

Entry Form

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

Grade: _____

Word Count _____

PLEASE PRINT or FILL IN ELECTRONICALLY.

PLEASE PUT YOUR FIRST NAME ONLY ON YOUR WORK!

Title of story: *I should have listened!*

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 and Mooloolaba Rotary websites

I am happy for my name to be published (Full Name) ___ (First Name only) ___

I would like my school's name published

I would like my grade published

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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NOTE: (1) Declining to have your story published will in no way impact on your eligibility to win the competition.

(2) Entrants retain the copyright of their story.

(3) By entering the competition, entrants indemnify Mooloolaba Rotary, Voices on the Coast and USC against all and any actions, claims or damages arising from any infringements of copyright by the entrants that may be taken against them.

Teacher: By submitting this form I confirm that I have read the entrant's material and declare that to the best of my knowledge this is the original work of -

Student Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

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Telling Stories

2019

WRITING

COMPETITION



Voices on the Coast
A Youth Literature Festival

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TELLING STORIES

A Children's Story Writing Competition

Mooloolaba Rotary together with the University of the Sunshine Coast and Voices on the Coast are excited to announce the 2019 annual Short Story Competition TELLING STORIES for young writers on the Sunshine Coast and hinterland. If you are in Grade 4 - 9 we would love to hear from you. There are great prizes and it's FREE!

WHAT DO I WRITE?

A short story with the title: *I should have listened!*

HOW LONG SHOULD MY STORY BE?

Grade 4:	300 – 500 words
Grade 5:	400 – 600 words
Grade 6:	600 – 800 words
Grades 7 to 9:	800 – 1000 words

Prizes:

1. **Overall winner - Professor Gary Crew Trophy and cash prize of \$300**
2. **Section Winners (Grades 4 - 9) - \$100 cash and medal.** In addition, the winners will have the option of having their stories published on the Voices on the Coast and Mooloolaba Rotary websites.
3. **Runners Up - 2nd and 3rd placed entries \$50 cash and medal**
4. **Winning School - Perpetual Trophy**

PLEASE NOTE: to qualify for the Winning School Perpetual Trophy, the school must have at least 20 registered students.

Conditions of Entry:

1. Each section is open to schools and students on the Sunshine Coast and hinterland.
2. Each student may enter one story.
3. Each entry must be the original work of the entrant.
4. The judges' decision is final, and no individual correspondence will be entered into.
5. Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form. PLEASE NOTE: the teachers name must be recorded. (Important because of the teacher's undertaking).
6. Please include a word-count next to the title of your story as well as on the entry form.
7. Entries must be typed, Times New Roman 12' font, double-spaced, and submitted in electronic format to your school, or if a **Home School**, to Mooloolaba Rotary at tellingstorieshome@mooloolabarotary.org

Judging:

The judging of entries will be under the auspices of the Creative Writing Program, USC. Entries will be judged on:

1. Conformity to checklist
2. Originality - entries should not have been previously published.
3. Expression (i.e. it must be well-written)
4. Imaginative content

The judges' decision is final, and no individual correspondence will be entered into.

Dates:

Competition opens: **15 May**

Closing date for entries: **19 August**

The Top 5 in each Grade will be notified on **16 September**

Winners will be announced at the awards night at the Innovation Centre USC on **21 October**

IMPORTANT NOTE ON PLAGIARISM:

Should an entrant be awarded a prize for a story found to be plagiarised, the entrant shall be disqualified and will be required to refund all prize money to the organisers on demand.

Checklist:

- Have you filled out and completed the entry form correctly?
- Have you written your name on the form?
- Have you proof-read your story?
- Have you attached the entry form to your story?
- Have you written your FIRST name at the end of your story?
- Have you included a word count next to the title of your story?

Once you've ticked all the above boxes submit your entry electronically to your teacher. **Home Schools** MUST submit their entries electronically to MOOLOOLABA ROTARY at tellingstorieshome@mooloolabarotary.org. PLEASE NOTE: Entries submitted without a teacher's name will be EXCLUDED from the competition.

Any **queries** must be addressed to tellingstories.mooloolaba@rotary9600.org or **contact us** on Facebook www.facebook.com/tellingstorieswritingcomp

