

Jan 'Yarn' Wositzky OAM

Curriculum aligned

Australian History

Primary &
Secondary

SHOWS & WORKSHOPS 2023-24

"Jan's capacity to educate was wonderfully complimented with captivating musical performance, theatrical personification and storytelling."

PARTICIPATION Students join Jan in acting roles, playing instruments and singing.



GENERAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Immigration: We Came For A Better Life (All levels, PS & Sec, 60 minutes plus Q&A)
Using stories, including Jan's own family story of migration, and songs, including Indigenous songs in language and folk songs, and graphics and maps dating back to the 13th century, Jan tells the fascinating story of people coming to the Australian continent. Including the 10,000 year journey out of Africa, the First Fleet, gold rush, people such as Caroline Chisolm, recent refugees, and more.

"This was a great incursion to support our Immigration unit. Jan engaged students with his storytelling as well as his entertaining singing and variety of instrumental use." (Lisa Baker, Boronia Heights PS)

The Australian History Show (Year P-6 & Secondary, 60 minutes plus Q&A)

Entertaining, informative and fun, a song & story show that covers a wide range of Australian history topics, tailored to suit your curriculum focus. Just ask and Jan will build the show to your needs. A phone conversation will work it all out!

INDIGENOUS, COLONIAL & RECONCILIATION

The Go-Between: William Murrungurk Buckley (Year 4-6 & 9-10, 60 minutes)

The true story of convict William Buckley, who lived with Wada Wurrung people for 32 years as a 'spirit returned from the dead', then became the go-between in Melbourne's birth.

"The kids absolutely loved it and were still talking about it when they left school today!!"
(Claire Brushfield, Bellaire PS)

Wominjeka: The Thank You Workshop (Year 3-6 & 7-12, 75 minutes)

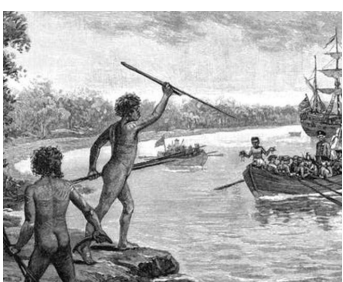
Wominjeka means 'welcome' in the languages of Port Phillip Bay. Students hear stories of first contact and welcoming, and learn to sing a song of respect for Indigenous people.

"Jan captivated the kids with his stories and knowledge and explained difficult topics clearly and professionally. We want him back!"
(Caroline Lawrence, Yarra PS)

First Nations. First Fleet. First Contact. (Year 3-6 & Secondary, 60 mins)

A music and story show, with archival images, about first contact and developing relationships between Indigenous Australians and the British colonists, from Captain Cook onwards, including the last Indigenous people to make contact in 1936, the people of Botany Bay/Kamay with Capt. Cook, happenings of the First Fleet, how Victoria was different, Indigenous songs (with permission), folk songs and much more.

"The students still talk about the poems, stories that you shared with us, on how the British explorers were received by the Indigenous Australians. It was fantastic to hear the two perspectives through your musical talent. The use of paintings/ visuals aided the students learning by connecting the stories that you told." (Madeleine Paslis, Toorak PS)





FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

HOME (is with my family)

(Prep-1/2, 60 minutes)

Students learn a song about family and write their own lyrics and stories.

"Thanks so much for coming to our school last week, the kids absolutely loved it and so did our grade one teachers." (Rebecca Loomes, Trinity, Narre Warren)

Photo: Jan with his parents, 1953

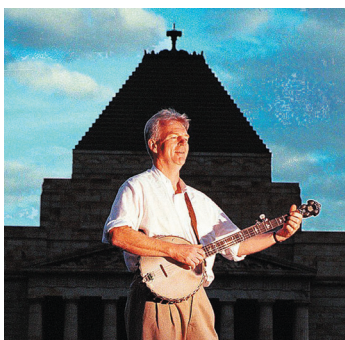


1850s GOLD RUSH

Gold In The Heart (Year 4-6, 60 minutes)

Music and story theatre, from gold discovery to Eureka, including Indigenous, Chinese & European. Jan lives in Castlemaine, a gold town, where he has written and produced a book, interview series and CD about the little known Monster Meeting - the gathering of diggers that set the path to Eureka and democracy. All in the show!

"The students loved it! The teachers mentioned how inspired they were to write about the gold fields in their afternoon class." (Elaine Keely, St Mary's, Cohuna)



WORLD WAR ONE – GALLIPOLI

Çanakkale. Gallipoli. Lest We Forget (Year 5-6 & 9-10, 60 minutes)

Çanakkale is what the Turks call Gallipoli, and this unique music-story-poetry show re-tells Gallipoli with Turkish and Australian song and poetry.

"It was a brilliant production...I was very impressed with how Jan involved our students in the presentation." (Billanook College)



AND ALSO!



JAN 'YARN' WOSITZKY'S STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

(All Primary & Secondary)

Storytelling underwrites all our communication and in this workshop Jan tells various types of stories and explains how they work. Then students write or tell their own tales.

"Jan Wositzky was so entertaining and a great presenter! He was very flexible and able to adapt his workshop formats to suit our requirements." (Marissa Caluzzi, Ivanhoe Girls Grammar)

Photo: Akasha Dingey

JAN 'YARN' WOSITZKY OAM

Recently awarded an OAM for his work, Jan is a renowned performer of Australian story and song, with a career than began as a founder of the famous Bushwackers Band in 1971, and includes his solo shows, best-selling books, award-winning documentaries and over 20 years performing in schools.



Photo: Brian Carr

ONLINE ENQUIRIES & FULL DETAILS

(curriculum, recommendations, full briefs etc)

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FEES \$500 per show for up to 100 students, \$5/head for additional students up to 150 max (plus travel to some locations)

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