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Dear Parents and Carers

Registration for the third program in the GATEWAYS Eureka Series 2017 "That's Unbelievable" for students from Year 1 through to Year 6 is now open. The information sheet about the program is on the back of this letter. Your child has been nominated by their teacher as a student who may be interested and benefit from attending. The choice to attend remains with parents.

The program is offered at two venues in Week 6 at Canberra Grammar and Campbell Primary School on the 23rd and 24th August. The school calendar is so far free of other events at this time.

Due to the popularity of these programs **early enrolment is essential** but not a guarantee of securing a place as numbers are limited. The **Parent Expression of Interest for the GATEWAYS Eureka Program for the two venues** is included in this letter. Please select and complete the appropriate form for the venue you have selected and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. We will then enable the nomination process, however **you must check your nominated email to make the online payment in order to complete and confirm enrolment.**

Please be advised that students attending these programs must wear their school uniform and parents are responsible for transport to and from the venue.

Kind Regards

Jeanette Skaff

GATEWAYS EUREKA

'That's Unbelievable!'

Years 1, 2 and 3 - Term 3, 2017

8:45am-3:10pm

Fee \$99.00

I've always loved massive worlds, whether in fantasy or science fiction. I like the idea of making my own rules as well as utilizing everything that I love or inspires me. It's very freeing to know you can write a story that can be as big as your own imagination. Victoria Aveyard (US fantasy and sci-fi writer).

In this term's Eureka we will be challenged to exercise the extremes of our imaginations - we'll explore ideas that will expand our minds; we'll encounter places, characters and stories both strange and unbelievable, and we'll even invent some of our own!

'How Tall is Your Tale?' with Sue Sturges

Did you hear about the little girl who jumped so high at her school Athletics Carnival that a bird flew straight into her? Or about her friend who launched the shot-put so far that no one could find it? Do you ever find yourself embellishing a true story to capture someone's attention? Do you love to hear larger-than-life stories that make outrageous claims or... could they actually be truth? It doesn't matter what the tale is - exaggeration is the key. Tall tales can leave an audience wondering and then laughing out loud. It's time to use our imaginations as we work on comical and exaggerated story-telling to see what capers we can create and what tall tales we can tell.

Sue has long provided G.A.T.E.WAYS with an array of absorbing programs designed to challenge, extend and enhance children's awareness and understanding of themselves and their world. She responds with warmth and humour to the demands of active young minds and gains great satisfaction from participating in students' development throughout their schooling.

'Magical Beasts, Myths and Legends' with Sarah Kinsella

"Well, now that we have seen each other," said the Unicorn, if you'll believe in me, I'll believe in you. Is that a bargaining?"
Through the Looking-Glass by Lewis Carroll.

Stories of magical beasts, myths and legends have been around for thousands of years. Join us as we delve into some of the world's most exciting and intriguing mythical beasts from around the world, from the Sphinx and dragons to the bunyip. We will explore their tales and look at the common themes woven throughout their stories, regardless of where in the world they originated. Along the way, we will invent our own mythical beast. What does your beast look like? What story would you tell? What messages will abound in the tales of our mythical beasts? Together we will go on an unbelievable story-telling adventure as we discover how to paint the scene for an audience, and how to captivate them by using voice, timing and dramatic tension - tah...dah! In the end, a new legend will be born....

Sarah is one of the funniest improvisation performers and most respected and dynamic teacher of improvisation in Australia and internationally. She has worked with pre-eminent improvisation companies in Australia, North America and Europe. Sarah is also an ensemble member with Impro Melbourne and a Director of the Decent People.

'A Winning Story' with Adele Costello

The 2017 International Detective Short Story Competition is under way. Charlie Wordsmith is extremely excited to be representing Australia in this prestigious event. There's just one problem though... to Charlie's great dismay, words are suddenly escaping him! He is struggling with the pressure and is experiencing severe writer's block - he can't even finish his first draft, let alone pull out all stops to produce an unbelievable story! Luckily for Charlie a world-renowned word expert, Ms Main, has come to the rescue. Join us as we work with Charlie and watch Ms Main introduce him to some hilarious play-on-words and a range of clever, imaginative word generating tools. Could changing a single word in a sentence really make an unbelievable difference to our writing? Together we will create a great web of detail and an intriguing body of evidence. In doing so, we'll help Charlie take his detective story to the next level and make Australia proud!

Adele graduated from Deakin University with Honours in a double degree of Education and Arts. Her involvement over the past eighteen years creating exciting curriculum and hands-on workshops for both students and teachers within schools and through G.A.T.E.WAYS has allowed her to pursue her passion of watching gifted children make new and exciting discoveries.



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Program: **That's Unbelievable!**

Year Levels: **1, 2 and 3**

Venue: **Canberra Grammar School**

Cost: **\$99.00**

Date: **Thursday 24 August**

Time: **9.00 – 3.10 (Registration 8.45am)**

1. Please check the dates of the program with your school coordinator to ensure they do not conflict with school commitments (e.g. school photos, excursions, concerts, sports' days etc.). Once enrolments are finalised G.A.T.E.WAYS is **unable to give refunds or credits.**
2. Parents are to arrange transport to and from the venue listed above.
3. If you would like your child to be nominated in the program, return the *Expression of Interest Form* below to the teacher as soon as possible. You **MUST** enter your email address on this form. Please note that nomination does not ensure a place in the program until payment is made.
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