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STORY WRITING Pack



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Dear Coordinator,

It's time to gather your participating students together to make some Wakakirri magic!

Thank you for downloading the Story-Writing Pack. This pack is for schools wishing to enter Story-Writing. You should have recently received via post your STARTER PACK. If you have not received this pack, please email wakakirri@wakakirri.com with your school name and state and we will send out a replacement pack immediately.

Your Starter Pack included:

- A cover letter
- Posters
- Stickers
- Wakakirri Prize Information and Application Form
- Important Things to Know

Now let's get started with your Story Writing entry! This pack includes the following:

- Important Things to do Now
- Rules and Guidelines
- Parent Letter
- Consent Form
- Confirmation of Entry Form

We understand that this information can be overwhelming, so we have a few things in place to help you keep on track with your Wakakirri entry. The 'Important things you need to do now' document outlines in detail everything you need to know about the Story-Writing Category. In addition to that, each month you will also receive a newsletter with important updates and information you need to be aware of to help keep you up to date.

Don't forget about our 2011 signature item BUG! Schools are invited to include this signature item in their work. It can be used thematically or literally. Please note that this is not compulsory and you will not be judged down if you do not incorporate the signature item, having said that, it is always fun for people to spot it!

Should you no longer wish to be a part of Wakakirri 2011, please let us know by sending an email to wakakirri@wakakirri.com so we can withdraw your school from our database. That's all for now. Please give us a call if you need anything! We are here to help.

Happy rehearsing! Exciting Wakakirri times ahead!

The Wakakirri Team

1:LETTER TO PARENTS - PUBLICITY CONSENT FORM (refer to Appendices A and B)

ACTION: Photocopy and Distribute to Parents.

These two documents are very important. They ensure that all students have permission to be a part of Wakakirri and that parents/guardians understand what being involved in the Festival entails. Please photocopy and distribute both documents. The Participation and Publicity Consent forms must be signed and returned to school by all parents/guardians where they will be retained at school. **DO NOT SEND THESE TO WAKAKIRRI.** These must be retained at the school.

2:CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY FORM (refer to Appendix C)

ACTION: Principal to sign confirmation form.

You cannot be a part of the festival without this form being signed and submitted to Wakakirri. Each registered School is required to send in their Principal's Confirmation of Entry. This is a form which confirms your entry in the Festival and it is also evidence that all Participation and Publicity Consent forms have been collected and are being kept at the school.

3:RULES and GUIDELINES (refer to Page 3)

ACTION: For Your Information

You must read the Wakakirri Rules and Guidelines. Even if you have entered Wakakirri previously, please re-read the rules carefully as there may have been changes across all Wakakirri categories. The rules have also recently been sent to you via email.

4:STUDENT REP PROGRAM

ACTION: Nominate online

The Student Rep Program aims to empower students and give them a sense of ownership over their Wakakirri item. It also gives them a chance to exercise their writing and photography skills not to mention their technical and web skills!! Register your student rep online at www.wakakirri.com

What is Story-Writing?

Write an original Story in 500 words or less. Upload your story to the Wakakirri website. All stories are published in the Wakakirri annual anthology.

What stories can you tell? How can Story-Writing entries make a positive impact?

Schools are asked to create stories that make a positive impact on the world we live in. A Wakakirri story can make a positive impact in many ways. Stories can carry a message to every corner of Australia. Stories can teach students about themselves and other Australians. Stories can convey community messages and opinions or simply send a timely reminder about the important things in life.

Each year Wakakirri has a different signature item. Schools are encouraged to incorporate this item into their Wakakirri entry in a creative way. PLEASE NOTE: this is not compulsory and you will not be judged down if you do not incorporate the signature item, havingsaid that, it is always fun for readers to spot it! There is an award for the most creative use. The 2011 signature item is BUG.

Who will read our story?

Wakakirri helps schools share their story nationally. Every school has the opportunity to exhibit their story on the Wakakirri website- and all entries will be compiled and published in an anthology volume, available for schools, libraries and parents to purchase.

Important Story-Writing Dates

- Register your interest by Friday 1st April 2011 to receive updates and entry information
- Works due at the Wakakirri office - Friday 5th August 2011. Entries must be emailed to wakakirri@wakakirri.com (see complete directions below). Schools must also mail or fax in a Story-Writing Confirmation Sheet.

