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SECOND EDITION

Banter with Mr BANDARA



I T'S A CHILLY AUGUST AFTERNOON at Glen Eira College, and I'm chatting away with Mr Bandara in the warmth of the library. Whilst he may be the head of Junior School, our conversation isn't limited to the sphere of teaching. "I think the most magical places in the world are airports," he tells me gleefully. His passion has certainly convinced me.

I first ask Mr Bandara why he chose such a demanding role in the first place. "I want to make a real difference and challenge myself," he explains. "It's a great learning opportunity." *And why at GEC?* "Because it's an amazing school with a great community of people [and] a shared passion for success." I say it's wonderful that GEC's charm has rubbed off on him.

Whilst his job involves many things, the most enjoyable part is "interacting with the students and working with the YLCs [Year Level Coordinators] and the teachers." For him, seeing the kids "succeed" and relish the "opportunities available to them" is highly rewarding.

He's ready to take on all the challenges of the job too. "With a good team, and a focus on student happiness, you are able to overcome [them]". But, like all of us when the problems get us down, "chocolate always helps".

Mr Bandara also wants to see "more student leadership" and for students to "grow and become more confident" so in the future, he can "hear about the amazing lives students will live [and] how they'll change the world." It looks like when we enter the workforce, we'll have a #1 fan in Mr Bandara.

Sadly, the time has come for the interview to end, and I'm going to miss our banter. Luckily, Mr Bandara has a trick up his sleeve to keep me grinning long after it finishes. "My favourite things in the world are penguins, pandas, black and white cows, sunsets, long walks on the beach and black forest cake," he adds with enthusiasm.

If you have the time, be sure to drop by the Junior School Office for a chat with Mr Bandara. Maybe, like me, you'll be converted to the magic of airports too.



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Badminton Club



Badminton Club has been at GEC ever since Term One. Students have enjoyed spending their time after school with their friends and students from other year levels.

Badminton club is now also known as the club in the school that has most students that attend.



Ms Fisher has supervised and participated in this club, making it fun for all attendees. And students have loved this after school activity:

"I love badminton club because I get to enjoy the game with friends" - Alisha 8D.

"It helps you stay fit, and its a great opportunity to practice for any interschool" - Alyx 8G.





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SIMPLE RECIPES

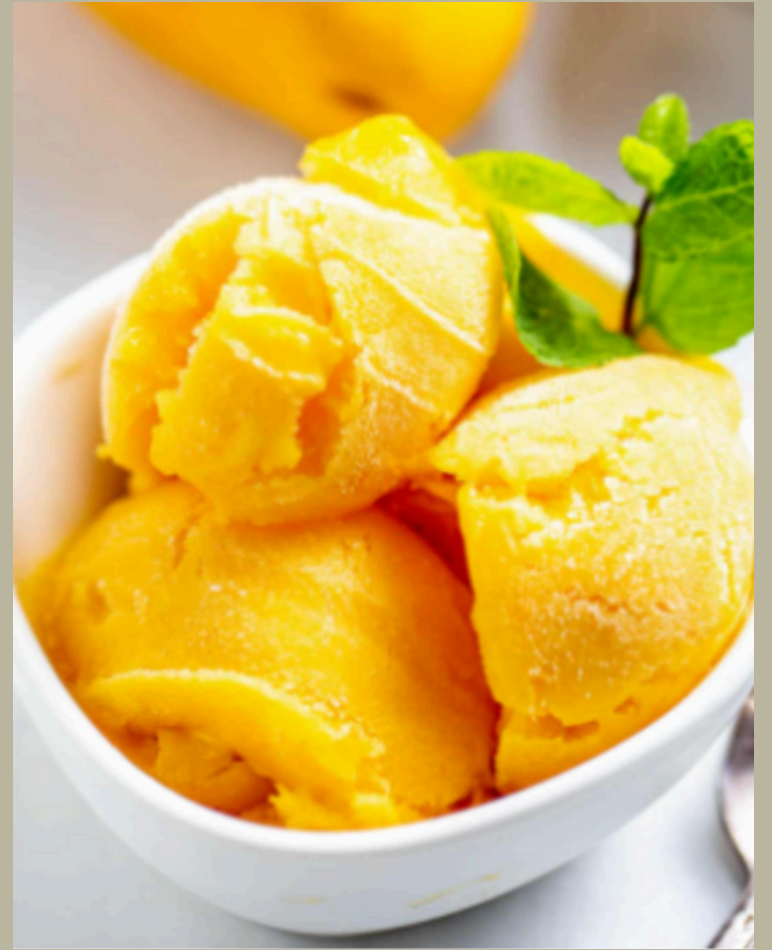
By Aliyah and Raph

ingredients:

