Andy Wright Storyteller

"Andy is a true storyteller who enters into the heart of his stories and has his audience in the palm of his hand."

Andy has been telling stories around the world for over a decade. He is committed to helping children and adults discover their own stories and celebrate their own culture and the culture of others.

He has performed in theatres, schools, kindergartens, libraries and to numerous conferences, and festivals.

Andy uses his storytelling to promote literacy, reading, and the love of literature. Most importantly he portrays a sense of fun, mixing a fine blend of humour with true emotional pathos.

As well as folk and fairy tales, Andy tells a number of personal stories about growing up in a provincial city. Many of these tales are a fine blend of stand up comedy with extra punch, well suited to mixed audiences.

Types of Storytelling

Andy provides Storytelling performance for all ages; from highly interactive performances for 3-7 year olds, to largely narrative based performances for older children and adults.

For **primary school aged children**, he performs over 200 stories drawn from folk and fairy tales around the world, with varying levels of audience participation and narrative content.

For **Teenagers** Andy can perform a number of classical horror stories many of which link into other literary classics such as Shakespeare.

He has worked with **Teacher Training** Colleges, **Curriculum Advisors**, **Librarians** and Schools linking storytelling and improved literacy.

Andy offers **workshops** for older students and staff, exploring the history and technique of storytelling, and how to unlock our own personal stories.

Suitability K – 12 **Cost**: \$3.50 NZD per student **Minimum Costs**:

Schools: \$350 NZD if less than 100 students. **Pre-Schools**: \$295 NZD if less than 85 students.









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Andy Wright – feedback



Andy had them eating out of the palm of his hand!

Ages 13-14, Wairarapa College, NZ

Just wanted to let you know how much the students and staff enjoyed having Andy last week. He was incredibly engaging and had the kids **on the edge of their seats!** Please thank Andy for his great session with our year 7s. Amanda Baker, Viewbank College, VIC

Andy WAS fabulous. I have had terrific feedback and the children loved him! Laburnum PS, VIC

Fantastic, Andy's performances engaged all students across the school. The storytelling has invigorated the students and their story writing has incorporated many aspects of his performances, especially their characters' speech and language. **Brilliant!**

Nicole Wearne, Literacy Leader, Prep-6, Torquay College, VIC

"Fantastic", "funny"; Excellent appeal to all children. **High energy and highly entertaining!** Miandetta PS, TAS

All students gained valuable insight into storytelling, drama performances, professional ethics and met a wonderful person. A brilliant, outstanding, gifted gentleman. Thankyou for sharing your stories with us. The performances' value add to our literacy and drama work within the school curriculum. Robin Keys, ages 5 - 15, Strathalbyn Christian College, WA

Andy was **GREAT!** He did a **superb** job without the need for props or elaborate costumes. Well worth the visit! Mary McCulloch, K-7, Our Lady Star of the Sea School, WA

Thankyou, thankyou, Just Brilliant!! What a wonderful day we have had. I hope Andy enjoyed himself as well as we have. Thanks again. Belinda Hankinson, Tambellup PS, WA

All the children were engaged – loved it! Fantastic having such a **variety** of stories from around the world. Two days later the preps were still chanting lines from the stories.

Sarah Linton, Mirboo North PS, VIC

Students absolutely loved Andy's storytelling – they were enthralled and captivated – fantastic! Teachers all loved it and the fact that there were no props, yet children were totally engrossed Trudy Duxbury, Prep-6, St Gabriel's PS Traralgon, VIC

Just wanted to let you know that Andy Wright was fantastic, the kids really loved him and were totally involved. His performances are **really interactive** – kept 100+ preps **mesmerised** for 45 minutes. I got great commendations from all the teachers as well. He is a proper performer.

Anthea Trencher, Guardian Angels PS, QLD

I would just like to thank you for coming to our school and for the wonderful performances. You had students and teachers eating out of your hand and totally engaged. We all benefited from your presence and I know there are a few students who have decided that they would like to follow you on your career pathway. Thank you once again. Jenny Carter, Narrogin PS, WA

Excellent! Thank you for recommending Andy!