Rules

- Four entries per school. Many schools run Wakakirri Story-Writing competitions within the school and then send us the 4 entries that are voted the best.
- There are two age groups you can enter: 6-9 years and 10+ We will only accept 4 schools MAX from each school NOT 4 entries per age category.
- Entries must tell an original story or original interpretation of a story.
- Entries must be the sole work of students.
- Maximum length for each Story-Writing work is 500 words. Stories over this word limit will not be accepted for judging.
- Stories must be appropriate to the age group including language and themes.
- Works are emailed directly from the school to Wakakirri for judging by an expert panel. Only emailed works will be accepted for judging.

Sending in Entries

- Entries will only be accepted by registered schools
- All entries must be sent via email (wakakirri@wakakirri.com).
- Your story must have a title and be written in the body of the email- attachments will NOT be opened. (see page 4)
- The coordinators name, school, phone and students name and age must also be written at the top of the email.
- Participating students must complete publicity consent forms that are then retained at the school. Schools must then either fax or mail in a copy of the Story-Writing Confirmation Sheet.

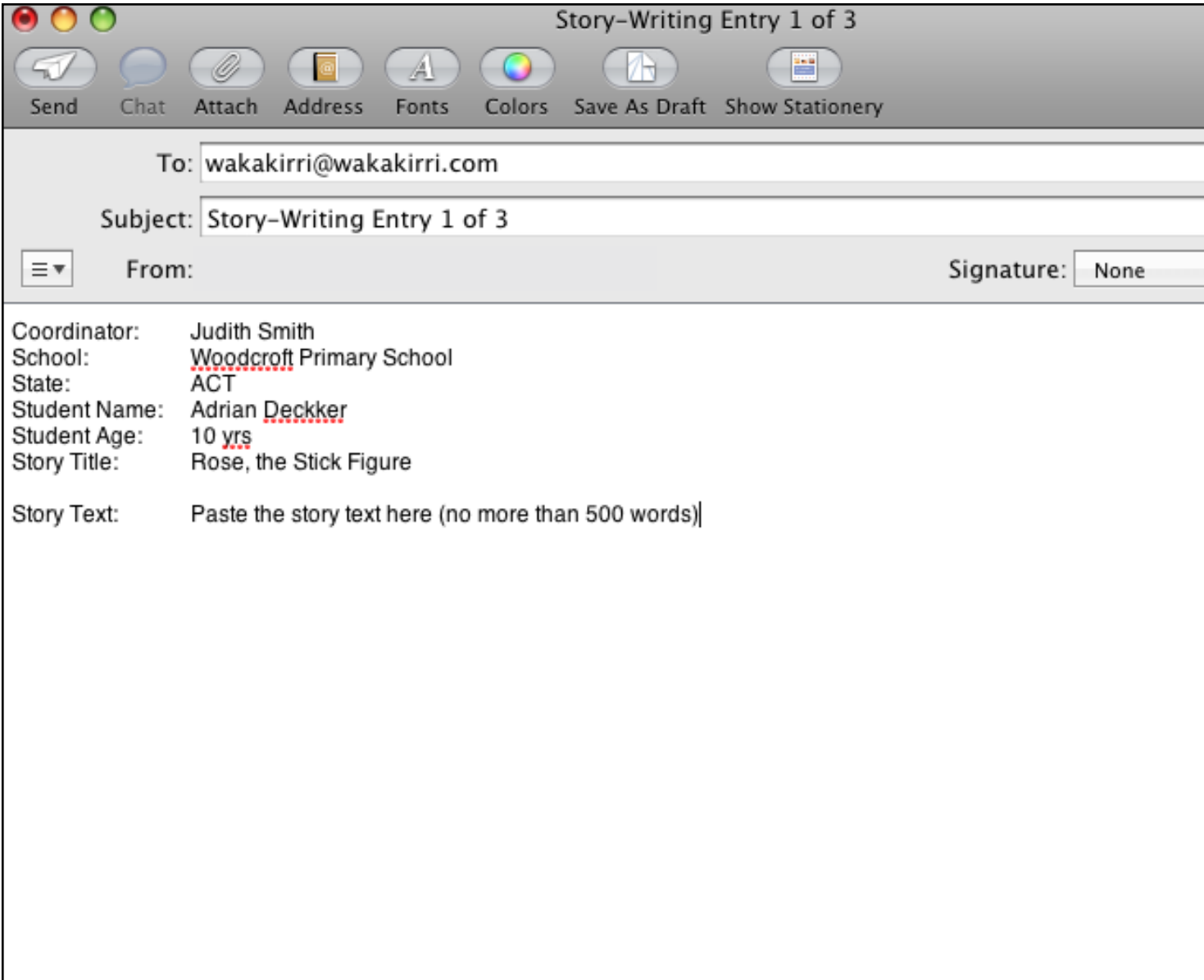
Interpreting Indigenous Stories

Wakakirri requires schools to gain permission and take special consideration when interpreting indigenous stories or portraying indigenous individuals or images.

How to submit a Story-Writing Entry

- 1: Entries will only be accepted by registered schools
- 2: All entries must be sent via email to wakakirri@wakakirri.com
- 3: In the subject heading, please type 'Story-Writing Entry' and the number of stories (i.e. 1 of 3)
- 4: Your story must have a title and be written in the body of the email- **attachments will NOT be opened!**
- 5: The coordinators name, school, state, students name, age and item title must be written at the top of the email with the text (story) in the body of the email below.

EXAMPLE:



The screenshot shows an email composition window with the following fields and content:

- Title:** Story-Writing Entry 1 of 3
- Send, Chat, Attach, Address, Fonts, Colors, Save As Draft, Show Stationery** (Toolbar)
- To:** wakakirri@wakakirri.com
- Subject:** Story-Writing Entry 1 of 3
- From:** (Empty field)
- Signature:** None
- Coordinator:** Judith Smith
- School:** Woodcroft Primary School
- State:** ACT
- Student Name:** Adrian Deckker
- Student Age:** 10 yrs
- Story Title:** Rose, the Stick Figure
