



**CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS BUSH POETS Inc.**

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The Principal and Drama Teacher  
Primary School - as addressed

**PRESTIGIOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR SCHOOL AND STUDENTS  
RUSTY NAIL BUSH POETRY COMPETITION 16 SEPTEMBER 2007**

Dear Madam or Sir,

The Central Goldfields Bush Poets are proud to advise their **5<sup>th</sup> annual** bush poetry competition for primary school students will be held on; **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, at the Marong Community Hall - MARONG.**

**Students who win the written sections will also win \$200 for their school** which we ask the schools to use in purchase of Australian Poetry resources for their libraries.

For both written and the two performance categories, sections are:-  
**Prep to Grade 4 and Grades 5 & 6.** No entry fees.

In the performance sections there are two categories. Original poem, and 'Other' poem which is any poem not written by the student. (Poems may be read).

**A total of \$300 prize money, plus a trophy for each winner, will be awarded,** plus at least one encouragement award. Prize money for each of the two written and the four performance categories will be as follows; **1<sup>st</sup> \$25 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10**

**Certificates of Achievement**

Certificates will be presented to all children who enter either written or performance sections. For certificates to be available on the day, please enter by the closing dates.

All poems should rhyme and their content must be about Australia, Australians or the Australian way of life past or present.

We do not expect children to produce poetry beyond the ability of their age. For more information on bush poetry, our performance entry forms and full information on the days entertainment visit our website [www.cgbp.info](http://www.cgbp.info) Also view [www.bushverse.com](http://www.bushverse.com)

We would appreciate your assistance in making parents/carers of students aware of our competition by including details in one of your school Newsletters. We encourage schools to submit their student's written entries in bulk. **Closing date is 24 August 2007.** However, students may post direct to CGBP Rusty Nail Competition, PO Box 1152, Bendigo 3552. Entries must have students name, school and grade on the poem.

**Performance entries close on 7 September 2007.**

We hope your school will participate. Please return the tear off stub with contact details, or advise by email to; [k-jones@bigpond.net.au](mailto:k-jones@bigpond.net.au) Alternatively, I may be contacted by telephone on 03 5433 2427.

We anticipate meeting most requests to provide a member of our group to attend schools in the Bendigo area and give a presentation, including some rhyming poetry.

This year we are making a special effort to engage indigenous children and also those from a non English speaking background. We invite children from these groups to come along with their families and friends in their national dress on the day.

We also encourage these children to consider writing a poem based on their own or family members experiences of life in Australia.

**Rusty Nail Program Sunday 16 September Community Hall Marong**  
9am – 11am. Bush Poets and Traditional Song, Bush Music Breakfast.

10am – 10.45am Registrations open. All entrants required to confirm their attendance.

11am. Official opening. Followed by Original poems - Prep to Grade 4.

'Other' poems Prep to Grade 4 followed by Original poems Grades 5/6.

12.30pm Lunch - with some entertainment and activities for children.

1.30pm Complete Grades 5/6 Original poems as required, then 'Other' poems.

Approx 3pm, depending on entries. Results and Presentations.

Yours faithfully

Colin Carrington  
Secretary  
Central Goldfields Bush Poets ( Verse & Song ) Inc.

To:

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Our school is interested in encouraging students to participate in Rusty Nail 2007.

Contact person is .....

Position .....

Please contact by phoning .....

Preferred day & time .....

Would you like a member of CGBP attend to do a presentation(s). Yes / No

**Comments** ( Even if your school is not interested in Rusty Nail this year, can you provide any suggestions as to how we may better present and make the competition more attractive to both schools and students).

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