

Hands-on Children's Workshop with Betty Johnston

Author and illustrator of '*Mrs Echidna's Dilemma*'
An educational children's story

Thursday
6th April
10-11.30am

Stanthorpe
Regional Art Gallery,
Locke Street

See the original art-work for the book...

Listen to the author read her story...

Explore how the illustrations were created...

AND THEN....

Explore some art and craft related to the book.



Option 1: (15-30mins)

Make a paper-bag hand-puppet of Mrs Echidna. Kids love the 'surprise' they find in her pouch.....

This activity is suitable for any children under 8. Parental guidance will be needed for very young children.

Option 2: Tactile Textile Experience. Explore the original art-work (two hand-created quilts). What textile choices would you make to represent various elements in the story? Self-guided exploration time with Betty's daughter, Lisa Elliott. (The story was first written for her classroom!) Appropriate for Primary school children.



Option 3: Create a Textile Picture. This activity is only suitable for students Grade 3 and above, as it involves some colouring, stitching and felting.

NOTE: There is a **\$3 cost for this activity**, to cover expenses of fabric, threads and ribbons. Students may also purchase the needles & hoop used for a further \$7 (cost price).

But wait! There's more!

Betty's book is available for purchase for only \$29—
AND you can have it signed by the author.