

Upper Primary Years 5-6 Here's the Plan

Tue 14, Wed 15, Thu 16 May | Turei 14, Wenerei 15, Taite 16 Mei

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Pouākai, haere mai! Taniwha, kia kaha!

TIM TIPENE

Meet Pipi and Pou, two cousins that can shapeshift into a fierce taniwha and mighty Pōuakai, eagle. With guidance from their no-nonsense Nan, they protect and guard the natural world, save lives and overcome dangers. **Tim Tipene's** (Ngāti Kuri, Te Uri-o-Hau) series uses the superhero genre and epic illustrations as a hook to engage the most reluctant of readers. From calming a furious mountain to solving mysteries of monsters in the ngāhere, hear what inspires Tim to create these brilliant tales and how to unlock the superhero in all of us.



Wandering and Wondering

GISELLE CLARKSON

Ever heard of observology? It's the study of looking more closely at the small things around you and being drawn in by the world's tiny wonders – it's also a perfect boredom buster. **Giselle Clarkson**, observologist, illustrator and 2023 Arts Laureate, has launched many scientific expeditions and spent a lot of time gazing at the ground. In her book *The Observologist* she puts 100 small creatures and features of the natural world under the microscope, blending science with humour and illustration. Giselle will speak about how she has combined her two passions of comics and conservation to create a career, and will get you giggling with crazy facts about everyday creatures.



My Classmate's a Secret Agent

JASON GUNN

Join master of comedy and thrills, **Jason Gunn**, as he speaks about his wacky, action-packed *Jason Mason* series, co-written with his brother, Andrew Gunn. Jason Mason is an unlikely hero who on the surface seems like a pretty average kid, the kind of kid who gets to play a dog in the school play, but what most of the world doesn't know is Jason Mason is a secret agent. (*Shhhh, maybe keep that quiet*). In this session, author Jason Gunn will provide tips on how to tell a riveting adventure story and have your readers in stitches. If you're lucky, he'll also share anecdotes from his exciting life, and what it's like working with his brother.



A Story to Tell

MARYAM MASTER

Maryam Master crafts stories with heart and humour that don't shy away from life's tough parts. As well as being an award-winning novelist, Maryam writes for both theatre and television, with her stage adaptations of David Walliams books touring extensively throughout Australia. Her novel *No Words*, which is based on her own experience as a refugee building a new life in Australia, won a list of Australian book awards including the 2023 Peace Literature Award. Maryam will discuss her childhood in Iran, having to flee her hometown and forging a new life in Australia, and how this experience has influenced her writing and why she chooses to write about tough topics.

Upper Primary Sessions: About the Authors

Tim Tipene

As a child **Tim** was adopted into the Waitai Tipene family, and raised in two cultures, NZ Māori and NZ European. His tribal affiliations are Ngāti Kuri and Te Uri-o-Hau. First published in 1996, Tim is an award-winning author of children's picture books and junior novels, including the Pipi and Pou series and *The Book That Wouldn't Read*. In 2023 *Pipi and Pou and the Raging Mountain* was a finalist for the NZ Book Awards for Children and YA while *Pipi and Pou and the Tentacles of the Deep* was a Storylines Notable Junior Fiction. In 1994 Tim created *Warrior Kids*, a self control and social skills programme for children and teens, which he ran for 28 years in schools and communities, changing the lives of young people and their families. A trained counsellor with a graduate certificate in Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Tim also holds multiple Black Belt Ranks and teaching titles in various Martial Arts.

Giselle Clarkson

Giselle Clarkson is an award-winning author, illustrator and cartoonist living in South Wairarapa. In 2023 she was made an Arts Foundation Te Tumu Toi Laureate, receiving the Mallinson Rendel Illustrators Award for an outstanding contribution to New Zealand children's books. Giselle blends humour with detailed observation and a bold immediacy to achieve her signature style. She is a regular contributor to the *NZ School Journal*, *NZ Geographic magazine*, children's literature website *The Sapling*, and once experienced viral success with an illustrated poster of NZ baked goods. Her bestselling non-fiction book *The Observologist: A Handbook for Mounting Very Small Scientific Expeditions* (Gecko Press) is her first as both author and illustrator, and was released in October 2023 to international acclaim.

Jason Gunn

Jason Gunn is a New Zealand television presenter, director and writer. He is best known for co-hosting hit show *Dancing With The Stars*, and game shows *The Rich List* and *Wheel of Fortune*. Jason got his start in children's television, becoming a household name with *Jase TV* and the longrunning *Son of a Gunn Show*. Gunn credits his parents for their acceptance and encouragement. On family drives Gunn would often provide entertainment from the back seat. "They'd let me practise my stories and impersonations and funny voices, and get me to entertain visitors."

Maryam Master

Maryam's novel *Exit Through the Gift Shop* was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Awards. Her second novel, *No Words*, won the Readings Prize and the Children's Peace Literature Award. She's adapted four of David Walliams' books for the stage. TV credits include *Home and Away* and *Elmo's Australian tour*.