- 2 Mangoes
- 2 Tbsp Lime juice
- 3 Tbsp Honey or Rice malt syrup

method:

1. Remove mango skin and pip. Cut into 2cm cubes and put in a freezer bag and put in the freezer overnight.
2. Remove from the freezer and transfer to a blender, add in your honey and lime juice and pulsify until smooth (If the mango is turning to slush and 2 tbsp of yoghurt to smooth it out, you should not need yoghurt if you did it correctly). You might need to do it in two batches.
3. Transfer to a deep tray anything that resembles an ice-cream tub then put in the freezer for 2 - 4 Hours checking it every now and then.
4. Everyone has different preferences so you can decide when to take it out but it needs 2 hours at minimum.
5. Plate and enjoy!



mango sorbet

PREPARATION TIME:

10 mins

FREEZER TIME:

12 - 16 hours

SERVES 3



Wanna find out
how to make
these
SCRUMPTIOUS
croissants?

Tune in NEXT EDITION for the recipe!



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Engineers Without Borders



This term, Glen Eira students had the opportunity to experience an amazing excursion with Engineers Without Borders. These engineers volunteered from RMIT university to come and teach us. They introduced the students to different means for people from a range of communities to be able to obtain clean water. Our students were challenged to think like humanitarian engineers; making them build and design their own water filters. It was inspiring and educational.





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Future Nostalgia



★★★★★ /5

Dua Lipa's second studio album *Future Nostalgia* is arguably one of the greatest disco albums of all time. From top to bottom, you'll want to get out of your seat and dance like nobody's watching — your own '70s discothèque, wherever you are. Songs like **Levitating**, **Break My Heart** and **Don't Start Now** are the earworms of the album, all funky and disco-y, whilst **Physical** reminds you of Olivia Newton John's 80s classic. **Cool** and **Hallucinate** make you feel cool and chic whilst **Pretty Please** offers R&B, funk and disco with a simple bass and click that hits Every. Single. Time. *Future Nostalgia* also shows its sampling prowess with **Love Again**, an interpolation of the 1932 song *My Woman* by Lew Stone and His Monseigneur Band. And whilst not everyone likes Dua Lipa as an artist, everyone will love *Future Nostalgia* — 37 minutes of disco-y, dance pop bliss!





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Bridge to Terabithia

By
Ella Foreman

★★★★★★★ /10

Adapted from the book of the same name written by Katherine Paterson, “Bridge to Terabithia” is a touching story about friendship, kindness, bravery and loss. The plot follows Jesse Aarons, a middle school boy with a chaotic home life, a family who is struggling to make ends meet and bullies on the school bus and in class. Yet on the day the film begins, a new person joins his class—a girl named Leslie Burke. They soon become friends and create a magical land called “Terabithia” which is accessed via swinging on the “enchanted” rope over a river. Terabithia becomes their safe haven, a place where they can fight against various evil creatures, such as vultures and the “Dark Master”. They learn to stand up to their bullies and Leslie even comforts a bully named Janice after she was heard crying. One day, Jesse’s music teacher invites him to the museum and his exhausted mum lets him go. When he comes back, he finds his family relieved that he is alive. It is then revealed to him that Leslie has died while trying to go to Terabithia. Jesse is distraught over Leslie’s death and blames himself for it because he did not invite her to the museum. Jesse then builds the titular “Bridge to Terabithia” and invites his little sister May Belle, the only time he has ever invited someone to Terabithia other than Leslie. This is especially significant since she had always wanted to go, but Jesse never let her. The movie ends with a shot of Terabithia, filled with life again.



