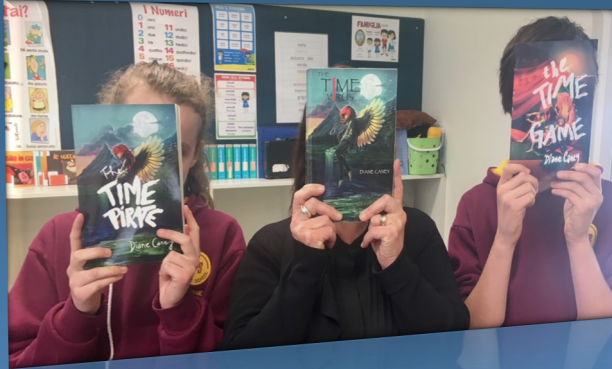
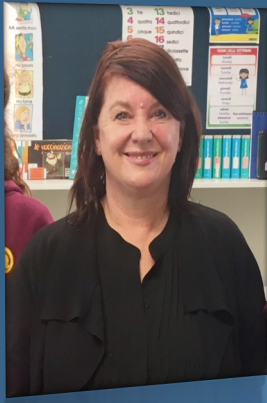


Author: Diane Caney



Tasmanian Author, Diane Caney visited Year 6 on Tuesday morning as part of Book Week. Diane shared her experiences and inspirations as a writer, including insights into her book, *The Time Pirate* amongst others. The students were able to connect to her thoughts and ideas, helping to spark interest in reading for entertainment and developing themselves as writers. We all enjoyed learning about her writing journey.

I now know to never give up when writing and that writing and publishing are not easy little tasks. The *Time Plague* is my favourite title; her characters seemed a bit adventurous and so are mine.

I'll never give up in writing my story and because of Diane, I want to become a famous author when I grow up.

Eric

I found it interesting to find out that Diane Caney has made the same book over again but she has edited and improved it. I learnt new ways to edit my stories, like recording myself reading my story and listening to it to see if it is entertaining or not. I learnt that you can change the name of your book title after it is published.

April

Diane Caney taught me to record myself reading my story and then go back and check it through to see if it makes sense, or I want to add more or edit the boring bits. She taught me a lot about spending time on books and editing really thoroughly. Diane also taught us to be persistent with our work; writing, reading and editing. I have so many new ideas from her, so now I can make tonnes of adjustments to my own stories.

She based a lot of her stories on real life experiences, which makes me a bit sad sometimes to hear about bullying and relatives dying. I will always be a persistent reader and editor. She has written some amazing books and I am really looking forward to reading them!

-Benny

Author Diane Caney taught me to just keep writing and that you don't have to write the beginning, then the middle, then the end; you can plan and write in any order. I found it interesting that Diane read her book out loud and recorded it, then listened to it and I thought this was a good idea. I have learnt that you can't have too many weird names otherwise it gets confusing, so you just have to have at least one simple name like Ben or Jack. — Caleb

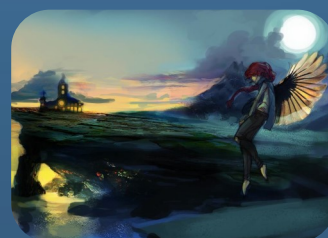
Prior to Diane Caney's visit, whenever I wrote a story, I would always try and finish it all in one go, and although I would plan out my stories carefully, I would often get tired of them and want to start a new one. Diane told us that we should give them a break and come back to them later if we need to. Hopefully, by then we should have a few more ideas and we won't get tired of it.

Astrid

When Author, Diane Caney came to Snug Primary School, she talked to us about how she decided to change the name of her book 'The Time Virus' to 'The Time Pirate'. This was because she had to change some of the writing in the book and she thought that instead of making the evil force in the book- the title, she thought she'd use the character who tries to stop all of the evil from creating havoc overtime.

The things that I learned from Diane Caney's visit, was that you can't rush the book writing process, you have to just go with it. Diane Caney, doesn't necessarily plan her story before writing it, she still knows the base concept of the story, she just gets to the complication when she gets there.

I think I have really taken a lot from author Diane Caney's visit, and I think she has a lot of amazing and valuable knowledge to share with us about her own writing. I also love her book/books! - Charlotte



Author: Diane Caney

Thank you Diane Caney for attending Snug Primary School and sharing with us your experiences and inspirations as a writer.

We also thank you for your generous books you have given our Snug Library to enjoy and be entertained by the many adventurous and meaningful characters in your stories.

You have inspired us to read and to write!



Today, author Diane Caney came in and told us about her stories.

She told us specifically about her book 'The Time Pirate'. It was amazing when we found out that she had been writing her book for twenty years and she was still going. At the same time, she gave us some tips on how to write and improve our own writing. Here are some of them:

- * You can start on parts of your ideas then join them together later.
- * Keep writing and don't give up— just write!
- * Ask someone to read your story for a second opinion.
- * Record yourself reading the book, then listen to it and make the adjustments

She also said the name of her book has changed 3 times!

I like the way she adds bits into the story on how her life has been and I think she is an inspiring author!

Rohan

I was thoroughly impressed and amazed at what Diane Caney had to say this morning. She had a lot to teach and tell us about writing. The main message that I took from today is to not give up and just keep on writing.

I have a lot to write about and know a lot more about how to successfully write a narrative. I was most impressed by the fact that Diane has shown the same amount of compassion and interest in the one story for twenty years and is still upgrading and improving the story line, as she is doing this to please and entertain her audiences for many more years to come.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Diane for her time in coming to Snug and telling us how we can better improve our writing, including how she has achieved her own goals.

- Eli

Today we had an author come to our class to talk about writing and to give us some tips about writing our own narrative.

I learnt that when brainstorming ideas for your writing, it is important to set yourself a goal. During drafts, it is a good idea to keep your chapters short and interesting.

Tom

My thoughts about Diane Caney coming to our Snug Year 6 School is that it was amazing! She created The Time Pirate and The Time Virus, and there were older versions too. Diane Caney made lots of books! She was the best at making The Time Virus and The Time Pirate.

Braxton

Our Author Visit with Diane Caney

Meeting Diane Caney was a lovely experience. She told us how to hook the reader in to your writing. Diane was aiming to write for older people, then she discovered that younger people would be more interested in her books. It didn't just take her a month to write the Time Pirate story, it has taken 20 years and still going! She didn't give up.

Millee

Diane came in and told us how to write a book. She talked about her life, her son and his bullies. I love the book and I like that it can be made better and that it's a good book to read.

Kaidan

Diane Caney visited us to answer some questions and gave us some tips on being a writer. I love writing and I had lots of thoughts after this visit, such as:

- * Make goals to keep your writing inspiring
- * Record yourself reading and listen to it, looking for any changes
- * Keep short chapters (which I really need to do because my chapters get too long when I'm writing a narrative), is a really good tip to use in writing.
- * Just keep writing!

Being an author is amazing. You learn to develop Spelling, English and much more. You get to tell the whole world your feelings in a variety of ways. Hooks are very useful in stories, to make the reader more engaged in the book! I really enjoyed today's visit and I'm ready to write my story.

😊 Amelie