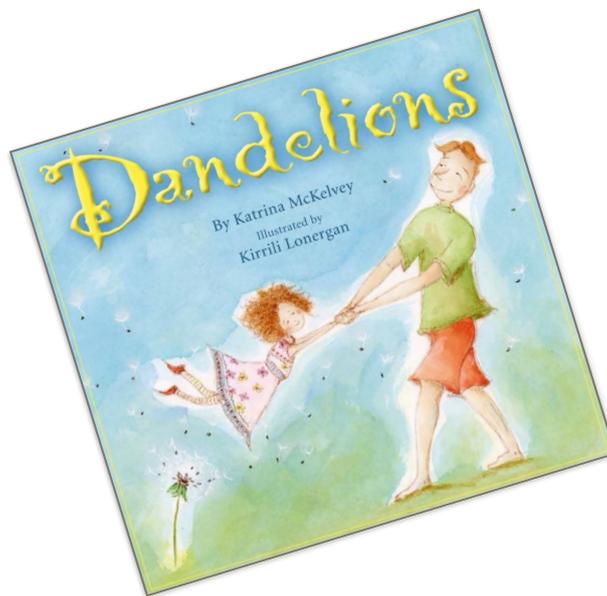




Experience Dandelion Magic **With Us**



School Visit Package Information

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Illustrator: Kirrili Lonergan



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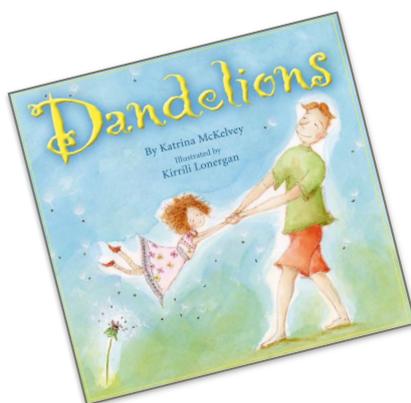
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Katrina McKelvey is an author, former primary school teacher, and mother of two. She is the President of the CBCA Newcastle sub-branch, and on the committee for the Newcastle Writers Festival. She also enjoys being a Books In Homes Volunteer Role Model. *Dandelions* is Katrina’s first picture book.



Kirrili Lonergan is a children’s book illustrator, former paediatric nurse and mother of four. Her illustrations display a profound understanding of the needs of children. She is also the Vice President of the CBCA Newcastle sub-branch and the co-creator of the Lessons of a LAC program.

ABOUT OUR BOOK:

Dandelions is the story of a little girl who one day notices her father mowing the lawn — in the process destroying her favourite flowers: the dandelions. She rushes out to stop him, but she's too late, they're all gone. There's nothing for it: she's just going to have to sit outside and wait until they grow back! But fortunately, Dad has another idea. Taking her hand, he leads her to the house, and there, nestled near the verandah post, are two tiny dandelion puff balls. Father and daughter each blow as hard as they can, and the tiny dandelion parachutes spiral and spin, up, up and away, spreading their seeds to create new generations of dandelions far and wide. And together, father and daughter lie down on the grass, watching as they whirl and twirl through the air.

Exquisite watercolour illustrations combine with lyrical text to create a story that's perfect for readers aged 4–8. This is a book that will be cherished by families and recommended by teachers and librarians, exploring as it does the resilience of nature, the art of forgiveness, and the love between a parent and child.



WHY HAVE AN AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR VISIT YOUR SCHOOL?

Katrina McKelvey and **Kirrili Lonergan** would love to come to your school and share their knowledge of books, writing, and illustrating with your staff and students.

Schools are dynamic places where learning is interactive and hands-on. During their author and illustrator talks and workshops, Katrina and Kirrili intend on being stimulating and thought provoking, leaving your students and teachers with new insights and inspiration for books, reading, writing and illustrating.

The students will get to learn about how books are made, the writing and editing process, the illustration process and much more.

BENEFITS:

An author/illustrator visit:

1. inspires everyone (including staff and students)
2. encourages reading and writing for pleasure
3. motivates reluctant readers and writers
4. increases library use
5. offers variety to learning opportunities
6. gives the creative process (writing and illustrating) a purpose
7. encourages risk taking
8. validates what is being taught in the classroom
9. gives insights into the publishing process
10. is thought provoking



WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT DANDELIONS?

A wonderful story about forgiveness and understanding and that things must change in order to grow.

