

MAPUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
CHILDREN'S LITERARY FESTIVAL  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

In the region of 700 children, teachers, and parent drivers from our six local schools took part in the Festival on Friday.

The morning began at Hills Community Church, offering an hour of whimsical theatre for Years 1-4 entitled *The Wishing Star* by Evergreen Creative troupe of Nelson. Giving a pat on the back where it's due - Anna is wonderful, being equally believable as a child, a grandmother and a T-Rex.



The six schools in the Mapua area all had their children write stories for a competition and book vouchers were presented by visiting author Jon Tucker, courtesy of Volume bookstore, so favourite books could be chosen by the winners.

Each school had two age groups and each school was judged only within itself. The younger children were asked to write 200 words, the older 700 words. Then schools exchanged stories so they were judged independently.

Years 1-4: The Story Writing Competition winners, years 1-4, were – Dovedale School - Conrad Van Reenen, Mahana School - Dakota Archibald, Mapua School - Holly Clark, Tasman School - Tom Jones-Hunter, Tasman Bay Christian School - Jak Cropp, Upper Moutere School - (no entries).

Years 5-8:



The afternoon was designed for Years 5-8 and consisted of Story Competition prize giving by Jon Tucker and then four workshops and we have wonderful facilitators to thank for these.

The Story Writing Competition winners, years 5-8, were – Dovedale School - Katie Redward, Mahana School - Nika Rayward, Mapua School - Mia Fay, Tasman School -

Grace Palmer, Tasman Bay Christian School - Jorgia Troughton, Upper Moutere School - Amanda Lineham



The workshops were for 1½ hours and the time passed too quickly. The *Illustrating My Story* and *Map-making* workshops, each with 30 children, were particularly busy with paper and art supplies.

Illustrating My Story - Thank you Mike Howell and Barbara Glass



Map-making – thank you Eirlys Hunter and Geoff O'Malley





Additionally there was a workshop of pen, paper and clever minds for 30 children on Screenwriting – thank you Mel Drewery and Julia Ludbrook



A fourth workshop with over 200 children was an audio-visual talk by Jon Tucker on his adventures with Babs and five sons who were schooled on their boat travelling the seas.

Thank you to Jon Tucker for his Talk



Also, importantly -

Thank you to Stella and Thomas at Volume bookstore in Nelson for gifting the book vouchers as prizes for the Story Competition, and for introducing me to Eirlys and Jon.

Mapua Community Library would like to thank Mapua/Ruby Bay and District Community Trust for a grant that allowed us to buy a copy of Eirlys Hunter's *Map-makers' Race* and Jon Tucker's *Those Snake Island Kids* for each school's library.



We also thank *Tasman District* for a grant that made the Festival possible with minimal financial support needed from the schools, which we are also grateful for having received.

Our thanks to Geoff O'Malley who donated, on behalf of LINZ, two very large maps of the area to each school.

Acknowledgement is happily given to Neil at Chocolate Dog for photographing the event.

And finally, to the Mapua Community Library volunteers and some husbands who put many hands to setting-up and cleaning for these events and showed great village spirit.

We have an absolute jewel of a community resource in the village's independent, volunteer-run Mapua Community Library and hope you will either discover it for the first time or continue to use it happily for many years.

Pat Russell  
Children's Literary Festival Organiser