



📷 Children's author and illustrator Andrew Joyner, with Walford Anglican School girls Deamanthe, 11, and Ruby, 10. Photo: Keryn Stevens

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## Adelaide Writers' Week kicks off this weekend with plenty on offer for the kids

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Lovers of literature will hear from more than 100 Australian and international authors, poets, historians and everyone in between at the 32nd Adelaide Writers' Week.

The free event, held as part of Adelaide Festival, will transform the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden into a bookworm's heaven across six jam-packed days beginning

Saturday, March 4.

Children's author and illustrator Andrew Joyner will be one of 12 local writers participating across the week and says he is looking forward to engaging young ones in the written word.

"The Kids' Weekend is a really great opportunity for children to come along and enjoy story readings and fun art and craft activities," Mr Joyner, 47, says.

"There's something nurturing about children's books and for me, the act of reading to a child and exposing them to literature is quite comforting."

During the Kids' Weekend (March 4 and 5), children can also get their own mini books published, visit a nylon zoo and make paintings, bookmarks and hand fans with the help of Walford Anglican School students.

Adelaide Writers' Week director Laura Kroetsch says the Kids' Weekend is a great way to get children away from technology and into the wonderful world of literature.

"I have a huge passion for putting kids and books together," Ms Kroetsch says. "It's really important that we get children off their iPads and remind them that a pencil or a book is technology too – just a different kind."

For the full program, visit [adelaidefestival.com.au](http://adelaidefestival.com.au)