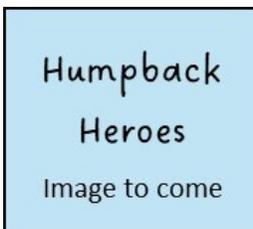
### 1. Funny Bones - The (F)Art of Writing Funny Stuff: (Yrs 4-6) (1hr)



Get ready for side-splitting laughter and a whole lot of fun as we delve into the art of writing funny stuff! Kids will explore what makes people laugh and learn how to craft their own side-splitting stories and poetry. With the help of the quirky Wordasaurs, they'll discover the secrets to tickling the funny bone in their writing. Plus, an exclusive look at Steve Heron's scarelarious book "Do Skeletons Go To The Loo?" and some of Steve's unpublished manuscripts.

*An unforgettable laugh-out-loud adventure.*

### 2. Humpback Heroes (Yrs 3-5) (1hr)



This larger-than-life workshop is inspired by Steve Heron's captivating new book "Humpback Heroes", beautifully brought to life by Leanne White's illustrations. Embark on a creative adventure through the magic of visual /shape/concrete poetry. Kids will test their knowledge with the thrilling Big Humpback Quiz and be challenged to become real-life ocean heroes by discovering ways to keep our seas safe and pollution-free for all marine creatures.

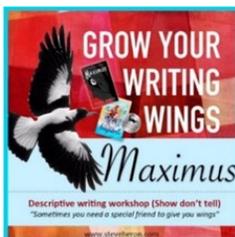
### 3. Wings in The Wind (Yrs 4-6) (1hr)



Dive into the world of Steve Heron's award-winning middle-grade novel "One Thousand Snapshots". Embark on an adventure of self-discovery and hope in this exciting writing workshop. Explore the themes of grief, friendship, stereotypes, and pre-adolescence as you learn how to use the W.I.N.G.S. acronym to craft captivating stories full of creativity and description.

Soar to new heights as you discover the mantra, "*Hope is wings in the wind.*"

### 4. Grow Your Writing Wings (Yrs 4-6) (1hr)



Reach new heights in your writing with this emotional escapade based on Steve Heron's middle-grade novel "MAXIMUS", the first book in the captivating Bayside Blues series. In this workshop, children will not only learn how to explore emotions through descriptive writing (show, don't tell) they will also pick up cues to process and regulate their feelings.

*"Sometimes you need a special friend to give you wings ..."*

**5. Where Ya Goin'? Workshop (Yrs 1-4) (1 hr)**



A wild and whimsical adventure through the Australian outback in this fun-filled writing workshop. Celebrate the magic of friendship and explore the quirky world of outback animals. Get ready to follow Echidna's journey with a big bag of marshmallows in his rickety old bus. Unleash your creativity and imagination as you discover the joys of storytelling! Have a blast writing humorous stanzas about the most lovable Aussie creatures, based on Steve Heron's beloved "Where Ya Goin'?" with quirky cartoon illustrations by Matty Mitchell.

**6. What If? Workshop (Yrs 3-5) (1 hr)**



A workshop adventure that lets children's writing imagination run wild. The magical question "What If?" will spark children's creativity to write ridiculously humorous stanzas that will make their friends roll on the floor with laughter. But that's not all, we'll dive into the wacky world of "Where Ya Goin'?" and discover the secrets to writing Aussie creature humour.

*"When your brain and heart are at play, imagination will come your way."*

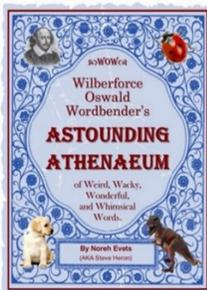
**7. Let Your Kindness Shine (Yr 1-4) (1 hr)**



Unlock the power of kindness and compassion in this inspiring workshop for children. Join Ling Li on her quest to show her wisdom. Based on Steve Heron's award-winning picture book "Ling Li's Lantern", exquisitely illustrated by Benjamin Johnston, children will be challenged to let their kindness shine. Lantern decorating can be added to the workshop for an extra \$1.00 per child.

