

LWN & NSS 2012

National Simultaneous Storytime



Grenville Library

Twenty-five children from the local pre-school visited the library for National Simultaneous Storytime. First they listened to the story supplying sound effects when appropriate. They were divided in half and sang the "Where is Bear?" song (thank you, ALIA resource page!) several times taking turns in being the 'bears' snoring noisily and being woken up. And then they acted out the story as the librarian re-read it using moose, zebra, sheep, and lion masks, with one teacher acting as very cranky bear. Her appearance with 'moose' horns and crepe paper stripes and mane was a big hit! Space limitations prevented craft activities, but the children seemed to enjoy the morning very much.



PALMYRA PRIMARY SCHOOL TOOK THE BEAR'S PLIGHT TO HEART, AND SHARED STORIES OF WHEN THEY, TOO, WERE CRANKY.



JOHN BROTCHE NURSERY SCHOOL FOSTERED FUTURE ARTISTS FOR ITS NSS CELEBRATIONS



CRANKY FACES AT SUNSET STATE SCHOOL



STUDENTS READ AT HEATHMONT EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL



NSS on the Tiwi Islands

Children from Pularumpi School celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime a bit earlier this year. The school is located at Pirlangimpi, Melville Island, 70 kms north of Darwin.

Nick Bland, author and illustrator of *The Very Cranky Bear*, and Northern Territory Library staff flew into Pirlangimpi on 9 May in very unseasonal wet conditions.

The school provided an excellent room, which was set up with banners, National Year of Reading and National Simultaneous Story merchandise, and a rolling camera.

Sixty enthusiastic children and teachers gave a big welcome to the visitors and then got involved with Nick's story with great sound effects.

After the story, Nick asked the children to suggest some local animals, which he drew on the white board around his drawing of the bear.

Nick then added the characteristics of each animal onto the bear with help from everyone: A turtle shell for Bear's back, a kangaroo tail for Bear, etc. This was great fun. Nick spoke about being a writer and illustrator and encouraged the children to write and illustrate their own stories.

Nick concluded the session by reading his new book *The Very Hungry Bear* which was released on 1 June.

NSS ROCKS! STUDENTS AT LAKES GRAMMAR IN NEW SOUTH WALES



MR RAY SMITH, GENERAL MANAGER OF BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL, READS



Northern Territory Library staff gave a signed copy of the *The Very Cranky Bear* to the school for their participation and thanked the Pularumpi School Community. Nick Bland is also a Territory Ambassador for the National Year of Reading.

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