

MEDIA RELEASE

**Reading with our Darling children - Darling Children's Book Fair**

Give them books, give them wings' - this is the ethos behind the newest book fair in South Africa and the first children's book fair in the Western Cape. The Darling Children's Book Fair takes place over three days in September and will be focusing on the importance of reading and books in children's lives. The Fair will cover a wide range of topics and issues, with events aimed at both parents and children.

Niki Daly, the esteemed children's author and illustrator is the patron of the Fair and will be launching his new book at the Fair. As Daly says, "Books are the world we hold in our hands and keep in our hearts. Daly's high regard for children is always beautifully expressed through the books he creates for them. He has won numerous awards for his lyrical writing and gently humorous illustrations. It is an honour to have Niki Daly as the patron of the Darling Children's Book Fair.

Aside from 'Story Time' readings, there will be events such as a session for parents showing them how to develop their children's reading, a reading of "The Cool Nguni"/"Die Kool Nguni" on a local Nguni farm, a reading of "Fynbos Fairies"/"Fynbos Feëtjies" surrounded by our local fynbos in flower, and so much more.

What better way to mark Heritage Day than by celebrating our literary heritage and how it can play a role in the future development of our youth. The entire fair is being run by volunteers and all events are free for children. All proceeds from the entry free charged for adults will be donated to further develop literacy projects run in Darling by The Darling Trust.

The Darling Children's Book Fair will take place on 24, 25 and 26 September 2009 in Darling. Darling is an hour north of Cape Town on the West Coast. September is flower season on the West Coast and there are a number of other attraction and events on in the area during the month of September. For further details on other events in the area, please contact Darling Tourism [www.darlingtourism.co.za](http://www.darlingtourism.co.za).

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