

CURIOSITY CREATIVITY CONNECTION

22-28 MAY 2022

Welcome to the 14th KidsFest Shellharbour, the longest running **FREE** weeklong festival for children, families and carers in NSW. The 2022 festival theme is **Curiosity, Creativity and Connection**, linking with 2022 being the United Nations *International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development*. Held during Families Week, KidsFest Shellharbour partners local businesses with community organisations across Shellharbour City to encourage social inclusion and an enhanced sense of belonging for children 0-12 years, their families and carers. Our KidsFest 2022 program features covid safe signature events focused on providing accessible opportunities for children with disabilities, their families and carers and the wider community.

FRINGE EVENT

16 - 20 MAY
10AM - 1PM

The Imaginarium
Wentworth St
& Addison St
Shellharbour Village

Let your **IMAGINATION** be inspired at the **IMAGINARIUM**

Come and Explore art in various mediums created by local children. Children 0-5 years can join into a creative experience and let their imagination run wild. Come and play, create and learn with Early Years Care and KidsFest Shellharbour.

Wear messy play clothes!

Bookings Essential:

wayne@earlyyearscares.com.au

SUNDAY

The KidsFest Express

Sunday May 22

10am-2pm

Illawarra Light Railway
Museum

48a Tongarra Road, Albion
Park Rail

Ride the diesel trains and miniature trains. Enjoy the circus play zone with Honora and the Early Years Care Creativity Corner. This event is accessible for children with autism, their families and carers and the wider community. Note covered footwear must be worn.

To book go to:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BZIDK>

A social story of the event will be emailed upon request.

MONDAY

**Bring a Buddy
Bowling Day**

Monday May 23

10am-1pm

Warilla Bowls and
Recreation Club, Jason Ave,
Barrack Heights

An introduction to the game of bowls.



TUESDAY

**Helper Friends Emergency Services Expo with
NSW Rural Fire Service and Fire Rescue NSW**

Tuesday May 24

**Closed event for SSP Schools and
children with disabilities 10am-1pm**

Illawarra Rural Fire Service Control Centre
37 Airport Drive, Albion Park Rail

"Helper Friends" Emergency Services Expo is an opportunity for children with disabilities to meet Emergency Service personnel, so they can feel comfortable around 'helper friends' if there is ever an emergency.

WEDNESDAY

Sing a Song Dance Along Songs and dances from around the world with Life Rhythms Music

Wednesday May 25

1pm-2pm

Koninderie Community Based Preschool (closed event)

National Simultaneous Storytime

"Family Tree" by Josh Pyke

Illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh

Wednesday 25 // 11am- 12 noon

Shellharbour Civic Centre City Library, Warilla Library, Oak Flats Library and Albion Park Library

Bookings essential

For more information email:

libraryenquiries@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au



ABOUT THE BOOK

Family Tree is a sweet book written by Josh Pyke and beautifully illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh

It started with a seed, and that seed was me. And, over time, laughter filled my garden...

A heartfelt celebration of family, community and the seasons of life to cherish and to share.



THURSDAY

Communities for Children Picnic

Thursday May 26

10am-12noon

Blackbutt Forest Reserve; Enter off Shellharbour road. Some parking on-site and in side streets off Woodlands Drive.

Come along and help us celebrate Paint Shellharbour REaD's mascot Bangu's birthday. Enjoy free activities such as Farmyard buddies, nature activities, cardboard creations, face painting, transition to school activities, art and craft, reading, ball games, Housing Trust Lego, Paint Shellharbour REaD's Reading Tent, music making, Park and Play, Billy BackPack, Barnardos Play Ranger van and much more. Bring a picnic, hat, sunscreen and rug.

In case of bad weather check KidsFest facebook page.

FRIDAY

Under Southern Skies Multilingual Storytelling Session

Friday May 27

6.30-8pm

Snuggle up at home and zoom in for a multilingual story session.

Share the beauty and joy of stories told in multiple languages. Let them wash over us all, find resonance and connect us as a community of storytellers and listeners. We are the stories we tell.

To register email ann@kidsfestshellharbour.com.au with **STORIES** in subject title and we'll send you the zoom code.



Future Dreaming Breakfast at Killalea Saturday 28 May

Industry leaders, families and creatives reflect on KidsFest and focus on the future. If you would like to be involved, contact: ann@kidsfestshellharbour.com.au

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