Entry Form

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

Grade/Category:_____   Word Count: _____

PLEASE PRINT or FILL IN ELECTRONICALLY.

PLEASE PUT YOUR FIRST NAME ONLY ON YOUR WORK!

Title of story: *I wonder why?*

Your name: (First name)_____   (Surname)_____

School name: _____

Your contact telephone number: _____

Your contact email address: _ _____

Publication details

	Yes	No
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……………………… ..		

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.
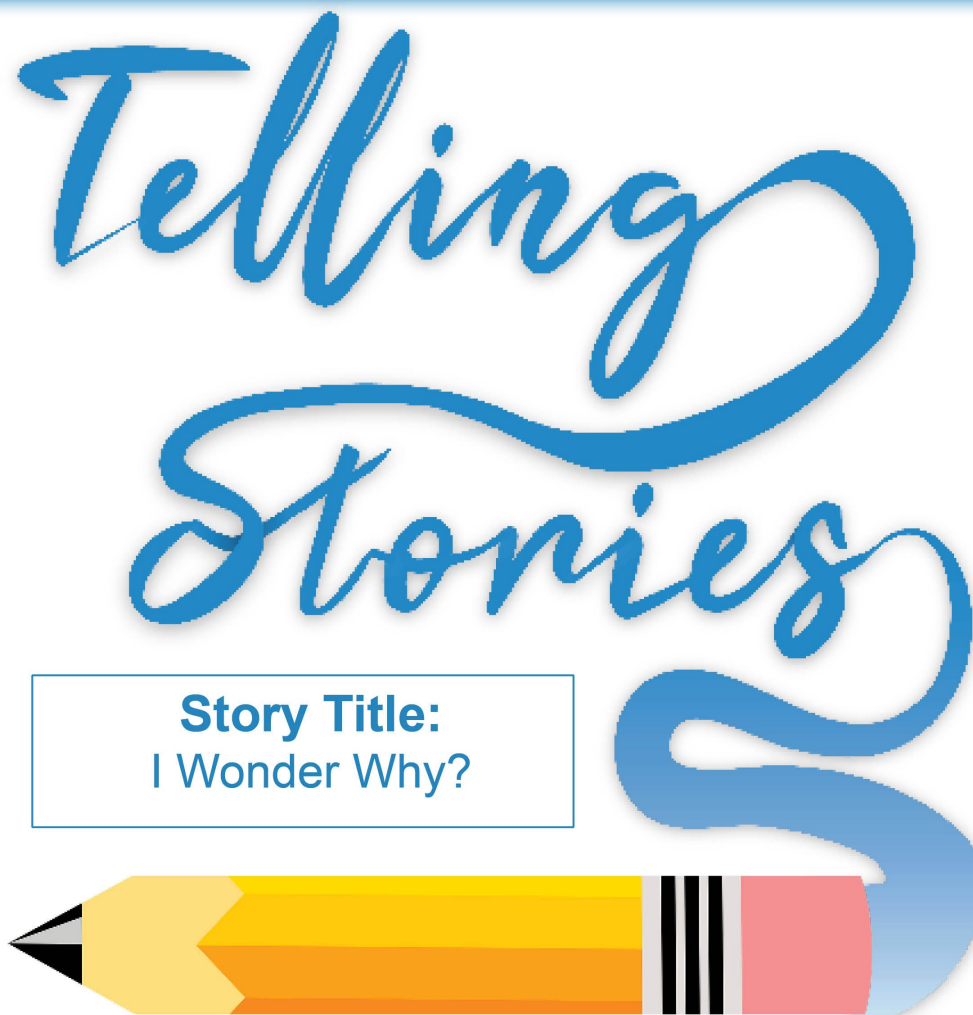
Parent/Carer's Signature _____

(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: _____

2022 WRITING COMPETITION

Telling Stories

Story Title:
I Wonder Why?

$750 Total Prize Money
Open to Grades 4 to 12
Competition Closes: Midnight 12 September 2022
Download your entry form at either:
www.mooloolabarotary.org OR facebook.com/tellingstorieswritingcomp

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TELLING STORIES
A Children's Story Writing Competition

Mooloolaba Rotary, USC: Sunshine Coast and Voices on the Coast are excited to announce the 2022 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 wonder why?*

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: **6 June**
- Closing date for entries: **midnight 12 September**
- The Top 5 in each Grade will be notified on **10 October**
- **Winners** will be announced at the awards night at the Innovation Centre
- USC:Sunshine Coast on **31 October** at 5.00pm.

Prizes sponsored by FireFly Education:

Overall winner - **Professor Gary Crew Trophy** and **cash prize of $150.**

Grade/Category Winners - **$50 cash and medal**.

2nd Place - **$30 cash and medal**

3rd Place - **$20 cash and medal**

4th & 5th - **$10 cash and certificate**

To celebrate the new inclusion of the new Senior category, the USC 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.

Any **queries** must be addressed to ts.coord@gmail.com

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

Judging:

Teachers will submit their entries via the Jotform website. The entries will then be judged under the auspices of the Creative Writing Program, USC: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://tinyurl.com/mvx8mc6m
9. PLEASE NOTE: the teachers name must be recorded. (Important because of the teacher's undertaking).

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 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.