- Story Text:** Paste the story text here (no more than 500 words)

The Wakakirri Prize- Positive Impact Award

The Wakakirri Prize is the most prestigious award to receive and is won by only one Wakakirri school across any of the five Wakakirri story categories. The Wakakirri Prize is awarded for exhibiting commitment to making a positive impact on our world through a Wakakirri entry. The story, the artistic leaps of faith that are made, the enthusiasm and teamwork of the students, and the community spirit and initiative are all taken into consideration. This award is one that recognises that the true outcomes of Wakakirri can be found at school and within school communities.

The announcement of the Wakakirri Prize will be made during National Story Week (early November) and more about the judging of this award and how you can nominate your school can be found on the Wakakirri website.

Judging Overview - Here's how it works:

A panel of judges will be selected to assess the Story-Writing entries according to the judging criteria. Wakakirri Judges are sourced from the public and private education sectors as well as the publishing industry reflecting a balance in skills and areas of expertise. Short listed entries will be sent to our National Judges (Andy Griffiths & Jackie French) who will help decide national winners. Story-Writing works will be judged after entries close and National Winners will be selected and announced in November. A list of short listed schools will be announced in September.

- Every entry will receive a Participation Award and Assessment Certificate
- Overall national winners are selected in two age categories (9 and under - 10 and over)
- All stories can be displayed on the www.wakakirri.com website

Prizes

1st 2nd, 3rd Place National Winners.

Special Story-Writing Awards

Three additional awards may be given out: The originality award; the most creative use of the signature item award; and a Positive Impact Award for the story with the best message.

Wakakirri Story-Writing Judging Criteria

Story (60 points)

- Clarity
- Creativity
- Originality
- Entertainment

Delivery (40 points)

- Writing Style
- Literary merit

TOTAL 100

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APPENDICES

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Appendix B	Consent Form
Appendix C	Confirmation of Entry



2011 Parent Letter

Dear parent/guardian,

If it's your first year being a Wakakirri parent or guardian, it's great to have you and your child as part of this year's Festival. If you're returning for yet another Wakakirri adventure, it's nice to have you back!

