Launch Pad Writer’s Workshops

**Incursion Details:**
Andrew Tesorio, who writes books for young adults under the pen name of Ander Louis, will be conducting 4 Writer’s Workshops for the Grade 5 and Grade 6 students on Tuesday 3rd May, Thursday 26th May, Tuesday 7th June and Thursday 23rd June.

This is a very exciting program that ties in beautifully with our focus on writing. The students will all become published authors! The aim of the Launch Pad program is to create a book of short stories that has a story from each participant. During the sessions Andrew will guide the students through all the stages of planning, drafting, writing and editing stories so they get to the stage where they are ready to go to the publisher. The published books will be available for sale after completion of the program, when we will have a book launch (hopefully at assembly of Book Week – Mon 22 August).

I have included a newspaper article overleaf which was written after his inaugural program, conducted at Middle Kinglake Primary School.

**Students/Grade involved:** All Grade 5 and Grade 6 students

**When:** Tuesday 3rd May, Thursday 26th May, Tuesday 7th June and Thursday 23rd June.

**Time:** Workshops will be conducted in the Bower Building throughout the day.

**Cost:** $22.50 per student

Please read the following details regarding this activity and then sign and return the slip by the designated date.

**Please note that no child will be allowed to participate unless a signed permission form has been lodged at the school, phone permission is not acceptable.**

**Please note:** Only the “per head” component for any excursion/incursion/camp/program/service/, in the event a student (s) misses the entire program, is able to be refunded. Full refund policy available on our website

Signed: ___________________________  Signed: ___________________________
(Teacher in Charge)  (Principal/Asst.Principal)
Taking a leaf out of author’s book

DRAGONS, an adorable kitten and a runaway pillow are just some of the characters you will meet in the new creative work written by students from Middle Kinglake Primary School.

Grade 4, 5 and 6 students have been eagerly working with Mooroolbark children’s author Andrew Tesoriero, who writes under the pen name Ander Louis, to make a paperback book full of their own short stories.

Tesoriero said the pilot program, which he created in conjunction with the school’s teacher/librarian Catherine James, had been enthusiastically embraced by the students who were also creating their own cover art and illustrations.

“The goal is to get kids reading for pleasure and, even better, writing for pleasure,” Tesoriero said.

He said the students were given no rules in relation to the subject matter, other than that they had to be about a quest or a journey.

Andrew Tesoriero thrashes out some story ideas with Arron and Alanah.

The author of The Liberation Of Sundrian City and A Duet For Swans, Tesoriero said the short story project was born out of a desire to do something more than just an author’s appearance at schools.

He said he just wanted to “push my luck and do something really valuable with the students”.

Tesoriero said Middle Kinglake Primary School was the first school he’d tried the program at, but hoped to roll it out to other schools.

Ms James said the students were excited about creating their own book. “It’s been very positive and the kids have really enjoyed it,” she said.
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Please return this section to your class teacher by Friday 29th April, along with payment of $22.50 per student.

I have read and understood the attached information relating to the incursion for grades 5 & 6 on Tuesday 3rd May, Thursday 26th May, Tuesday 7th June and Thursday 23rd June and give permission for my child/ren……………………..of Grade…………………..to attend. In the event of illness or accident, I authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to administer such first aid as the teacher in charge deems necessary, and where it is impracticable to communicate with me, give consent to the child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as deemed necessary and I accept responsibility for the payment of any expenses this incurs.

Signed: _______________________________________________________________________

Emergency Contact person on the day of incursion:__________________________________________

Emergency Contact Phone Number on the day:___________________________________________

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LAUNCH PAD – WRITER’S WORKSHOP – GRADES 5 AND 6

STUDENT NAME:________________________________________ GRADE:____________

Direct Deposit: ☐

Account Name: Yarra Road Primary School

BSB: 063-124 Account

Date paid: ___________________

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IF you would like to pay by Credit card, please supply the following information and return to the school office.

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