Andrea Chesterman, Eltham College, VIC

Very clever and talented! Extraordinary presentation! Well done! Students were very enthusiastic, delighted, engaged. Wonderful – students are so used to the visual world: this presentation was refreshing and stimulated their imagination. Captivated by the imaginary journey Andy took them on and totally involved. Excellent show – age appropriate, great fun – with a great message. Snug PS, TAS

The children were totally engaged and loved every moment of it. All of the attending teachers were impressed with the quality of the performance and level of student engagement.



Bass Valley PS, VIC

Fantastic, all children were **totally engrossed**. I don't know how he does it. His use of drama, voice as well as the chosen stories was great. Humour & serious messages all combined. His love & joy of his art really shone through. An **excellent** incursion, Highly recommended for all.

Karrinyup PS, WA

Excellent – Teachers very impressed – Students enthusiastic and engrossed Linda Winter, Years 3-8, The King David School, VIC

Outstanding, kids loved it

Janine Cruickshank, Newborough East PS, VIC

Very descriptive. Fabulous. Had the children in the palm of his hands. He needed no props... his talent was enough. Students said: "Totally awesome"; "cool"; "Better than Mrs Carlson"; "He's great!!"; "Wish he could storytell to us every day." Madonna Carlson, Prep-7, Lawnton SS, QLD

A wonderful performance. The students were captivated and enthralled.

St Michael's College, Qld

Fantastic, students loved it. Excellent morals to all the stories. Sue Chambers, Tallangatta PS, VIC

I have been meaning to get back to you re your **fabulous** visit. The children were talking about you and your stories for days after. You have amazing skills as a storyteller and there wasn't a child in the room who wasn't part of your journey. **They were totally immersed and spellbound.**

Robyn Tidball, Wesley Prep School, VIC

Very funny & enjoyable, students loved it. They're still talking about it. John Willcock College, WA

Our kids have major disabilities and Andy was able to catch their attention for long periods of time. They were intrigued and delighted throughout. Thank you so much and we hope to have Andy back soon. Kintone St Special School

Great storytelling. Children were enthralled.

Helene Gerke, Grade 2-3, Bridport PS, TAS

Fantastic **One of the best performances we've had**. Wonderful links to our Literacy/ Literature focus on "Great Storytelling" Thank you. Come again. Campbell Town DHS (Grades 6-10), TAS

Thank you for introducing Andy Wright to us. He was wonderful and engrossing.

Monica Coates, Taroona HS TAS

Wow! Awesome! Students were transfixed and engrossed through his animated and interactive methods. Best money ever spent Perth Montessori School (3-13 years), WA

Fabulous performance. Interactive, fun and great sense of humour, 100% value for \$\$\$\$ - wish we had more of him! Yrs 8,9,11 Governor Stirling SHS

Hi Andy, I am Emily from Healesville Primary School and you made an hour and a half of sitting down very, very fun. Thanks for spending your time telling us stories. They are really awesome and **PLEASE COME BACK BEFORE THE END OF NEXT YEAR** because I am in grade 5 and next year is my last year in primary school. Thanks again for telling us those wonderful stories.

From Emily, Healesville PS, VIC

The feedback has been <u>fantastic</u> from staff and students... one of those times when those recounting have bright shiny eyes and so much to tell. (They want him back already.) **Thanks for your ever-reliable recommendation!** A Kelly, Kilmore PS, VIC

Andy was **funny**, **magnificent**, **hilarious**, **absolutely fabulous and fantastic**. The students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed his humour and the exquisite deliveries. Andy is a true storyteller who enters into the heart of his stories and has his audience in the palm of his hand. Thank you Andy.

St Clement of Rome, Bulleen, VIC

Check out Andy's website at www.storyteller.net.au