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Daniel Gray-Barnett's workshop at Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Reading, *eavesdropping* and nature is where visiting author/illustrator, Daniel Gray-Barnett, finds his inspiration.

Daniel held workshops with the grade 3-5 Stella Maris Catholic Primary School students, as part of our 2020 Book Week celebrations.

He said books are key for many things in life, but eavesdropping is a fantastic way to find story ideas.

As for great characters: look around you! Pets and relatives are goldmines for funny habits or interesting behaviours. Just write down what you see.

Daniel said he lets nature guide him and he suggested we do the same. Study your chooks' eggs or copy their feather patterns. Is there a colour or shape you like? Collect or photograph it. Nature holds enormous amounts of inspiration. Be inspired! He told us not to bother about being perfectionists. We're living in 2020! Digital technology allows us to modify our masterpieces. What a great time to be alive.

Daniel showed us his books and illustrations. He let us *hold* his CBCA gold medal. And talked us through his thought process when designing a magazine cover. What would you store in your under-water cave if you were the little mermaid?

We had a great time with him.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful ideas, Daniel, your openness inspired us. We now have many authors/artists-in-the-making. We can't wait to read *Pocket Chaotic* and see if any of our suggestions make it to Grandma Z: the sequel.

Tanya Boon, Library Technician

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Kids Book of the Year Event @ Taronga Zoo

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This event offers an unique opportunity for students and adults to celebrate the annual CBCA Book of the Year Awards online here with our Will Kostakis, Emily Rodda and our Curious Creatives!





CBCA 2020 Book of the Year Award Winners

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ARTWORK BY SHAUN TAN,

WINNER OF 2019 CBCA PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR

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Thank you to everyone who sent in photos for our special edition of the CBCA Tas. Book Week Newsletter

Looking forward to next year CBCA Book Week 2021 Dates: 21 - 27 August 2021 CBCA Tas. Branch