Wakakirri is a national performing and creative arts festival for primary schools. Wakakirri aims to teach students about themselves and others through the creation and sharing of stories. The Festival challenges students to create a story, make a positive impact and share their story with Australia, there are five Wakakirri categories through which schools can tell their story: dance, song, art, film and writing.

Your child is one of 25,000 students from the City, Country and Outback taking part in Wakakirri this year with the opportunity to have their work showcased at live events taking place across Australia, and online.

Here are a few frequently asked questions that will shed some light on how the festival works.

How does the Wakakirri year unfold?

Wakakirri Story-Writing entries close on Friday 5th August. Schools can only send in four Story-Writing entries. Your school's official entries are uploaded to the Wakakirri Web Showcase where you can view works from across the country and vote for your favourites.

Is Wakakirri a competition?

Foremost Wakakirri is an opportunity for school communities to work together toward a common goal. There are a range of educational outcomes associated with the festival and it is a chance to engage with schools across the country. Wakakirri is also a competition. A first, second and third place winner is selected in each category. Results are announced as part of National Story Week in November.

Who are the judges?

The shortlisted works in each category are then sent to our Special Guest Judges. In previous years special guest judges have included; children's author, Jackie French and Andy Griffiths, the director of the Australian Centre for Photography Alasdair Foster and screenwriter, Craig Pearce.

Is there anywhere I can get more information?

To be in on all the latest Wakakirri news, subscribe to our National Newsletter by emailing us at wakakirri@wakakirri.com type 'subscribe' in the subject line. You can also visit the Wakakirri showcase at www.wakakirri.com to check out other works from around Australia. The website is also a great place to get more general information about the festival. Tell family and friends to log on and view your child's work.

How you can be involved in your child's Wakakirri magic?

Talk to the Wakakirri Coordinator at your child's school and find out ways you can help. This might mean getting involved in set and costume making or simply being there for support and hugs.

Where can I get more information?

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The Wakakirri Team



2011 Participation and Publicity Consent Form

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This form needs to be completed by the Parents/Guardians of participating students or Teacher/Coordinators/Principals involved in the festival and Adult/student helpers issued with a security pass.

Please return this form completed to your school's Wakakirri Item Coordinator as soon as possible.

By signing this form I hereby agree to:

(a) My child (name): being involved in the 2011 Wakakirri National Story Festival, allowing their image, comments or work (performance, written, film, composition or artwork) to be used in all associated promotional activities for this event:

OR

(b) My (name): image, comments or work to be used in all associated promotional activities for this event;

I understand this may include still photography and video photography. I approve the later use of any audio or video recordings and still photographs associated with the event for the promotion of Wakakirri National Story Festival and/or its sponsors. Still or video images, and Story-Writing/Story-Arts works may be used in Wakakirri National Story Festival publications, videos or photographs of the event for public sale, training videos for teachers, the Wakakirri National Story Festival website and other promotions associated with this event and/or its sponsors.

Print Name:

Signature:

Date:

Relationship to child (circle): Parent / Guardian

OR

Position (circle): Coordinator / Principal / Teacher / Parent Helper / Student Helper

Confirmation of Entry Form: Story-Writing

CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

This form must be completed by schools entering Story-Writing and must be submitted to Wakakirri by the 5th August 2011. Please complete ONE Confirmation of Entry form for all your Story-Writing Entries. Please ensure you have read the 'submitting an entry' document prior to completing this form.

- I hereby acknowledge and confirm our school's entry in the Wakakirri National Story Festival 2011.
- I acknowledge that signed Participation and Publicity Consent Forms for each student in our Wakakirri team have been collected and are being retained at school.

Story Writing Entry 1:

Student Name:

Item Title:

Student AGE (not grade level):

Story Writing Entry 2:

Student Name:

Item Title:

Student AGE (not grade level):

Story Writing Entry 3:

Student Name:

Item Title:

Student AGE (not grade level):

Story Writing Entry 4:

Student Name:

Item Title:

Student AGE (not grade level):

PRINCIPAL'S CONFIRMATION

School Name: State:

Principal Name: (please print)

Signature: Date:

School Wakakirri Coordinator Name:(please print)

Signature: Date: