

Calling all writers!

Class Book Making and Children's Writing Award

Local schools and children are invited to participate in this year's Words in Winter Festival celebrating words in all their forms through stories, songs, theatre, books and more.

Our theme this year is:

"Origins"

How can your school get involved?

Individuals can take part in the **Children's Writing Award** - or your whole class could **make a book**.

Ways to tackle the theme...

Where do I come from? What country, region or town are my family from?

Who are my ancestors, my family tree?

What would it be like for someone to leave their home town, or country to go to a new place?

Why would someone leave their home?

Stories can be biographical or fictional

Children's Writing Award - 3 categories

Open to children in: Prep – Grade 2, Grades 3 - 4 and Grades 5 - 6

(For Categories and Criteria please see attached sheet.)

We encourage children to create a piece of writing in genre that suits their content ie: short story, poem or non fiction writing. Stories can be biographical or fictional.

Entries must be printed in hard copy with cover sheet attached and delivered to your local Hepburn Library by the closing date. Entries will be judged anonymously, written feedback will be provided for every writer and a book voucher prize will be awarded for each category. Winners will be notified invited to read their stories aloud at a Words in Winter event.

Closing Date: 5pm Thursday 10 August 2017 at Hepburn Libraries

P - Grade 6 Class Book Making

This is not a competition, but a celebration of each class's response to the theme. Books can be in any format, in 3D or sculptural form, or as traditional cardboard pages illustrated and bound together. We hope this project can be incorporated into your class writing/ literacy program and that it provides another purpose for writing for your children.

If your school intends to participate please email bray_jen@hotmail.com with name, phone and email of contact person. Books can be delivered to your local Hepburn Library in Daylesford, Trentham, Clunes or Creswick. Or contact Jen Bray to arrange to pick up from your school on the closing date.

Closing Date: 5pm Thursday 3 August 2017 at Hepburn Libraries

Books will be on display at Words in Winter, Sat 5th & Sun 6th August

For any queries please contact Jen Bray on: bray_jen@hotmail.com or 0428 330 640

Theme "Origins"

Categories

Prep - Grade 2 Choose one of the following

- A story, poem or short text related to the topic. Stories can be biographical or fictional.

Grades 3 - 4 Choose one of the following related to the topic

- a short story
- a poem
- a non-fiction piece
- a descriptive piece
- a comic

Grades 5 - 6 - Choose one of the following related to the topic.

- a short story
- a poem
- a non-fiction piece (remember to acknowledge sources of information)
- a descriptive piece
- a comic

Criteria

- Writing must be the student's own work and preferably in student's own neat handwriting. (Typed work will be accepted).
- Writing should show neat presentation, spelling and punctuation.
- Writing should makes sense to the reader - use correct grammar, tense, sentence structure, use of paragraphs to group ideas.
- Each text should include aspects of the genre it is written in eg. short stories have a beginning, a middle and an end. Descriptive writing or non- fiction pieces should have an introduction, detailed middle section, and a conclusion.
- Children should be encouraged to use descriptive language, new and interesting words and a range of sentence structures
- Have you checked and proof-read your piece of writing? Does it need editing or rearranging to make more sense? Does it need a title?

Submitting Entries

- **Please make sure the child's name, age, grade, and School or Parent phone and email is written on the cover sheet attached to the piece of writing. Do not write name on work.**
- Entries may be handwritten or typed but must be in hardcopy.
- Entries to be **delivered to Hepburn Libraries** at: Daylesford, Trentham, Clunes, or Creswick by 5pm Thursday 10 August.

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