- [Creative Kids Tales](#)

The father - daughter bond is celebrated in this lovely book. Readers will enjoy the exploring through their imagination as they read and look at the delightful illustrations.

- [School Days Magazine](#)

Filled with light and joyful scenes, the entire book reflects a sense of serenity, freedom and love.

- [Kids' Book Review](#)

You immediately feel pulled in and know this is something special. Definitely a must have for your book case or library.

- [Unity QLD Blog](#)

It's a delight to go through the illustrations and follow where the seeds have flown to. The book features some wonderful messages. It's a timely reminder of the importance of slowing down and spending time bonding with your children.

- [The Mummy Project](#)

Dandelions ... reminds us about taking the time to enjoy nature's simple pleasures and let our imaginations float and fly, just like those little puff ball seeds.

- [Honey Bee Blog](#)

Lyrical and visually stunning, 'Dandelions' will spread love, appreciation and curiosity far and wide, harvesting treasured bonds between the generations. Readers from age four will be blown away by its beauty!

- [Boomerang Books Blog](#)

Young readers will love following the fluffy little parachutes as they travel across the pages and next time you spot a puff ball in your garden you can start a trip of your very own.

- [Hip Little One Blog](#)

This is a most calming, peaceful story about enjoying being in the moment and taking time out to just be, imagine and wonder. A magical introduction to an investigation about how things grow.

- [The Bottom Shelf \(Barbara Braxton\)](#)

Dandelions is a beautiful picture book that will delight both small people and the bigger ones who read aloud to them. With an enchanting sense of hope and magic, this story celebrates the father daughter bond with whimsy and a soft, translucent watercolour palette. The end-papers are breathtaking.

- [Buzz Words](#)

What a delightful book! I must admit I had tears in my eyes as I finished this story. There was so much that I adored about this book I do not know where to begin.

- [Journal of the Early Childhood Teacher's Association](#)



PACKAGES FOR SCHOOLS:

A: Floating To The Sun - The Author and Illustrator Combo

Full day: (choose one option)

1. 3 stage talks
2. 1 stage talk and 2 writing and 2 illustration workshops
3. 2 stage talks with 1 writing and 1 illustration workshop

\$900 for **both of us**. (includes travel, speakers fees, preparation expenses)

\$600 half day for **both of us** (includes travel, speakers fees, preparation expenses)

B: Dandy Writing Time - Author only package

Suggested Topics:

- Dandelion Magic: The Story Behind the Story of ***Dandelions***
- The Publication Process
- How is a Picture Book Made?
- Story Planning and Character Development

Full day: (choose one option)

1. 1 whole school talk and 2 workshops
2. 3 stage talks
3. 3 workshops

\$500 (includes travel, speakers fees, preparation expenses)

c: Fly With Your Imagination - Illustrator only package

This session will cover the process from manuscript to publication, creating characters with emotions and body language, and tips for illustrating picture books.

Full day: (choose one option)

1. 3 stage talks
2. 3 workshops
3. A combination of workshops/stage talks (3 in total)

\$500 (includes travel, speakers fees, preparation expenses)

Note: Packages can be designed for preschool upon request.

All workshops and talks are approx. 1 hour. A limit of 20 children in a workshop.

Packages are tailored to suit the age and number of children attending.

Packages are negotiable (including the half day package).

We are happy to discuss prices based on individual school needs and budgets.

TEACHING NOTES

We have classroom ideas for English, Science, The Arts, and Health and Physical Education. You can access them here:

Teaching Notes

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

This book would be perfect to help celebrate **Father's Day** and **Spring**.

EXTRA RESOURCES:

We have a book trailer and a sneak peek video on YouTube. You can assess them here:

Book Trailer

Sneak Peek

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT US:

Katrina's social media:

Website: www.katrinamckelvey.com

Blog: <http://katrinamckelvey.blogspot.com.au>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/katrinamckelveyauthor/>

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Kirrili's social media:

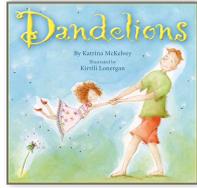
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[Booking/Enquiry Form:](#)

SCHOOL VISITS - 'Experience Dandelion Magic With Us'



To book a visit or for more information, please scan and email this form to katrinamckelvey@bigpond.com or kirrilionergan@gmail.com

School Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Position: _____

Email: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Grades to include (if known): _____

Comments/Questions:

'Dandelions' Book Order Form

We are very excited to be able to offer signed copies of our book at a discounted price if ordered via a school visit. RRP is \$24.95. School visit price is \$20.

