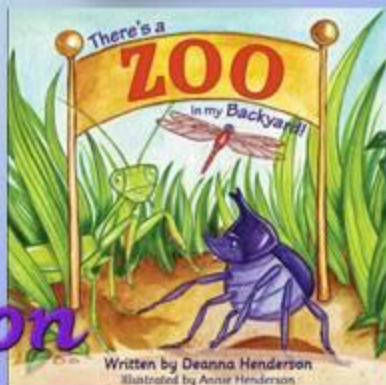


Picture-Book Poetry Party

guest author

Deanna
Henderson



plus POETRY by students from
Whitfield & Trinity Beach Schools

Show us your favourite picture-book to be in the
draw for a prize from Collins Booksellers or
Minibeast Wildlife.

Hosted by:

Celia
Berrell



At: Harbourside Bar &
Kitchen Terrace
209 Esplanade, Cairns

Sunday
21st October
2pm to 3pm
2018



Picture-Book Poetry Garden Party

Name	Topic / poem title	written by
Celia	Welcome	
Imogen	Lucky Galileo	Imogen
Ruby	Cane Toads	Ruby
Jade	Aqua	Jade
Kaya	Meeting ET	Kaya
Coby	Clever Ada	Coby
Georgia	Calculators	Georgia
Angelina	Introducing Deanna	Angelina
Deanna Henderson	THERE'S A ZOO IN MY BACKYARD!	Deanna Henderson
Deanna	Picture Book raffle draw	
Nika	The Boxing Mantis	Nika
Elia	To Bee or Not	Celia
Rebekah	True Bugs are Suckers	Celia
Lucy	Book Review	Lucy
Lucy	Anton's Microscopes	Celia
Liam	Baggy Pants	Celia
Angelina	Don't Eat Concrete	Celia
Philip	17 th Century Alchemist	Celia
Celia	Thanks & Close	
Celia	Invitation to stay for Q & A with Deanna Henderson	

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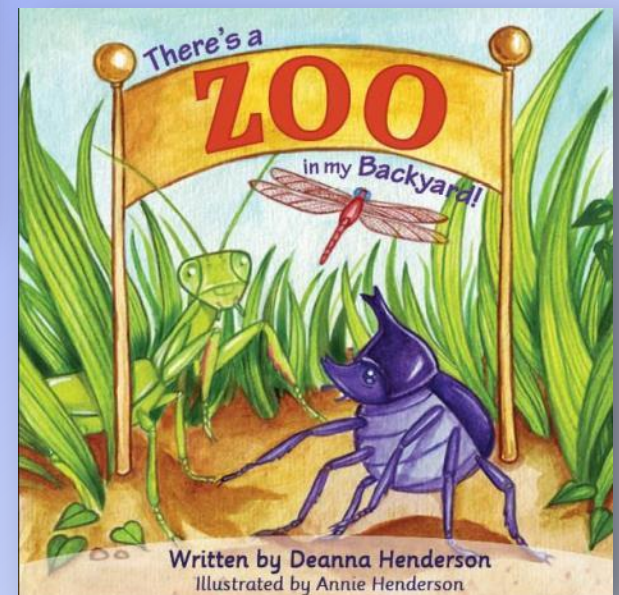


This year's feature author was

Deanna Henderson

Deanna read her book
There's a Zoo in my Backyard!

Deanna is a Zoologist with [Minibeast Wildlife](#) and wrote this book to encourage children to explore their own backyards and discover the fascinating creatures there.





Deanna also shared her passion for insects and other invertebrates by bringing some examples for us to see.



Like these Spiny Leaf Insects
[Extatosoma tiaratum](#)

This was the fifth annual **Picture-Book Poetry Party**, organised and hosted by [Science Rhymes](#) author Celia Berrell. Teacher-Librarian Annette Ryan awarded Celia a bouquet of flowers and thankyou card on behalf of Whitfield State School. Teacher Rose Hollands from Trinity Beach State School arranged for this event to feature in their school newsletter.





Lucky Galileo by Imogen

Renaissance astronomer Galilei
showed that the Earth
revolved round the Sun.
Defying the views of the holiest place,
some Catholics wanted him
burned at the stake.

Instead, he's imprisoned in home-arrest
where Bubonic plague wasn't a pest.
This "Black Death" caused fever,
headaches and chills
then lymph glands, like boils,
began to swell.

Safe from disease,
his life was enhanced.
Protected from getting
boils in his pants!

Cane Toads *by Ruby*

I came here in 1935
filled with excitement about my new life.
Dropped off in Gordonvale's sugar-cane fields
to end all your cane beetle strife.

My tough warty skin oozes poison.
My webbed feet are quite unusual.
But at least being poisonous stops me
from being anyone's juicy meal!

I quickly adapt to your weather.
Your Cyclones don't really bother me!
Instead I just find a new shelter,
and relentlessly grow my family.

In numbers, we grew and we grew and grew.
Reaching the Northern Territory.
And before many scientists even knew,
we're in W.A. - and not sorry!

