

Sarah Speedie

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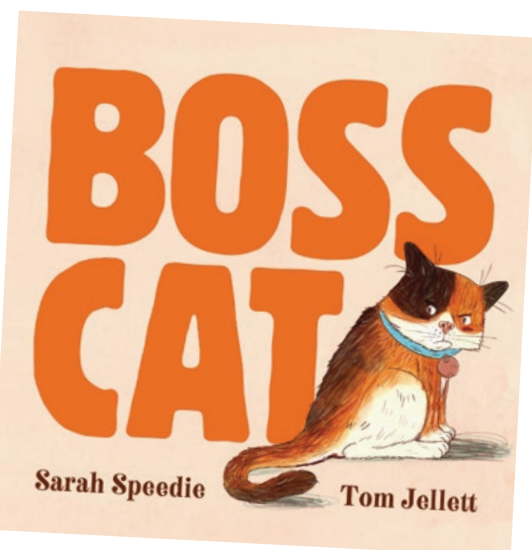
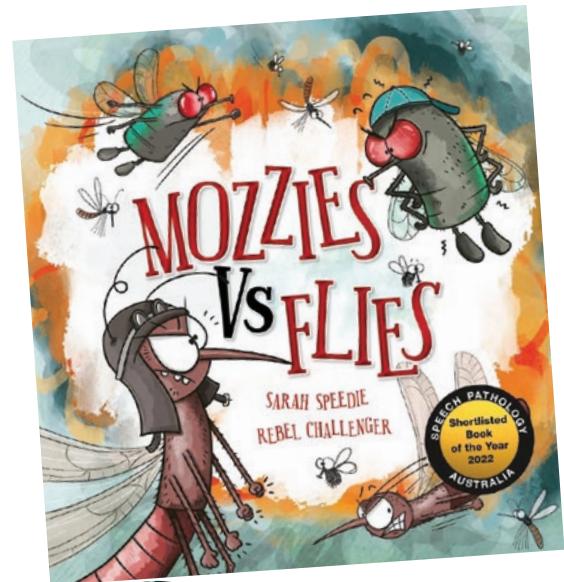
Are you looking for a fun way to inspire your students and encourage a love of reading and writing? If so, a school visit by internationally published children's author Sarah Speedie is just what you need! Sarah Speedie's author visits are informative, engaging and FUN!

About Sarah

Sarah lives in Bayside, Melbourne. Her debut picture book *Mozzies Vs Flies* was shortlisted in the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards 2022. Her second picture book, *Meowster Chef*, has been translated into Spanish and Italian. She has more picture books due for release in 2024/2025!

With two teenage children of her own, Sarah is passionate about nurturing a love of reading and writing in children. When she isn't working on her next big idea, she loves to visit schools, kindergartens and libraries to share her passion for the magic of words. Sarah is a Writer in Residence for the education charity, Ardoch, and also presents full day writing workshops in schools and online for PETAA.

Fun Fact: Sarah is absolutely terrible at drawing! Everybody in her house, including the bulldog, and most probably all seven of their fish, are much better drawers than she is. Luckily for Sarah, her publishers have paired her with some brilliant illustrators, so she can leave the drawings to the professionals.



*A swarm of mosquitos and an army of flies, were ready to rumble and took to the skies ...
The Flies somersaulted and charged to and fro, as the Mozzies looped under and stormed from below.*



Sarah's Workshops

Sarah's sessions can be tailored to the age group and curriculum requirements. While Sarah's sessions are usually interactive workshops, please let her know if you would prefer a presentation. Sessions can be held in person (limited to 30 students per session) or virtually via zoom.

Kindergarten and Library Visits

(50 minute session)

Includes story, question time and craft activities.

Year Prep, 1 and 2

(50 minute session, tailored to the age group)

A fun-filled workshop where Sarah will read her books and share the origin of her story ideas. The rest of the session is based on Sarah's picture book *Mozzies Vs Flies*. Students will brainstorm their own ideas for a '? Vs ?' story, including characters, setting, problem and solution. Students will illustrate their story and share their story ideas with the class.



Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

(50 minute session, tailored to the age group.) Select from one from the following options:

Getting The Laughs

No need to dress up in a frog costume and hop around the room or tell terrible jokes, Sarah will help you amp up the humour in your writing using her very own tips and tricks. Drawing on her extensive experience of writing picture books filled with hilarious antics, Sarah will teach students how to take their own funny writing to the next level.

Add Sparkle To Your Stories

Without using any glitter whatsoever, learn how to make your stories sparkle. Sarah will share her tips on how to write engaging stories that grab the attention of readers from the very first line and keep them captivated right until the last word. By the end of the session students will be equipped with the skills to take their own writing to the next level.

Story Planning – The Three Act Structure

One of the most important elements of a great story is a plan! Sarah guides students through the process of plotting a story using the three act structure. She uses her own books as examples and help students brainstorm and plan their own story.

Rhyme Time

Once you've mastered how to rhyme, you'll want to do it all the time! Drawing on her extensive experience of writing in rhyme, in this fun-filled workshop, Sarah will teach students how to be rhyme champions. From rhyming couplets to the importance of metre and other rhyming tips and tricks, students will gain a good understanding of the basics of rhyme.

Year 5, 6 and Advanced Writers

(Full day workshop)



During this program students learn how to plan, write and edit an engaging narrative based on a chosen theme. Contact Sarah for more information.



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