

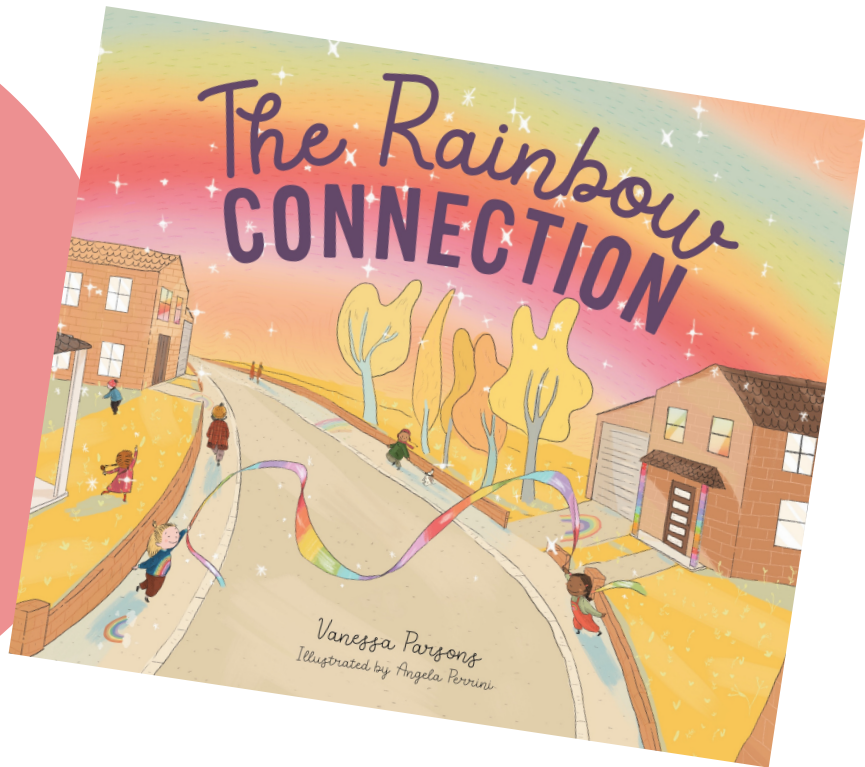
Local Author School Visits

VANESSA PARSONS

Author visits allow children to connect with real writers to gain a valuable insight into the writing/publishing process. Children see that books are worth celebrating, and a love of reading and writing is inspired, whilst also celebrating the joy of creativity.

About Vanessa Parsons

Vanessa has worn many different hats in her life: primary school teacher, life coach, choc-top ice cream factory owner (a bit like Willy Wonka), mother of three children, and owner of various pets, including a wombat and a duck. These rich and varied life experiences provide the inspiration Vanessa loves to turn into children's picture story books that both entertain and encourage conversation. Her first two books are *Mighty Marvin Mouse* and *The Rainbow Connection*.



Author Reading and Question Time Sessions (approximately 30 minutes)

Author Reading and Question Time sessions include a reading of *The Rainbow Connection*, followed by a discussion on how the children's experiences relate to the characters in the story, and question time. This session is best suited for children in Foundation to Year 2.

Inspiration to Book Workshop (approximately 45 minutes)

During the Inspiration to Book workshop, Vanessa tells the story of publishing a book from inspiration through to published book. She brings along lots of different pieces, including first drafts, storyboards, draft illustrations and print proofs to show the children what is involved in the writing/publishing process. The children analyse and discuss the differences between the first draft and the final book, and time is allocated for the children to ask any questions about the writing/publishing process. This workshop is best suited for children in Years 3 and 4.

For further information or to discuss the options for an author visit at your school or kindergarten, please contact Vanessa via mobile 0422 401 910 or email vanessaparsonsaauthor@gmail.com