

Your voice

Inspiring the new generation...

Have you ever been to an event that was so inspirational you felt the need to tell everyone?

On 25 November 2004, I was invited to such an event. A book launch for a group of author/illustrators whose works ranged from very good to the exceptional, but it was the authors, and not their works, that inspired me with their maturity, pride and knowledge. Never before had I met a group who knew so much about writing, illustrating and publishing a book.

Before I go on, I should let you know that these amazing author/illustrators (they are very adamant that they are both authors and

illustrators) are a group of Grade 1 children (5- to 7-year-olds).


These children, Grade 1B/S of Wellington Point State School (Queensland), were inspired by published author Mary Kamols, who gave her time to encourage the children in their literary pursuits, and the results have been wonderful. Not only has the children's self-esteem grown, but so has their knowledge and love of books, at the very least we have a new group of library users, or even better a new generation of librarians/library technicians, and just maybe a few authors of the future.

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