“Bridge to Terabithia” invokes many emotions, whether it be happiness, frustration, fear or sadness. It is not afraid to show tragedy, but it is also not afraid to depict love. A beautiful film.”



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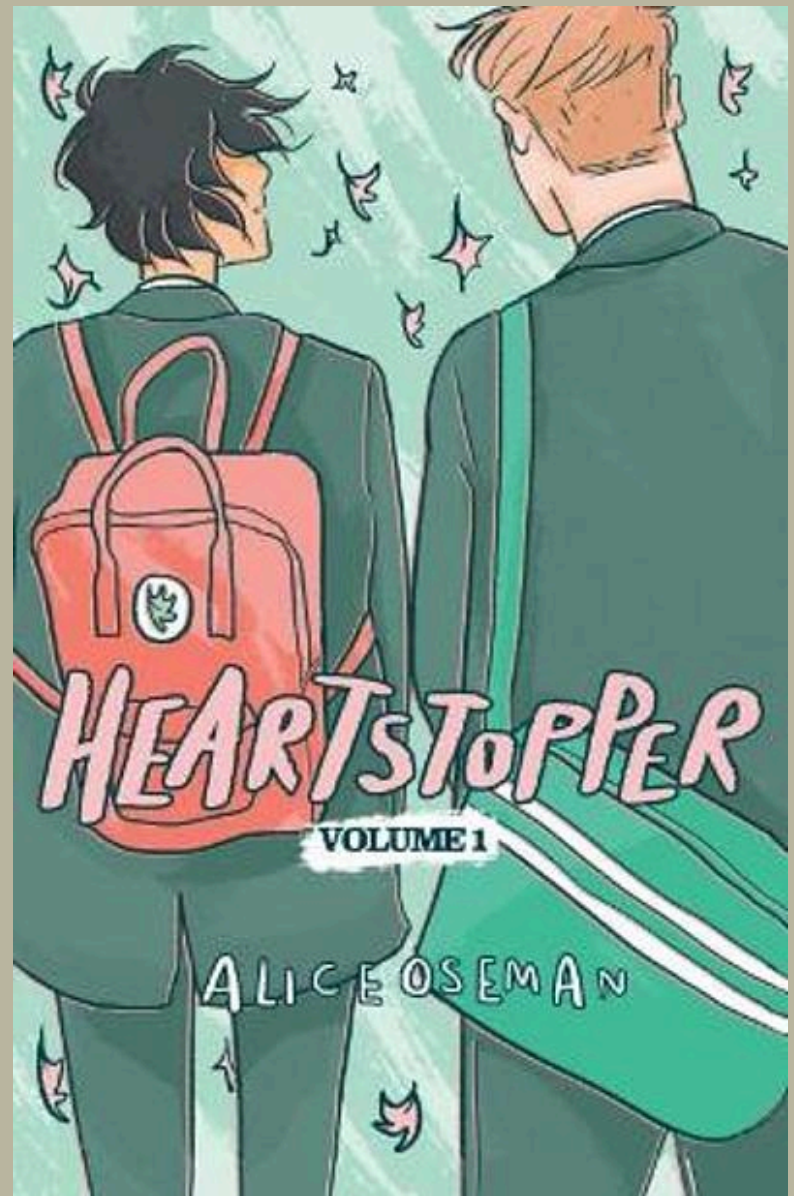
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Heartstopper/Pumpkinheads

By Kayla Schauder

'Heartstopper' written by Alice Oseman, is a heartfelt graphic novel depicting the love story of two queer teenage boys 'Nick' and 'Charlie'. This story explores the themes of friendship, love and self-discovery, this is a great coming of age novel that's understandable and relatable for teens.



'Pumpkinheads' written by Rainbow Rowell, is a charming story that follows 'Deja' and 'Josiah', two high school seniors during their final shift at the pumpkin patch, where they worked every autumn. On their last night together, they go on a thrilling adventure of humour, friendship and a hint of romance. Through heartfelt moments and confronting hidden feelings, 'Pumpkin Heads' navigates what true friendship is and the bittersweetness of growing up.