*Published in [A Science Hall of Fame](#), Science Rhymes
blog post*



All because of a silly mistake,
which scientists wish they could reverse.
Let's hope no-one brings in a Mexican snake!
That could make things a whole lot worse!



Aqua by Jade

Aqua is the colour of waves on the ocean
when blue skies and sunshine are passing by.

Aqua is the sound of water crashing.
Its power and strength we can't deny.

Aqua is the smell of the salty ocean
where sodium chloride will spray and spin.

Aqua is the taste of that briny sea,
touching and tingling against my skin.

Meeting ET at Cairns Aquarium *by Kaya*

This porcupine fish can change personality.
From small, shy and cute,
to puffed-up all-angrily!
Oh, E.T. you have such big eyes,
they make it so hard to say goodbye.
I wonder, have you met E.T.?
If not, I think you'd better see me!

This porcupine fish melts hearts every day.
A Diodon Globefish and species of ray.
Oh, E.T. you have so much love to share,
in Cairns Aquarium we can't help but stare.
If all of you go, please say hello.
Oh, E.T. I love you so!





Clever Ada *by Coby*

Ada Lovelace liked music.
And she was also good at maths.
She wrote a guide, “Flyology”.
She’s a dreamer from the past.

At a ball, she met Charles Babbage
whose incredible machine
was called, The Difference Engine
and only ran on steam.

This was the first computer that
the world had ever seen
and Ada wrote its programs. She’s
the world’s first Coding Queen!

Calculators by Georgia

Those magical math-multiplying machines:
what would we do without them?

We'd sit in a math test, yawning, so boring
all the way to tomorrow morning!

If doing sums you ever fear
don't worry, calculators are here.

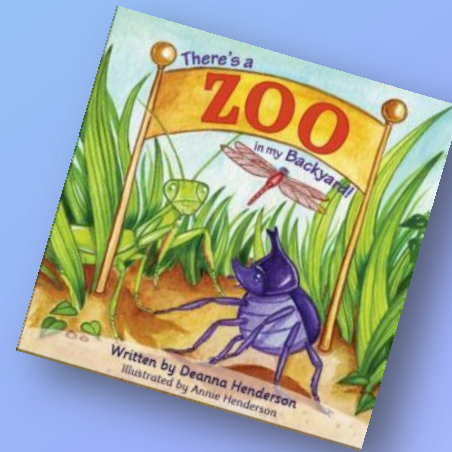
But what is inside; what are they really?
A special machine that tells answers clearly.

Now that we've got them, what do we do?
Trust them completely – their answers are true.





**Angelina introduced
Deanna Henderson and her book
*There's a Zoo in my Backyard!***



Deanna Henderson is a zoologist who is passionate about invertebrates – which are animals that don't have a spine – such as the stick insects over there.

At *Minibeast Wildlife*, she breeds many fascinating species for zoos, museums and pets.

She likes to encourage children to get out into nature to find these animals and that's why she wrote her picture-book “**There's a Zoo in my Backyard!**”, which she is going to read for us today.

Please welcome Deanna Henderson!



As Deanna read out the story, Angelina & Celia displayed the book's vibrant pictures, which were created by Deanna's step-daughter Annie.



Celia & Deanna with poetry presenters from Whitfield & Trinity Beach Schools



People who brought a picture book received a raffle ticket for a prize draw. Winners received a book voucher from Collins Booksellers, Smithfield or Minibeast Wildlife. *(Everyone takes their book home again afterwards.)*

The Boxing Mantis *by Nika*

A praying mantis is green
so it blends-in to help it hide.
It has big brave bulging eyes
that never ever blink.

They eat other insects
and juicy green leaves,
but luckily for us
they don't eat people.

They have four long swaying legs
and two strong punching legs
that bend-up by their chin
so they look like they're going to
PUNCH YOU!



To Bee or Not by Celia Berrell
read by Elia

Is it a bee without a buzz?
It could be a bee with all that fuzz.
But then its wings stick-out too far
and all six legs have got no hair.

You want to know the reason why?
Because it is a bee-sized fly!

They seem to wear their bee-costumes
and pollinate the same bee-blooms.
Their females are a bee's worst pest
and lay their eggs in real-bee nests.

To be a bee-fly small or large
it helps to be bee-camouflaged.



True Bugs are Suckers by Celia Berrell
read by Rebekah

A true bug's an insect,
but insects aren't bugs
if they eat by *chomp-chomp*
instead of *glug-glug*.

Ants aren't true bugs.
They've got mandible jaws.
While a bug's beaky tube
will get used like a straw.

True bugs eat liquids
like plant-juice or blood
by piercing the skin
and then sucking, *glug-glug*.

Cicadas and bed-bugs
are *glug*-sucking guys.
But ladybird beetles
aren't true bugs – get wise!





High Performance by Celia Berrell
read by Freya

If I could fly for just a day
by dragonfly would be the way.
It's like a hot-rod motor car
that speeds at eighty k's an hour.
Reverse, good brakes, it's got the lot
and even hovers on the spot.

