

## Short Story Writing Competition - Terms and Conditions of Entry

Promoted by "The Mount Beauty Writers Festival" ("WE, "US", "THE PROMOTER")

Period:	Start Date: 8.00am AEST on 20 June 2025
	End Date: 11.59pm AEST on 19 September 2025
	No entries accepted after this time and date.
Verification Requirements:	To be eligible to take part in this Competition you must have parental consent and fall within the following school year group on the date of submission:
	(a) Years 3 to 5 (b) Years 6 to 8 (c) Years 9 to 12.
Entry Procedure:	To enter the Competition, you must within the Period:
	(a) Choose a topic to write about;
	(b) Write a short story of nominated number of words by school year about it (see below); and
	(c) Email the story to <a href="mailto:mtbyouthcomp@outlook.com">mtbyouthcomp@outlook.com</a>

### Prizes and Word Count by Year category

The winners of this Competition will receive the following cash prizes (in their respective age group):

Year	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Word Count
a) Years 3 to 5	\$100	\$50	200 to 1000
b) Years 6 to 8	\$200	\$100	1000 to 2000
c) Years 9 to 12	\$350	\$200	1000 to 2000

Entry Restrictions:	<p>(a) Entries <i>must be in Word format</i>.</p> <p>(b) Entries <i>must</i> include full name of student, year and school.</p> <p>(c) Entrants must provide written parental consent as part of their entry.</p> <p>(d) Only one (1) entry is permitted per person.</p> <p>(e) Discriminatory or offensive language must NOT be used.</p> <p>(f) The Promoter may exclude entries at its sole discretion.</p> <p>(g) Only original works will be accepted and judged. Plagiarism and AI generated stories strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.</p>
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Judging Process: Entries will be judged by a panel appointed by the Mount Beauty Writers Festival.

Winner Notification: The names of the Winners and presentation of prizes of this Competition will be announced at the Writers Festival on 18 October at 12noon and participants must be available to attend. Parents are allowed to accompany them for the presentation. Finalists will be notified prior to the Festival. Winners will also be announced on the morning of 21 October 2025 on The Brunch Program by Fay Mason on Alpine FM Radio.

Claiming a Prize: Unclaimed prizes must be collected at Alpine FM Radio within **thirty days** from the winner having been announced, failing which the prize may be forfeited. This may be arranged with the radio show host Fay Mason directly.

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS SCHEDULE**

1. To enter, you must follow the Entry Procedure.
2. To be eligible to take part in this competition you must be a resident Primary or Secondary school student in the Upper Kiewa Valley
3. We will not accept entries which are incomplete, illegible, or which are generated by computers or other automated or AI means.
4. We reserve the right to disqualify your entry in the event of non-compliance with these Conditions of Entry, failure to meet any content guidelines set out in the Entry Procedure, or if (in our reasonable opinion), you tamper or interfere with an entry mechanism in any way.
5. If the Competition cannot run for reasons beyond our control (for example, infection by computer virus, mobile network failure, bugs, tampering, unauthorised intervention, fraud, or technical failures), we reserve the right to cancel, suspend, modify or terminate the Competition. If that happens, we'll select a winner from eligible entries received at the time.
6. All decisions made by us regarding any aspect of the Competition are in our absolute discretion, final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
7. Entries must be your original and individual work. We reserve the right to verify, or to require you to verify, that your entry is your original work. If an entry cannot be verified to our satisfaction, that entry will be deemed invalid.
8. We may, in our absolute discretion, edit, modify, delete, remove or take-down any part of your entry.
9. This Competition is a game of skill, and chance plays no part in the selection of the winner(s). Each eligible entry will be judged by us based on merit, creativity and writing skill. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
10. If you are a winner, you are responsible for your use of the prize, including complying with all relevant laws and any applicable terms and conditions of use.
11. We accept no responsibility for any problems or technical malfunction of any communication network or for any late, lost, incomplete, incorrectly submitted, delayed, illegible, corrupted or misdirected entries, claims or correspondence whether due to error, omission, alteration, tampering, deletion, theft, destruction, transmission interruption, communications failure or otherwise. We have no control over telephone communications, networks or lines and accept no responsibility for any problems associated with them, whether due to traffic congestion, technical malfunction or otherwise. We are not liable for any consequences of user error including any costs incurred.
12. You will be responsible for any tax liability associated with a prize.
13. To the extent permitted by law, we will not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever (including direct or consequential loss) or personal injury suffered or sustained in connection with the prizes or this Competition. We accept no responsibility for any tax liabilities that may arise from winning a prize.
14. These Conditions of Entry are governed by the laws of Victoria.
15. The Competition is in no way administered by AGL and AGL is thus excluded from any and all liability. All queries and disputes must be referred to the Promoter.