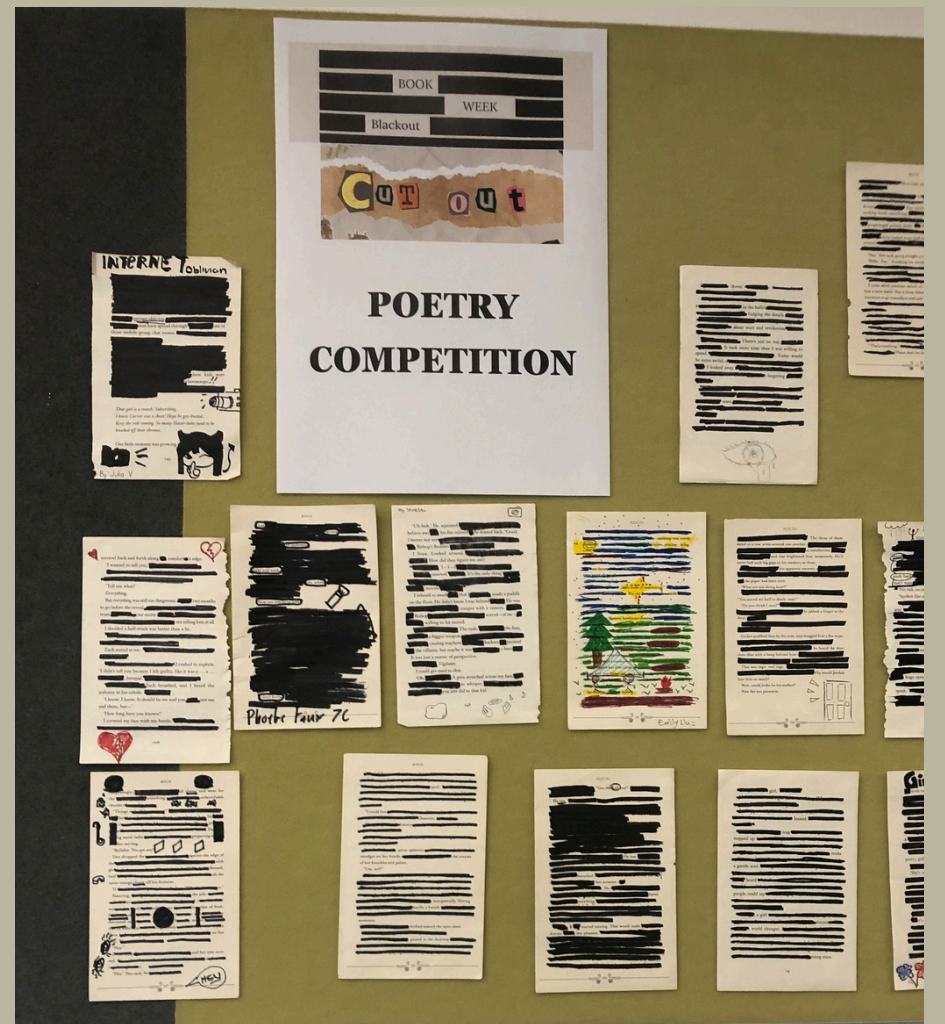


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Book Week

August 19th-23rd was the week for Book Lovers ! Students had the chance to join the activities hosted by the library staff. On Monday the 19th August, we had the chance to participate in a Black Out Poetry competition in the library, hosted by Ms Schmidtke and Ms Clare. We had many students come in and create their own unique poems, by blacking out words they didn't want. Students created thoughtful, dark, beautiful and magical poems.



On Thursday the 22nd August, Junior School enjoyed a visit from Mandy Ord who come in with her truly wonderful and unique stories that we had the pleasure to listen to. She started off with her journey to becoming a cartoonist, her favourite comics and her own creations. We even got to have a few glimpses of her new book 'Bulk Nuts' and 'If one person dies, the whole world is over'. We were truly lucky to have Mandy Ord come to our school and tell us more about a widely known genre of book for this year's Book Week at GEC.

by Shresta Pulaparthi



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CLUBS @ GEE

By Shresta Pulaparthi

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Breakfast Club

Supervising Teacher: Ms Lawson

When/Where: Monday Before School, 8am - 8:30am Kitchen & Wellbeing Garden, enter via Food Tech room 2

This club fuels our wonderful students with delicious breakfast. This includes cereal, cheese toasties, toast, and sometimes even pancakes!

