This year, to celebrate Book Week, Barnier Public School students will have the opportunity to attend a virtual interactive performance by Tony Appleby from Books to Life on Thursday November 19, 2020.

Each year Tony Appleby & his creative team at Books to Life take their favourite of the short listed "CBCA Picture Book of the Year" titles & transform it into an incredibly entertaining & engaging stage show, performed to primary school students across Australia. This year, Tony is performing 'Hello Lighthouse' by Sophie Blackall.

‘On the highest rock of a tiny island at the edge of the world stands a lighthouse. From dusk to dawn, the lighthouse beams…. But change is on the horizon’.

Consisting of the highest-level drama, dance & music, Tony performs the show himself. He uses drama, dance, original songs & music, mask, puppetry, props, sets, DMX stage lighting, full sound system & wireless headset microphone, raised staging, painted sets, dual digital projections, costumes, loads of audience participation, lots of laughs & a full, detailed Q&A session at the end of every show.

Tony Appleby B.Ed.

Script Writer, Director, Composer, Choreographer, Designer, Performer

After teaching Drama, Dance & English in a range of primary, secondary, special education schools & private performing arts institutions, plus working professionally on a range of theatrical, dance, singing & musical theatre projects, Tony then went on to create his first children’s theatre company in 1999. Tony Bones Entertainment “Children’s Theatre by Qualified Teachers” grew over 16 years to tour a total of 32 CBCA short listed book shows that Tony personally adapted for school Book Week programs, as well as 5 original theatre in education productions that focused on bullying, Math’s & Science, puppetry, fairytales & iconic Australians. Tony also created 25 different original party character productions that were performed at corporate events, festivals & parties both in Australia & overseas, as well as a number of different musical cabaret productions that toured for corporate functions & events.

After 16 years of solid touring around Australia & constant show development, Tony sold Tony Bones Entertainment at the end of 2014 & took a year to travel around Australia. Tony has now returned to part time teaching in the Victorian secondary school system which allows him the time to create this new theatre company with a much smaller staff and a much clearer focus - the CBCA short listed Picture Book of the Year show. This will be the 35th CBCA shortlisted book that Tony has adapted and performed for Australian school students!

Students have been asked to bring in $5.00 each to cover the cost of attending this event. Please return the slip below in a separate envelope to your child’s teacher before Friday 13th November, 2020. Online payments must be made by 6 pm Wednesday 11th November 2020.

Renee Losiak
Teacher Librarian

Mandy Hollis
Principal

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**Book Week Performance**

I give permission for my child ___________________________ of class __________ to attend the Book Week Performance on Thursday 19th November 2020.

☐ I have enclosed the correct amount of $5.00

☐ I have paid online. Receipt No. __________________________ Online payments must be made by 6 pm Wednesday 11th November 2020.

Signed: __________________________ Date: _______________