

Entry Form

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

Grade: _____

Word Count _____

PLEASE PRINT or FILL IN ELECTRONICALLY.

PLEASE PUT YOUR FIRST NAME ONLY ON YOUR WORK!

Title of story: *I should have been more careful!*

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 and Anthology (ebook/printed)

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

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

I would like my school's name published

I would like my grade published

Yes	No
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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 but may allow publication as above.
- (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 the above student:

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

Parent/Carer's Signature: _____

Required to provide permission for story publication and approval for media and marketing usage of any photographs taken during the award ceremony

ENTRY FORM

Telling Stories ²⁰²⁰

WRITING COMPETITION



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 2020 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 been more careful!*

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

Dates:

Competition opens: **8 June**

Closing date for entries: **24 August**

The Top 5 in each Grade will be notified on **28 September**

Winners will be announced at the awards night at the Innovation Centre USC on **26 October**. This will depend upon COVID-19 restrictions.

Prizes:

- Overall winner - Professor Gary Crew Trophy and cash prize of \$150.**
- Section Winners (Grades 4 - 9) - \$50 cash and medal.** The winners will have the option of their stories published on the Voices on the Coast and Mooloolaba Rotary websites, plus inclusion in an anthology of winning entries.
- Runners Up - 2nd and 3rd placed entries \$25 cash and medal**
- Winning School - Perpetual Trophy**

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

Any **queries** must be addressed to
tellingstories.mooloolaba@rotary9600.org

or **contact us** on Facebook www.facebook.com/tellingstorieswritingcomp

Judging:

The initial judging of entries will be made by teachers, who are asked to submit the top three entries for each grade from each school. The longest of entries will then be judged under the auspices of the Creative Writing Program, USC. Entries will be judged on:

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

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

Important note on plagiarism:

Should an entrant be awarded a prize for a story found to be plagiarised, the entrant shall 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 School students** MUST submit their entries electronically to Mooloolaba Rotary at tellingstorieshome@mooloolabarotary.org. **PLEASE NOTE:** Entries submitted without a teacher's signature will be **EXCLUDED** from the competition.

