

Small Schools Triumph Again!

What an inspiring day of literature and illustration at Cowan Public School!

The two small innovative public schools of **Cowan and Brooklyn**, joined together on Thursday 8th September to immerse themselves in a day of quality Australian literature and illustration for the **5th Cowan/Brooklyn Children's Writers' Festival**.

Matt Kean, member for Hornsby, kindly opened the Festival.

This unique and special event organised by Librarians, **Margaret Bull and Lynne Scanes**, showcased the amazing talents of

John Heffernan, Gus Gordon, David Legge, Frances Watts, Katrina Roe and Tim Harris.

Cowan Public School Librarian Lynne Scanes said, "The students and staff experienced an entire day of writing and drawing workshops to inspire story ideas and develop new skills."

The Children's Bookshop at Beecroft supplied books for the students to purchase and have signed by our guest speakers.

The day concluded with the awarding of prizes for **The John Heffernan Writing Award for Excellence** to the aspiring authors

at Cowan Public School. This event was a huge success thanks to the support and dedication of Cowan Public School Principal, **Mr Paul McSweeney**, Brooklyn Public School Principal, **Mrs Diana Aitken**, and all staff.
Photo: Author John Heffernan has the students mesmerised by his tales.