Tuesday

Homework Club:

Supervising Teacher: Ms Clare

When/Where: Tuesday after School, Library

Chess Club:

Supervising Teacher: Mr Bales

When/Where: Tuesday Lunchtimes, Room 110

Physics Help:

Supervising Teacher: Dr Datar

When/Where: Tuesday Lunchtimes, Room 7

SRC:

Supervising Teacher: Mr Chiumello

When/Where: Tuesday Lunchtimes, Room 207

Concert Jazz Band:

Supervising Teacher: Ms Hunt

When/Where: Tuesday Lunch Times, Room 1

All instrument players are welcome!

Wednesday

Journalism Club:

Supervising Teacher: Ms Schmidtke

When/Where: Wednesday Lunchtimes, Room 109

Journalism Club is a place for people to connect and share their experiences. Members of the club feel that they are able to express their opinion in a club open to all possibilities where everyone feels included and listened to.



Book Club:

Supervising Teacher: Ms Clare

When/Where: Blue Week Wednesday Lunchtimes, Library

You get to meet up and talk about books. It is a very relaxed environment. You really just get to enjoy talking about books. You also sometimes get to go on excursions like the Melbourne Writer's Festival at the State Library.



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By Shresta Pulaparthi

Wednesday cont.

Badminton Club:

Supervising Teacher: Ms Fisher

When/Where: Wednesday After School,
Gym

You get to play with your friends, and some very talented players.



Homework Club:

Supervising Teacher:

When/Where: Wednesday after School,
Library

Robotics Club:

Supervising Teacher: Mr Ebert, Mr Osi and Ms Sun

When: Wednesday After School, Room 8

Mr Ebert is very helpful. He offers lots of opportunities to program in lots of different languages. It also helps you to improve in Maths, to be creative and to problem solve.



Thursday

Rainbow Retreat:

Supervising Teacher: Ms Zander

When/Where: Thursday Lunchtimes,
Room 109

You get to make badges and you get to connect with other Rainbow Retreaters. You get to play quizzes, you also get special visitors, The latest one was from Victoria Police, and they are called an LLO or an LGBTQIA+ Liaison Officer. You also get to draw, listen to music, have fun, and the club has also designed a variety of activities to be done at the Pride Forum. The club offers opportunities to connect and make new friends in a safe space.



Netball Club:

Supervisor: Yr 11 Students

When/Where: Thursday Lunchtime -
Halftime, Netball Courts



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Thursday cont.

Radio Club:

Supervising Teacher: Mr Sherman

When/Where: Thursday Lunchtime,
Room 5

You get to go to Southern FM and broadcast on the radio for an hour about once every term. Each Thursday you get to plan your show with your team. It's fun because it gives you real life experience with being on a breakfast show.



Anime Club:

Supervising Teacher: Kurashige Sensei
and Muramatsu Sensei

When/Where: Thursday Lunchtimes,
Room 208

You get to sit together and watch anime. Sometimes you also get to do Manga competitions. You get to watch Japanese movies and shows.



Friday

Digital Makers & Coding Club:

Supervising Teacher: Mr Ebert, Mr Osi, Ms Sun

When/Where: Thursday Lunchtimes, Room 8

You get to work with animations. You can also build robots, enter competitions.

Felix from Yr 8 says he does animations because he enjoys them and he wants to learn. This is a place to try new things and be creative.



