



4 June 2018

Dear Teacher,

CHILDREN'S STORY WRITING COMPETITION

I would like to take this opportunity to invite your school to participate in the 2018 "Telling Stories" children's story writing competition that is being organised by Mooloolaba Rotary in partnership with the Creative Writing Program, USC and Voices on the Coast. Details of the project are as follows:

BACKGROUND

Everyone would agree that we need to encourage our young children to read and write.

With this objective in mind, Mooloolaba Rotary together with the USC and Voices on the Coast, is once again organising a Children's Story Writing Competition that commences on 4 June and culminates in an Awards Night at the University on 15 October 2018.

Due to the success of previous competitions, we are delighted to advise that the competition has been extended to include Grades 7 to 9 and we hope that many of those students will take the opportunity to enter this exciting competition.

COMPETITION MODEL

1. Title

One of the cornerstones of Rotary International is the "**4 Way Test**" namely:

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

There is contentious debate on the issue of Climate Change but almost everyone will agree that a lot more needs to be done to protect our environment. With this in mind and in the spirit of the "4 Way Test", the title of the 2018 Telling Stories competition is:

"I should have saved the tree".

2. Eligibility

The Competition will be open to all students in Grades 4-9 who will be required to submit a story of 300-1000 words. Entries will be open from **4 June** and will close at midnight on **20 August**.

3. Judging

Entries will be judged and the winners selected by the Creative Writing Program, USC (See "partners" below).

4. Prizes

- Winners in each Grade - \$100 cash and a medal
- Runners up (2nd and 3rd) - \$50 cash and a medal
- Runners up (4th and 5th) - Certificate
- Overall winner - Professor Gary Crew Trophy, \$300 cash and a medal
- Winning School - Floating Trophy.

The winners will also have the opportunity to have their stories published on the Voices on the Coast website and "Small But Loud Voices".

Entry Form

Please read the checklist and the conditions of entry before you complete this.

Grade: _____ Word Count _____

PLEASE PRINT USING CAPS. PLEASE PUT YOUR FIRST NAME ONLY ON YOUR WORK!

Title of story: I SHOULD HAVE SAVED THE TREE!

Your name: _____ (first name) _____ (surname)

School name: _____

Contact number: _____

Email address: _____

Publication details

I would like my story published on the Voices on the Coast website

I would like my story published in Small But Loud Voices

I am happy for my name to be published

I would like my school's name published

I would like my grade published

NOTE: Declining to have your story published will in no way impact on your eligibility to win the competition.

Please Tick Over the Top	
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes <small>Full name only</small>	No
Yes	No
Yes	No

Teacher: I have read the entrant's material and declare that to my knowledge, this is the original work of: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's email: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

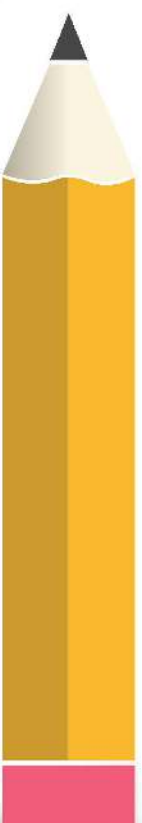
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