

# Entry Form

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

Grade/Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT or FILL IN ELECTRONICALLY.

PLEASE PUT YOUR FIRST NAME ONLY ON YOUR WORK!

Title of story: I suddenly realised!

Your name: (First name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Surname) \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Publication details

I would like my story published in the Anthology (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/Category 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, Beyond the Book and UniSC against all and any actions, claims or damages arising from any infringements of copyright by the entrants that may be taken against them.

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.

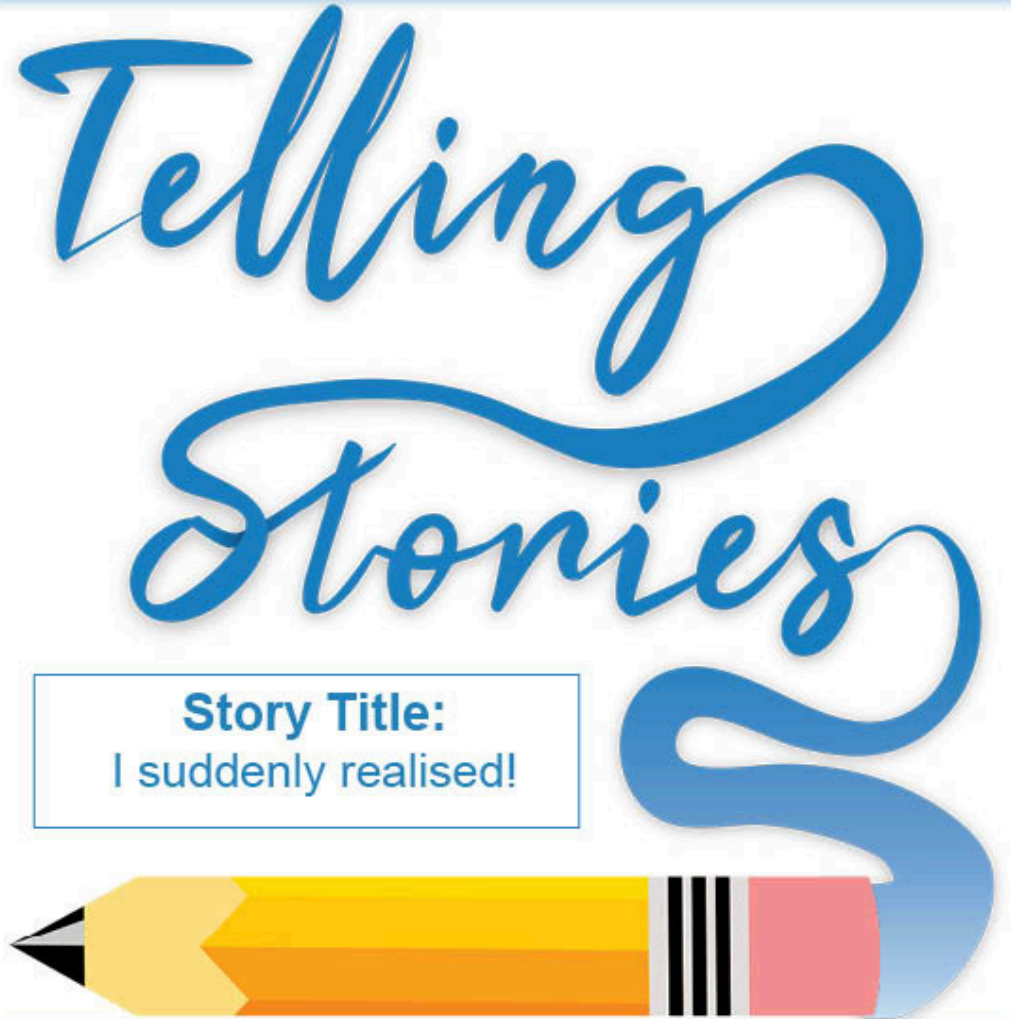
Teacher: By submitting this form I confirm that I have read the entrant's material and declare that to the best of my knowledge this is the original work of the above student:

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2024 WRITING COMPETITION

Save the Date and get your entries ready!



Story Title:  
I suddenly realised!

Open to students from Grades 4 to 12

Official Launch: 12 June 2024

Competition Closes: Midnight 10 September 2024

Judging complete and top 5 of each category notified: 10 October 2024

Awards Night: 28th October 2024

Monetary prizes, literary and publishing opportunities.



# TELLING STORIES

## A Children's Story Writing Competition

Mooloolaba Rotary, UniSC: Sunshine Coast and Beyond the Book are excited to announce the 2024 annual Short Story Competition TELLING STORIES.

Open to students in Grade 4 to 12. Entry is free.

### WHAT DO I WRITE?

A short story with the title: **I suddenly realised!**

### HOW LONG SHOULD MY STORY BE?

Grade 4: 300 - 500 words

Grade 5: 400 - 600 words

Grade 6: 600 - 800 words

Middle (Yrs 7-9): 800 - 1000 words

Senior (YRs 9-12): 800 - 1000 words

### Dates:

- Competition opens : **14 June**
- Closing date for entries: **Midnight 10 September**
- Top 5 in each category will be notified on **10 October**
- **Winners** will be announced at the awards night at the Innovation Centre, UniSC: Sunshine Coast on **28th October** at 5.00pm - 5.45pm

### Prizes sponsored by FireFly Education and QWC: Queensland Writers Centre:

**Overall Winner** - Professor Gary Crew Trophy and Cash prize of \$150

Category/Grade Winner - \$75 cash and medal

2nd Place - \$40 cash and medal

3rd Place - \$25 cash and medal

4th and 5th places - \$15 cash and certificate

### PLUS

1. \$50 for the best original idea
2. \$50 for the best story "structure"
3. \$400 for the school with the winning entry (to be spent on literature resources or activities ie author visit or library books)

UniSC Creative Writing team are offering a one-on-one mentorship with one of their lecturers to the 1st Prize winner of the Senior Category and the Top 5 to receive free admission to a series of writing workshops offered by the Sunshine Institute of Creative Writing.

Queensland Writers Centre will provide each winner with an annual Youth Membership

### Judging:

Teachers will submit their entries via the Jotform website. The entries will be judged under the auspices of the Creative Writing Program, UniSC:Sunshine Coast. *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. Open to schools and students on the Sunshine Coast and Hinterland, including Home School students.
2. One entry per student and must be the original work of the entrant.
3. The judges' decision is final, and no individual correspondence will be entered into.
4. Entries must be typed, Times New Roman 12' font, double-spaced.
5. Please include a word-count next to the title of your story as well as on the entry form.
6. Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form.
7. All entries to follow naming conventions on the Jotform website.
8. Entry form (PDF format) and entry (Word doc) must be uploaded electronically to the JotForm website at <https://form.jotform.com/231327337987870>
9. PLEASE NOTE: the teachers name must be recorded. (Important because of the teacher's undertaking).

### Important note on plagiarism or use of AI generation:

Should an entrant be awarded a prize for a story found to be plagiarised or has been assisted by AI, they 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 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 have ticked all the above boxes submit your entry electronically to your teacher. Teachers will then submit the entries from each grade/category. **Home School students** can submit their entries electronically as per the above instructions.

PLEASE NOTE: Entries submitted without a teacher's signature will be EXCLUDED from the competition.

**Any queries must be addressed to [ts.coord@gmail.com](mailto:ts.coord@gmail.com)**