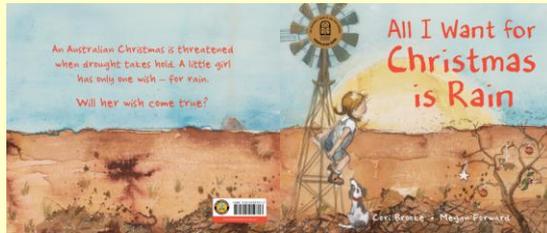


Build your own Frog Pond

STEAM (Science.Technology.English.Art.Maths) Workshops with author and illustrator Megan Forward



Shortlisted for the Children's Book Council Awards for younger readers 2017



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Award Winning Children's author and illustrator Megan Forward is passionate about sharing sustainable practices with young children combining science, technology, literacy and art . This workshop involves creating a sustainable frog pond in your own backyard. The workshop includes the lifecycle of a frog, discussion about the changing nature of our cities, dwindling urban frog populations, properties of materials and what makes a good frog pond, the needs of living things , sustainable design, eliminating mozzies and toads from the pond, and a 3D modelling and building of a mini frog pond.

The workshop builds on and extends environmental issues addressed in her book ***A Patch from Scratch*** (the story of Jesse and Lewis, who want to grow their own fruit and vegies, and raise chickens, just like people do on a farm) and ***All I Want for Christmas is Rain*** which addresses climate in Australia through a young girl's compassionate attempts to help her drought affected family and farm.

In a fun and easy way, Megan's workshops show you how to include cross curricular learning in Science, Technology, English, Art and Maths using 3D modelling and art. She incorporates biological and physical sciences, environmental awareness and sustainability into her workshops with children

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A Frog Pond Beyond



testimonials

*As a leading school in the **STEAM** area, I highly recommend Megan if you are looking for a person to engage the students with the type of thinking that is integral to a **STEAM agenda** within a school. She has the ability to bring alive many different areas of learning for today's students. We are a school that values the connections in curriculum areas and Megan has an intuitive ability to identify these connections and then to plan learning that supports and extends the curriculum. She is delightful to work with and exhibits an appreciation of the dynamics of a school environment and the flexibility that this demands.*

*Megan has worked with us to support our Book Week celebrations, to support stages of the design thinking and inquiry cycle within our **STEAM** work and to partner with us to design activities that engage both our teachers and students. This has included mapping with an artistic element, garden design, ideating and brainstorming activities, frog pond building, cooking with home-grown products and scientific drawing and sketching. I would like to highlight the work Megan does with **sustainability elements within the curriculum**. As a **cross-curricular priority** within the Australian Curriculum, there is so much potential within this area for Megan's support and insights.*

Nicola Flanagan Head of Innovation Oakleigh State School Brisbane, QLD Distinguished Educator - Design Minds Regional Ambassador

I had been looking for a unique craft activity for IndigiScape's annual Wonderful Wildlife Day event and contacted Megan who has facilitated educational activities at the Centre in the past. The event campaign was about creating habitat for wildlife and fortunately Megan was able to step in at very short notice to provide the 'Build Your Own Frog Pond Habitat' workshop. Megan provided all of the material and facilitated a meaningful craft activity where children created their own miniature frog pond habitat using suitable craft items and nature while engaging in conversation with Megan about their creation and how this and other habitat contributed to the ecosystem and the importance of protecting and maintaining this for our wildlife to continue to thrive in our natural environment. This is a very 'hands on' and visually engaging activity encouraging children to explore and protect their natural world.

Marguerite Johnson, Environment Education Events Coordinator, IndigiScapes, Redland City Council

What a valuable experience for children! Megan's delightful personality and manner with children helps make her books come alive. Her love for gardening and art is infectious. Megan soon had children and teachers alike looking on our school garden with inquisitive eyes. Soon after we were using charcoal and paint, and feeling capable of artistic expression. I highly recommend inviting Megan into your learning environment to share her knowledge and skills with your children.

Michelle Scheu – teacher (Chevallum State School)