I met one resting on a twig
beside a swamp and strangler fig.
Its body glossy, brightest red
with segments ribbed from tail to head.
Four see-through wings that spangled light
and headlamp eyes that bulged so bright.

A showroom speciality
with only four month's warranty.



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The Science Rhymes Book – second edition

by Celia Berrell

*Illustrated by Amy Sheehan &
Margaret Askew*

Jabiru Publishing 2018

Reviewed by Lucy
Whitfield State School



Reading Celia Berrell's ***The Science Rhymes Book - volume two*** was a nice surprise because it provides scientific information in a fun way. Instead of stating "the earth has a magma crust", the earth is compared to a chocolate in "chocolate box planet". This is one of my favourite poems because it describes the Earth, which I'm interested in because we live on it, in a scrumptious way!

Another favourite is ***Anton's Microscopes*** which tells the story of a Dutchman named Anton Van Leeuwenhoek who started the scientific field of microscopy. There isn't just geology poems in this book, there are also poems about the biological sciences, medicinal sciences and chemical sciences, all organised with precision. The drawings used in the book help the reader picture what Celia is describing in her poems.

I would recommend this book to anyone interested in science because it looks at scientific knowledge in a new and creative way.

Anton's Microscopes by Celia Berrell
read by Lucy

A Dutchman named Anton
was someone you'd count on
to tell you precisely
the things he could see.

A microscope maker
and shopkeeping draper
discovering life that's
as small as can be.

He magnified beasts that
he scraped from his teeth
and watched as they swam
like some creatures in seas.



Learning there's animals
formed from just single-cells.
Seeing that even a
flea can have fleas!

Finding bacteria
in our interior.
Sending this news
across the sea.

Anton astounded us.
What he had found in us
started the science
mi-**cros**-co-py.

Baggy Pants by Celia Berrell
read by Liam

Flapping in a sunny breeze
while snagged upon some road-side trees
those plastic carry-bags can trick us
looking like some witches' knickers.

Light and strong they fly away
like parachutes on windy days
to reach the sea and float as if
they're some weird kind of jellyfish.

They're made from poly-ethylene,
environmentally NOT green!
Their hydrogen and carbon chains
aren't broken down by sun or rains.

Thin and tough they bend and flop,
ideal for using when we shop.
But eco-systems do not share
our love for witches' underwear!



Don't Eat Concrete by Celia Berrell *read by Angelina*

I think we'll make a concrete cake.
It doesn't need to oven-bake.
It cooks itself and gets quite warm
when curing to its dry, hard form.

We'll need to scoop and stir and fold
ingredients in a mixing bowl.
Cement and sand and gravel make
the contents of a concrete cake.

Cement's a powder, coloured grey
that's made from gypsum, lime and clay.
Just like a cake's self-raising flour
it gives our concrete sticking-power.

The sand's a bit like sugar-grit
and gravel's like the dried-fruit bits.
By adding water to the mix
we'll make a sludge that slops and sticks.

When poured into a frame of wood
the concrete keeps the shape it should.
We'll pat it flat and water it
until it's cooked and dried and set.



When cured, that slab is hard and tough
so don't go falling on the stuff.
Our teeth and concrete shouldn't meet ...
it's **not** a cake for us to eat!



A 17th Century Alchemist by Celia Berrell
read by Philip

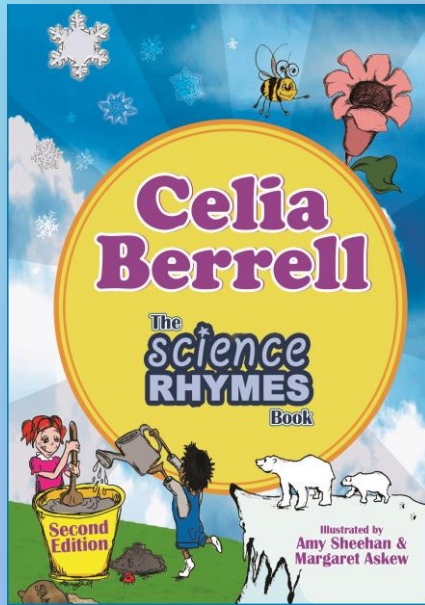
This poem is about Hennig Brand who discovered the element phosphorus. Pure phosphorus glows in the dark.

Philip was able to read it out without laughing, which at first, took a lot of self control ... mainly because of the ingredients Hennig used!

I haven't included the poem here, as our audience kindly agreed it was worthy of submitting for publication, so I hope one day it will be accepted somewhere.



The Alchemist in search of the Philosopher's Stone
oil painting by James Wright 1771



Celia celebrated the release of ***The Science Rhymes Book – second edition*** with illustrator Margaret Askew & editor Gloria Webb from Jabiru Publishing

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[Deanna Henderson](#), our featured children's author.

Student authors from [Whitfield State School](#) and [Trinity Beach State School](#).

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