Crochet Club:

Supervisor: Yr 10 Students

When/Where: Friday Lunchtimes, Room 208

Cat Club:

Supervising Teacher: Ms Hunt

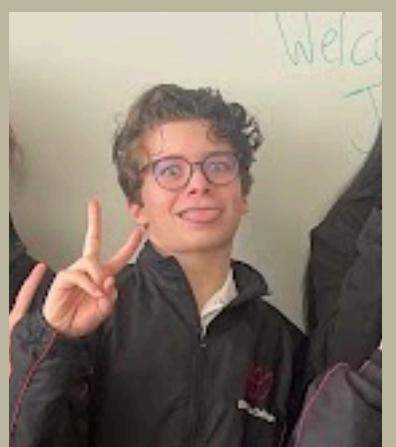
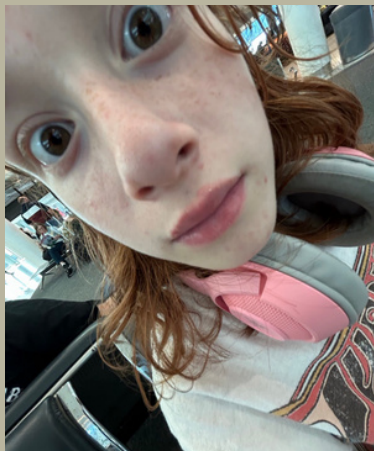
When/Where: Friday Lunchtimes,
Room 1



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Match the baby photo





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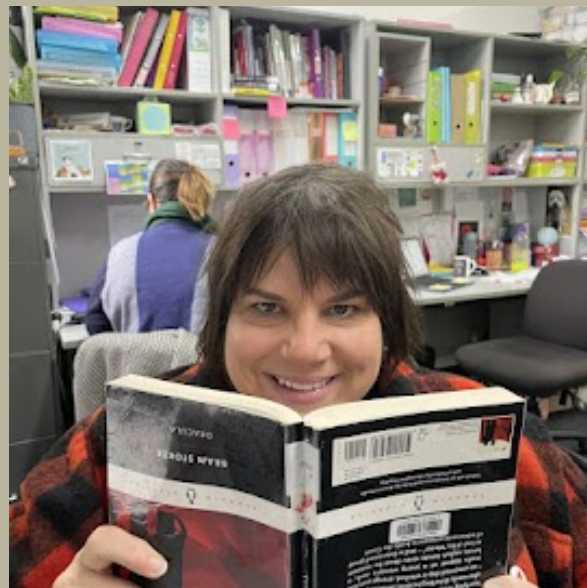
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One minute teacher interviews !

Our journalism team has once again decided to work on one-minute teacher interviews with some of our dear teachers at GEC! But this time two journalists, Jayden Ong and Layla Schauder, have joined in interviewing these teachers with Owen!



Ms. Cap



Ms. Zander



Ms. Brancatella

Cats or Dogs?

Dogs

Favourite class to teach?

VCE History

Blood type?

Don't know

Where they were born?

Clayton, VIC

When did they start at school? 2018 (as an

English-Humanities teacher)

Favourite fruit? Mango

Favourite colour? Green

Zodiac Sign? Libra

Fav music artist?

Radiohead

Favourite season?

Autumn

Rainy or Sunny? Sunny

Fav movie/book? The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri

Fav teacher? Year 10 History Mr Robertson

Cats or Dogs?

Dogs

Favourite class to teach?

VCE Literature

Blood type?

Positive. Just like me.

Where they were born?

Townsville, QLD

When did they start at school? 2017

Favourite fruit?

Pineapple

Favourite colour? Teal

Zodiac Sign? Aries

Fav music artist? The Yeah Yeah Yeah's

Favourite season?

Between Summer and Autumn/Winter

Rainy or Sunny? Rainy

Unlucky number? Two.

Fav movie/book? We Need to Talk About Kevin

Fav teacher? Year 11 Drama teacher Ms Ash. She was really funny.

Cats or Dogs?

Cats

Favourite class to teach?

Yr 12 Health

Blood type?

O+

Where they were born?

Didn't say

When did they start at school? July 1994

Favourite fruit? Cherries

Favourite colour? Red

Zodiac Sign? Aries

Fav music artist? U2

Favourite season?

Summer

Rainy or Sunny? Sunny

Fav movie/book? To Kill a Mockingbird

Fav teacher? All



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ENTERTAINMENT

Tabby Cat News by Zoe McCooy



Your Journalism Team !