*"Wisdom without compassion is like a lantern without a flame."*

**8. WOW - Unleash Your Inner Wordsmith (Yrs 5-7) (3hr master class)**

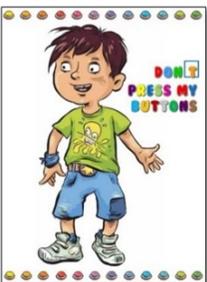


Get ready for a wild and wacky ride into the world of words with **Wilberforce Oswald Wordbender's Astounding Athenaeum**.

Dive into the amazing world of literary devices; with the Alliteradon, Rhymosaurus and their crew of Wordasaurus. Includes poetry, haikus, cinquains, puns, jokes, tongue twisters, nonsense words, and more. This advanced writing workshop is guaranteed to bring out your inner wordsmith and unleash your creativity in a fun-filled and memorable experience.

*Join the celebration of literary buffoonery and writery brilliance!*

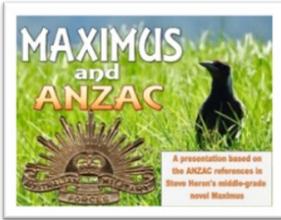
**9. Don't Press My Buttons (P to Yr 3) (45 mins to 1hr)**



Join Branson on his emotion-packed journey as he discovers his BREATHE button and learns to be the boss of his feelings. Based on the upcoming book "Don't Press My Buttons," this workshop is a playful and educational adventure through the fascinating world of feelings. Explore the principles of emotional intelligence, body language, and self-regulation through singing, writing, and, of course, button pressing! With concepts crafted in a fun and memorable way, this workshop promises to be a thrilling experience that will help children master their emotions. (Includes a cameo reading of "Fish Friends")

## 10. Honouring Our Heroes: Anzac Writing Tribute

(Yrs 4-6) (1 hr) (Late Term 1 and early Term 2 only)



A heartwarming and interactive journey into the Anzac legacy. Explore the references to Anzac in "Maximus" and delve into Mitch's Anzac Project Swag. Pay tribute to our heroes through poetry and writing as we uncover the symbols and memories of Anzac Day. This workshop is dedicated to honouring the spirit of Anzac.

## ADULT WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

### A. A Children's Book is a Compass (30 min talk or 1-1.5hr workshop)

Children's books are not necessarily about ending happily ever after; they are more about rousing hope. Writing to provide a compass to help children navigate their world and foster hope. Exploring realistic fiction writing for children that interprets and comments on life and the issues they encounter.

### B. Writing Dashing Dialogue - (1-1.5 hrs)

Bring Your Characters to Life: A Masterclass in Crafting Engaging Dialogue.

### C. Unleash the Emotions: Descriptive Writing (1.5 hrs) (Adult version of Grow Your Writing Wings Workshop—descriptive writing)

### D. The Journey of a Picture Book from idea to publication (1 hr)

Follow the publishing journey of Steve's award-winning picture book "Ling Li's Lantern".

### E. Grow your Kid's Wings (1.5 hrs) (Parents and Educators)

The socio-emotional learning in 'Maximus' and 'One Thousand Snapshots' & the BUZ Five Nutrients for Social & Emotional Wellbeing ©

### F. How to Turn Your Word Vomit into a Polished Piece (1-1.5 hrs)

The writing process from the first draft to editing to a submittable manuscript.

### G. Balancing the Power – Beyond Bullyproofing (1.5 hrs) (Parents and Educators)

The Art of Social Confidence in Children (includes the 'BUZ Gimme 5' © way of Bullyproofing)

### H. Agro and Emo – Helping kids on the emotional rollercoaster (1.5 hrs) (Parents and Educators)

### I. Helping Kids Solve Fights and Restore Relationships (1.5 hrs) (Parents and Educators)

Restorative practices (includes the 'BUZ Hopscotch method of conflict resolution' ©)

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