

Get Ready for Book Week – 21–26 August

Dear Parents and Carers of K–6 students,

Our College is excited to be hosting **Book Week** festivities during Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 3 (21–26 August). This year's Children's Book Council of Australia theme is "**Symphony of Stories**".

Please see below for information about our plans for this year's Book Week celebrations.

Book Character Parade Day & Canteen Information

Students, teachers and parents are invited to dress up as their favourite storybook character, so start preparing your costumes if you have not done so already.

K–6 students from both campuses will come together in the MPC at the Kellyville campus on **Friday, 21 August**, from **9:30 AM** to parade their costumes.

As a Christian community, we ask that an appropriate character be chosen for the Book Character Parade, one that upholds our College values and beliefs. We request that costumes and props such as witches, wizards (including Harry Potter), ghosts, vampires, guns and swords not be used, as these may offend members of our College community or frighten children in our younger grades.

If you are unsure whether a costume is appropriate or would like further clarification, please speak with your classroom teacher for guidance.

Please note the following important information for students at each campus:

Kellyville campus students

- Classes will run as normal until **9:30 AM**, after which students will participate in the Book Character Parade in the MPC and take part in Book Week activities throughout the day.

Castle Hill campus students

- Students will travel by bus and spend the day at the Kellyville campus. Alternatively, parents may transport their child directly to the Kellyville campus for a **9:30 AM arrival**. Please advise your classroom teacher if you and your child will be meeting the class at Kellyville. We ask that students are not left unaccompanied at the Kellyville campus before 9:30 AM, as supervision will not be available.
- Students will need to bring a packed recess and lunch on this day, as the Castle Hill canteen will not be accepting lunch orders. Special Book Week treats will be available for purchase from the Kellyville campus canteen, ranging in price from approximately 50c to \$5.

Both campuses

- Please note that Junior School Sport has been cancelled for Friday, 21 August.
- Hills Zone will still proceed. Students participating in this event will need to bring their representative uniform, as they will be travelling directly from Kellyville to their competition.
- We recommend that students pack their sport uniform in their bag and change after the parade if they wish. This will help prevent costumes from becoming damaged throughout the day. Castle Hill students will bring their bags to the Kellyville campus and may change there.
- If your child is bringing cash for the canteen or Book Fair, please place it in a sealed ziplock bag labelled with their name, class and the amount enclosed.
- Additional Book Week treats will be available for purchase at both campus canteens throughout Week 5. A separate communication will be sent with menu items and pricing.

Parents attending the Book Character Parade at the Kellyville campus must enter via the Front Office and sign in before making their way onto the College grounds.

A hot drink cart will be available at the Kellyville campus on Friday, 21 August, from 9:00 AM–11:00 AM, with all proceeds supporting the Year 11 Service Trip to the Solomon Islands. We encourage parents to come prepared to purchase their morning cuppa from the cart to support this worthwhile cause.

Symphony Picnic & Author Visit

Following the Book Character Parade, K–6 students and their parents are invited to attend the **Symphony Picnic** in and around the MPC. Students and parents will need to bring a packed recess and, optionally, a picnic blanket to enjoy music during the recess break. The Symphony Picnic and Meet & Greet will conclude at 11:00 AM.

After recess, we will farewell our parents, and students will participate in a range of scheduled activities, including:

- A visit from Nathan Luff, an author, playwright and gifted storyteller who recounts in hilarious detail how growing up as one of five boys on a farm in rural NSW inspired the books he writes. He is the author of the *Nerd Herd* and *Family Disasters* series, along with the CBCA Notable title *Jungle Escape*. His upcoming works include the early reader *Fuzzball* and the new *Choose Your Ending* series.

Nathan is also an AWGIE Award-nominated playwright, the Children's and Young Adults Manager for the Sydney Writers' Festival, and a primary school teacher specialising in the creative arts.

Families wishing to pre-purchase a Nathan Luff book may do so using the following link: [Nathan Luff Book Purchases](#). Books will be delivered to the College in time to be signed by the author.

- Classroom activities themed around Book Week, as well as opportunities for students to interact with peers across the College.

Castle Hill students will also have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair to browse and purchase books. (*Kellyville students will visit the Book Fair during Week 5.*)

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will be held in the Kellyville campus library from **Friday, 21 August, to Wednesday, 26 August**, and will be open from **9:00 AM to 3:30 PM** each day. During this time, parents and students will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of affordable Scholastic books, with prices ranging from approximately \$5 to \$25.

If you are unable to attend the Book Fair during the week, that is not a problem! Students from the Kellyville campus will visit the Book Fair during their library classes in Week 5 (Monday to Wednesday), while Castle Hill campus students will have time after the Book Character Parade to browse and make purchases.

Purchases can be made using cash or card on the day, or you may choose to pre-purchase a set amount through the Scholastic Book Fair website using the following link: [Scholastic Book Fair Pre-Payment](#) (or refer to the separate flyer that will be sent home with students shortly).

Thank you for noting all these important Book Week details. If you have any queries or require further clarification, please speak with your classroom teacher or contact Mrs Hidalgo in the Library at carol.hidalgo@hills.adventist.edu.au.

Kind regards,

College Administration

