

DETAILED RUSTY NAIL INFORMATION

The entry forms for the two performed sections are at the end.

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Further information for:

The Principal - English Coordinator and School Council

Primary School - as addressed and other interested persons

\$1,000 6th Annual RUSTY NAIL BUSH POETRY COMPETITION

14 SEPTEMBER 2008

Dear Madam or Sir,

The Central Goldfields Bush Poets are proud to advise their **6th Annual** Bush Poetry competition for primary school students will be held on; **Sunday 14th September, at the Marong Community all – MARONG.**

For both written and the two performance categories, sections are:-

- **Grades 1 / 2**
- **Grade 3**
- **Grade 4**
- **Grade 5**
- **Grade 6.**

Entry is free.

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

A total of \$400 prize money, plus a trophy for each winner, will be awarded, in the written categories. There will be fifteen encouragement awards of \$10 each.

Prize money for five written and the ten performance categories will be as follows;

1st \$25 2nd \$15 3rd \$10

Ten encouragement awards of \$10 each will be spread amongst students who are not placed in performance / reading categories. Also presented will be 'The Cambo' Campbell Higgs Memorial Encouragement Trophy and prize.

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 day's entertainment visit our website www.cgbp.info Also view 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 4 September 2008.** However, students may post direct to Carol Reffold, 'Lightwood' Markham Road, Riddells Creek 3431

Entries will only be accepted on A4 size paper and must have students name, school and actual grade ie; Grade 3, not Grade 3/4 on the poem.

Performance entries close on 11 September 2008.

We hope your school will participate. Please ~~return~~ complete the tear off stub with contact details, or advise by email to; 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 14 September Community Hall Marong

9am – 11am. Bush Poets and Traditional Song, Bush Music Breakfast.
(Breakfast, lunch – sausage sizzle for children - morning tea available)

10am – 10.45am Registrations open. All entrants required to confirm their attendance.
Entertainment will be in progress.

11am. Official opening. Followed by Original poems - Grades 1 to 6. If time permits, commence 'Other' poems ~~Prep~~ Grade 1 upwards.

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

1.30pm Complete 'Other' poems.

Approximately 3 – 3.30pm, depending on entries. Results and Presentations.

Yours faithfully

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

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Our school is interested in encouraging students to participate in Rusty Nail 2008.

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 the 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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