



PENOLA COONAWARRA ARTS FESTIVAL 2008

WRITER'S MASTERCLASS

Go For It: Finding your writing strengths and going beyond them

Spend a day with reputed Australian author **David Harris** in an intense writing masterclass. This is an ideal opportunity for those writers who wish to further develop their skills. You will be amazed at where your ability will take you.

DATE Saturday 17 May

TIME 9.30am for 10am start – 3.30pm (including breaks)

LOCATION Penola Primary School

COST \$60 per person

BOOKINGS Required to Penola Coonawarra Visitor Information Centre, telephone 08 8737 2855 (places limited)

The hunt for **David Harris'** stories has taken him from blizzards in Siberia to deserts along the Silk Road, into jungles, an Italian palace, and pubs in outback Australia. He's written books of fiction for young readers, history, biography, travel, business and cultural relations, texts for secondary and tertiary students, newspaper articles, reviews, children's television scripts, documentary film scripts, briefs for Overseas Aid Programs, and fifty journals of research notes.

Currently based in Mt Barker where he lives with his wife Christine Harris, (award winning author for young readers) and his five children, he has won a multitude of awards including a visiting fellowship with the University of New England, NSW Premier's Award and the runner up of the Christina Stead Award for the biography, *No Bed of Roses*.

Christine Harris has written in many styles: plays, poems, speculative fiction, historical, thrillers, humour. She often gives talks in schools and speaks at writers' festivals and conferences. In 1995 two of her short stories were adapted for the stage by *Outlet Dance*, which toured schools and was performed at the Space, Festival Theatre. In 2006 she was thrilled to win the Carclew Fellowship (South Australian Festival Awards for Literature). She has also had books shortlisted for the Children's Book Council Book of the Year and won an Aurealis Award for speculative fiction.

OTHER WRITER'S WORKSHOPS

Lucky Dip: Writing Surprises – All you need is a pen, paper and sense of humour.

Discover your hidden writing talent during this workshop with Australian author Christine Harris, who will encourage you to explore and embrace what comes from within.

DATE Saturday 17 May

TIME 10am – 11am

COST \$15 per person, bookings required

Totally Wild: Writing fun for young authors

A workshop designed for the young budding writers with Christine Harris.

DATE Saturday 17 May

TIME 11am – 12pm

COST \$10 per child, school children only

Follow your Nose: Experience writing fun with the senses

Involve yourself in the food, wine and artistic aspects of the festival, as well known author Christine Harris guides you through the writing process aimed at enticing your senses.

DATE Saturday 17 May

TIME 2.30pm – 3.30pm

COST \$15 per person, bookings required

ALSO... Don't miss the Writer's Forum on Sunday at 10am with David, Christine and local authors James Darling and Abi Spehr. \$2 per person, children free.

Meet and greet the authors at 1pm on Sunday where you will have the opportunity to purchase their books and have them personally autographed.