Isobelle Carmody was born in 1958 in Victoria and grew up looking after her seven brothers and sisters, whom she kept in line by telling horror stories. She began writing the first book of The Obernewtyn Chronicles when she was just fourteen years old, and then went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree and a journalism cadetship. That first book was accepted by the first publisher she sent it to.

Obernewtyn was shortlisted for the 1988 Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Award and since then her profile has grown dramatically. With a host of other award-winning novels to her credit, Scatterlings won Talking Book of the Year in 1992 and in 1993 The Gathering was a joint winner of 1993 CBC Book of the Year Award and winner of the 1994 Children's Literature Peace Prize. Billy Thunder and the Night Gate was shortlisted for the Patricia Wrightson Prize for Childrens Literature in the 2001 NSW Premiers Literary Awards. Greylands was named a White Raven at Bologna Book Fair and the title story of the Green Monkey Dream collection won Best short story in the Aurealis Awards when it was published. Darksong won an Aurealis Award in its year. Alyzon Whitestarr won a Golden Aurealis when it was published. This year The Red Wind was the winner of the CBCA award for younger readers, Night School short-listed in the Aurealis awards, The Stone Key short-listed 2011 Yabba Award

The Legend of Little Fur was Isobelle's first series for younger readers. She illustrated this and the other three books that completed this series herself with pen and ink drawings. Her most recent book is The Red Wind, which she also illustrated and she edited a collection with Nan McNab, the first book of which is The Wilful Eye, launched 2011. Isobelle has completed the next book in the Obernewtyn series, The Sending, due to be released October this year. The final book in the series, The Red Queen, will be released in 2012.

Isobelle is one of Australia's most highly regarded and prominent authors of fantasy for children and young adult readers. She was recently awarded the Nance Donkin Award given biennially by the Society of Women Writers Victoria to an outstanding Australian childrens author.

Isobelle divides her time between Prague in the Czech Republic and her home on the Great Ocean Road in Australia and travels extensively as her books are published in several countries.
Isobelle Carmody Creative Writing Workshop

Venue: ADHS eHub (library)

Date/ time: Tuesday August 13th 11.30-12.30 (line 4)
Students are to meet outside the eHub at 11.20 so we are ready to start on time

Cost: Free- but places are limited to return your note to the eHub ASAP

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Alfred Deakin High School has been lucky enough to secure a visit from multi-award winning author for children and young adults, Isobelle Carmody. Isobelle will be conducting a hands on creative writing workshop in which she will share some of her fantasy writing secrets. Students will participate in several activities designed to teach them how to write in detail, how to build characters from the inside out and how to create a world in words that feels real, regardless of how unreal it is. She will also discuss how all writing is a search for truth.

This is a fantastic and rare opportunity for any student who is interested in writing to learn from one of the best authors of children’s and young adults’ literature this country has ever produced. Numbers are strictly limited, so return this note ASAP to secure your place.

Kind regards,

Katrina Schubert
Teacher Librarian

I give permission for my son/daughter ……………………………………………
to participate in the creative writing workshop with Isobelle Carmody on Tuesday August 13th. I understand this is a free event but it will involve them missing their line 4 class that day.

Signed:…………………………………….  Date: ………………..
Parent / Guardian