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Author/Speaker: Debra Tidball

Debra LOVES playing with words and ideas and creating something that helps people think differently. She especially loves talking to children about picture books and sharing her enthusiasm and insights as the author of 'When I See Grandma.'

Debra's author talks (30-35 mins) are fun and engaging and draw heavily on the idea of writing as play.

Debra is happy to discuss tailoring a talk to a particular audience.

Specific emphasis could include:

Memories and the treasure chest of family stories.

Author toolbox and how to feed imagination.

Lego and word play.

Past and present.

Debra is happy to conduct longer Workshop (45 – 60 mins) for years 3-6.

Picture Books and how to make the magic happen.

In this seminar Debra brings along some work from her primary school days, early drafts of her manuscript and illustrator roughs to demonstrate the progression and refinement of ideas, before exploring the magic relationship between pictures and words by sharing some well loved books of this genre. Plenty of hands on fun.



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Testimonials

Debra Tidball was our visiting author for our recent Book Week celebrations. She spoke with children in Years 3-6 about her book "When I see Grandma". This book is her first published work and is based on her experiences taking her daughters to visit their grandmother when she was in a nursing home with dementia. A poignant book, it is sensitively written and beautifully illustrated by Leigh Hedstrom. The book is a celebration of a life lovingly remembered and the time Debra spent with the different classes reflected this. Debra engaged the children so well, involving them meaningfully as she spoke about why she wrote the book and how it was impacted by her Christian faith. The session was very well received by children and teachers alike with one Year 5 teacher beside me commenting, "She is very good ..." and Debra is! I would recommend her to any school, confident that her gentle, careful and responsive approach would be well received and appreciated.

- Stephen Brinton, Teacher-Librarian, Toongabbie Christian School.

Further details on Debra Tidball can be found at: www.debratidball.com.

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