Dandelions - hard cover	Price RRP: \$24.95 School Visit price: \$20	Quantity	Total
Kindergarten	\$20		
Year 1	\$20		
Year 2	\$20		
Year 3	\$20		
Year 4	\$20		
Year 5	\$20		
Year 6	\$20		
Other	\$20		
TOTAL ORDER			

Order Details:

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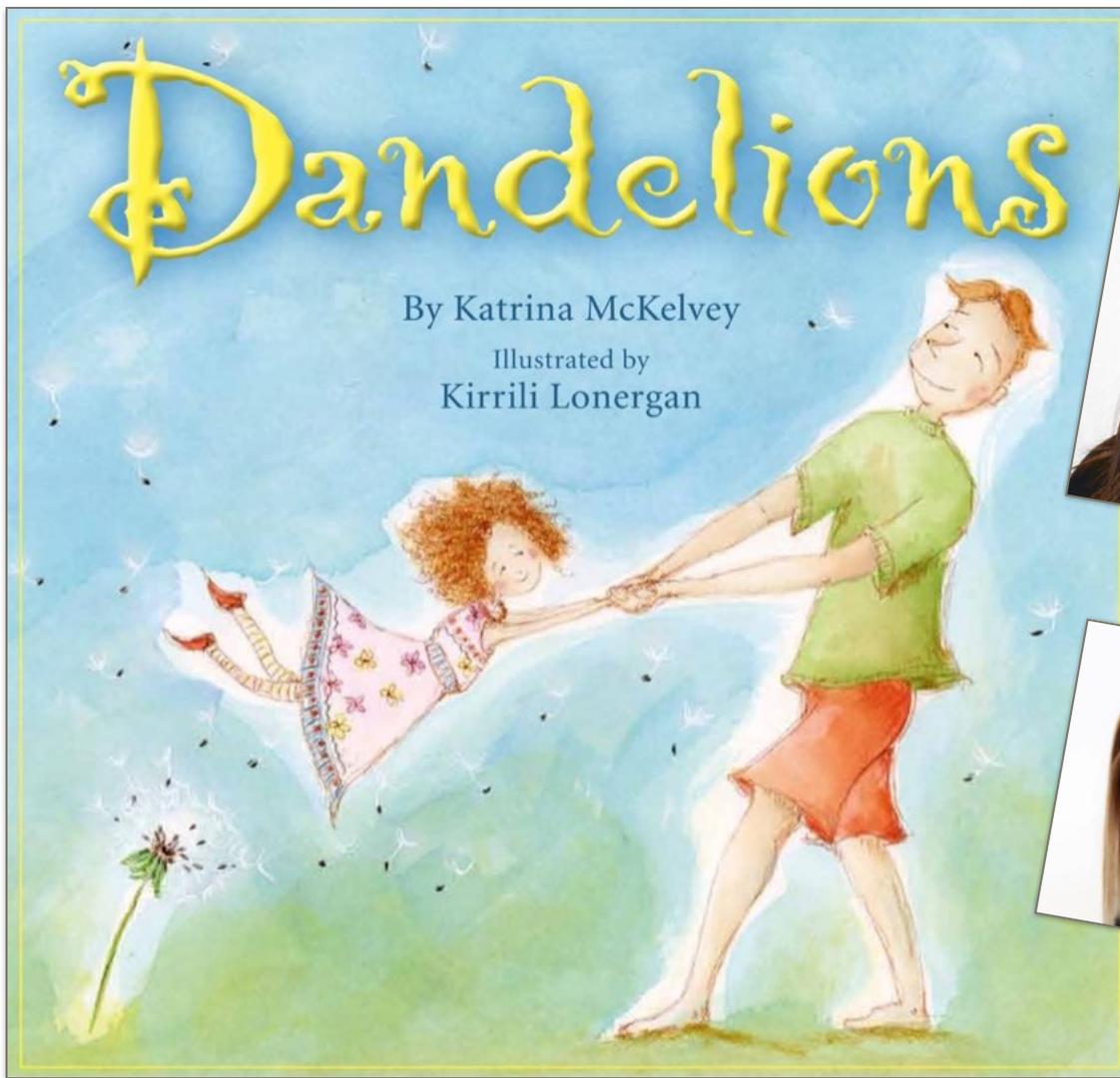
Email this form to: katrinamckelvey@bigpond.com or kirrililonergan@gmail.com

Signed copies of our books can be purchased on the day by request.

