

Picture Story Books (Creative Writing)

(Lower Primary and Primary Divisions)

Topics for 2012

Your picture story book must relate to the theme *Sustainability and our Environment*.

Create a science picture story book based on this theme using one of the following topics.

Note: These are the ONLY topics that will be judged.

1. **Living simply so others simply live**
2. **'Yes we can!' said the people**
3. **Splish, splash, save our watery habitats**
4. **Energy moves on and on**

✓ *Tick that you have satisfied each of the guidelines and criteria below.*

Entry guidelines

- Your picture story book must follow one of the above topics. Please indicate the topic on your Face Sheet.
- The creative writing and pictures must be done as an imaginative fictional story (detective, horror, drama, biography, etc.)
- You must incorporate factual scientific information into your pictures and words. Your story should convey science concepts through pictures supported by minimal text.
- A list of at least 5 key science ideas you used in developing the picture story book (with a brief explanation) must be included as an appendix. Picture Story Books without scientific content worked into the story and pictures do not rate highly.
- You must include a Bibliography at the end of your book listing all the books, magazines, websites etc. that you used or referred to in your book. You must include a range of resources.
- Make sure you include a list of people who gave you help and advice and explain in what ways they helped.
- Pages must be collated and secured firmly into an A4 paper manila cardboard folder with the completed Face Sheet firmly attached to the outside front cover. Do not use plastic spiral folders or spiral bound books. Size of pages is A4 only. The complete folder must be FLAT (less than 5mm).
- Typed or printed scripts are easier to read, but this is not essential if your handwriting is clear. The Judges

will take notice of presentation, so it is important that your book is neat and looks attractive. Picture story books will be penalised for poor presentation.

- Pictures must be hand drawn or produced on a computer. Clip Art or downloaded illustrations won't rate highly and may infringe copyright requirements. Any art medium is allowed but the book must fit into an A4 manila folder less than 5 mm thick.
- Picture story books for Lower Primary (Prep – Grade 3) can be up to 200 words in length, and between 100 and 300 words in length for Primary (Grade 4 – Grade 6) entrants. A **word count** must be included at the end of the book. The word count is applicable to the story only.

Judging criteria

Your picture story book will be judged according to the following criteria:

Scientific content including:

- identification of basic scientific ideas
- accuracy of scientific ideas
- appropriate amount of scientific content
- integration of science ideas into your pictures and story
- 5 key science ideas in appendix

Expression and Presentation including:

- grammar and spelling
- clarity of expression
- use of own words
- development of story line
- originality and creativity

Format including:

- interest of introduction
- variety of resources used
- creativity of format
- interest and entertainment of pictures and story
- quality of conclusion
- length within the maximum word count.
- bibliography and acknowledgement of assistance given by others.

Entries must be posted or delivered to:

STAV House, (PO Box 109)
5 Munro Street Coburg VIC 3058
and arrive by 27 July 2012

All guidelines should be followed to avoid being disadvantaged during judging.