

International Literacy Day

(Inaugural TAS Creative Writing Competition)



This year International Literacy Day is on 8 September. Since 1967, UNESCO has annually promoted International Literacy Day celebrations around the world to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and a human right, and to advance the literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society.

Despite steady progress made across the world, literacy challenges persist with at least 763 million young people and adults lacking basic literacy skills in 2020. The recent COVID-19 crisis and other crises, such as climate change and conflicts, have been exacerbating the challenges. In low and middle-income countries, the share of 10-year-old children who could not read and understand a simple text with comprehension has increased from 57 per cent in 2019 to an estimated 70 per cent in 2022.

As such, this year's International Literacy Day will be celebrated worldwide under the theme, 'Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies'.

This year at TAS we will be celebrating this day through the Inaugural TAS Creative Writing Competition and we would encourage anyone in our community who is interested to participate. We hope that this will be the beginning of a Creative Writing Competition that continues for many decades to come. The competition will have eight different divisions based around age. Each division will have slightly different rules that must be followed. There will be a winner from each division and then an overall winner. Please see below for the specific details regarding the competition.

TASK:



Use this image as inspiration to write an original piece of creative writing (Year 1 to Year 12 and Community) or illustrate an original visual story (Pre-K and Kindergarten). Please see below for the various divisions and their specific rules.

Pre-K and Kindergarten: Use the image above as inspiration to illustrate an original story. You may use one side of an A3 piece of paper. You can have an adult scribe a description for your story, but it needs to be your own words.

Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2): Use the above image as inspiration to write an original piece of creative writing. Maximum word count is 200 words.

Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4): Use the above image as inspiration to write an original piece of creative writing. Maximum word count is 350 words.

Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6): Use the above image as inspiration to write an original piece of creative writing. Maximum word count is 500 words.

Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8): Use the above image as inspiration to write an original piece of creative writing. Maximum word count is 650 words.

Stage 5 (Year 9 and 10): Use the above image as inspiration to write an original piece of creative writing. Maximum word count is 800 words.

Stage 6 (Year 11 and 12): Use the above image as inspiration to write an original piece creative of writing. Maximum word count is 1000 words.

Parents/Staff/TAS Community: Use the above image as inspiration to write an original piece of creative writing. Maximum word count is 1000 words.

DUE DATE

3:30pm, Friday 8 September (Week 8. Term 3).

SUBMISSION

- » Pre-K, K, Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 3 and Yr 4 are to submit a hard copy of their work to Mrs Lasker by 3:30pm on the due date. Please include your name and the division that you have entered on the hardcopy of your work.
- » Yr 5, Yr 6, Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9, Yr 10, Yr 11, Yr 12, Parents, Staff and Community are to email their piece of creative writing to Mrs Murray at amurray1@as.edu.au by 3:30pm on the due date. Please include your name and the division that you have entered in the email.

RULES

- » The piece of creative work must be original and made for the purposes of this competition.
- » Applicants must not plagiarise or use AI in preparing their submission.
- » Applicants must not get assistance from tutors, teachers, parents or anyone else - it needs to be their own work.
- » Maximum word counts must be adhered to. Note, that there are no minimum word counts.

PRIZES

- » Each division winner will be awarded a \$50 gift voucher to Reader's Companion in Armidale.
- » The overall winner will be awarded a \$150 gift voucher to Reader's Companion in Armidale.
- » All winners will be published in TAS Talks.

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