Invoices will be emailed. Cheques can be made payable to: Katrina McKelvey for ***Floating To The Sun*** and ***Dandy Writing Time*** packages or Kirrili Lonergan for ***Fly With Your Imagination*** package. Direct deposits can be made by using the banking details on our invoices.

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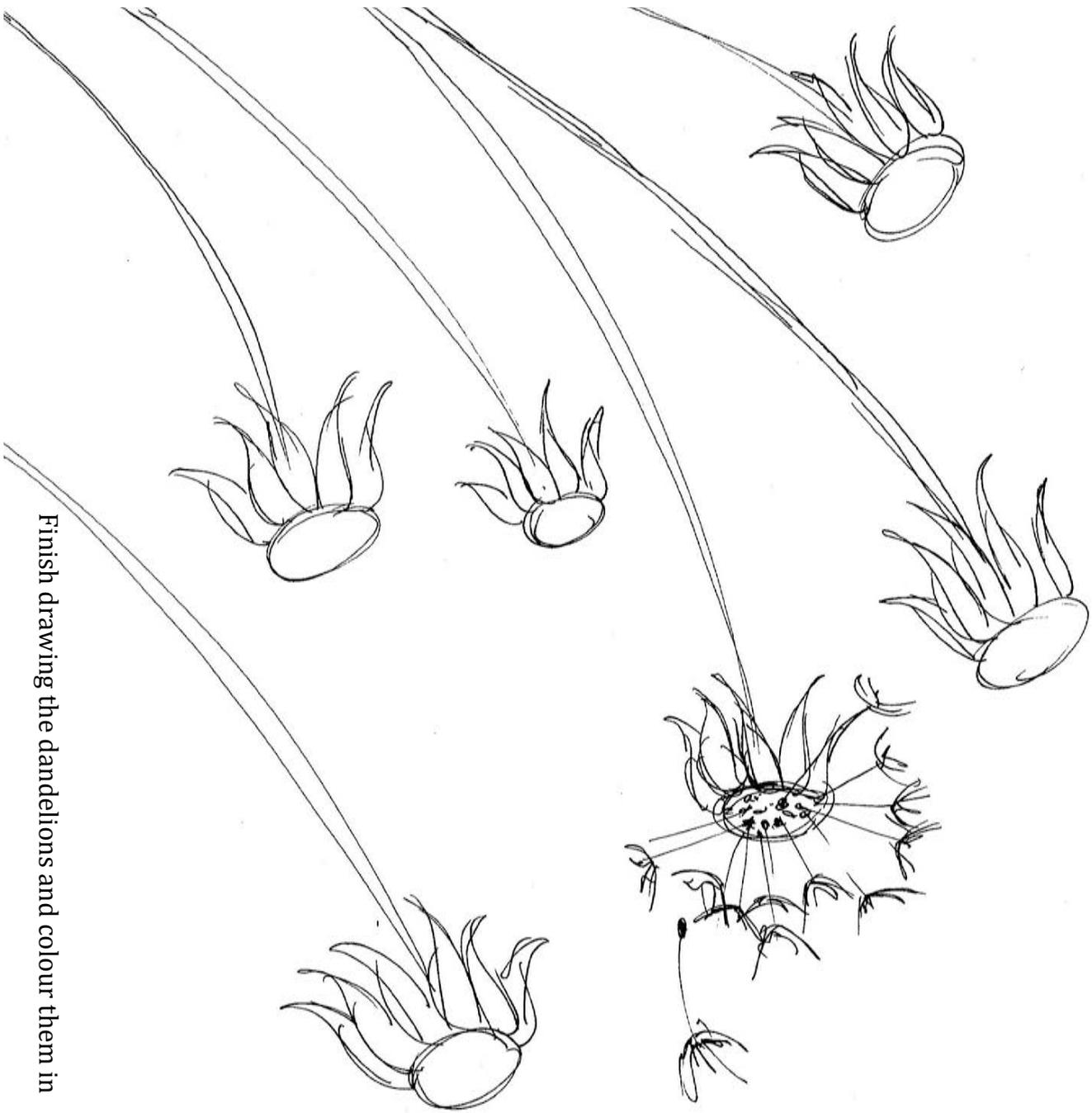
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When:



Colouring page @ Dandelions 2016



Finish drawing the dandelions and colour them in

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