

Langhorne Creek Writer's Festival

Young People's Writing Competition

Closing August 23th, 2019

The theme for this year's competition is BEES. This could be approached from many angles, incorporating the [Australian](#) curriculum requirements of [Science](#), [HASS](#) etc. of your school.

Many articles are easy to find on the internet. Some useful info/notes are:

Readicker-Henderson, E A (2009) A short history of the honey bee: Humans flowers and bees in the eternal chase for honey. Portland, Timber Press 2009

Houston, T (2018) A Guide to Native Bees of Australia. Victoria, CSIRO.

Preston, Claire (2006) Bee London, Reaktion Books

Puyrdie, Doug A beginners guide to beekeeping (2014) Crows Nest, NSW Murdock Books

Entry forms are available at www.langhornecreekwritersfestival.com

The five young writer's categories are:

- Reception/Year 1- Picture Book
- Year 2/3 – up to 500 words
- Year 4/5- up to 1000 words
- Year 6/7- up to 1500 words
- Year 8/10- up to 2000 words

The work can be in any form eg. narrative (prose), diary (recount), report, exposition or description. The number of words is a guideline and shorter pieces of work are acceptable but the upper limit must not be exceeded.

Entries will be judged on originality, appeal to an audience, sentence structure, correct grammar, accurate spelling and correct use of punctuation.

The entries must be in words only and not illustrated in any way with the exception of the Reception/ Year 1 category which is presented as a picture book.

It is important that the topic chosen is adhered to, or your entry will not be considered for a prize.

All entries must be typed in Times New Roman, 12 point, double spaced and on one side of the paper only. The appropriate entry form must accompany each entry. Teachers need to sign each piece of work to verify that it is that of the student and has not been written or edited by an adult.

Please **do not** include your name on your entry, apart from the separate entry form provided on the front.

Winners in each category will receive a School prize and an individual prize.

Prizes will be presented to winners at a special event at the Langhorne Creek Campus of E.F.School. on *Thursday, September 26th, 2019*

Entries must not have been awarded a prize in any other competition but may be submitted in multiple competitions. It is the responsibility of the entrant to notify organisers if a prize has been awarded in another competition.

Some **ideas to think about or use are:**

- **How many bee species are there?**
- **What are some of the differences between bees native to Australia and those we have introduced to make honey.**
- **What colours are bees?**
- **What sort of lives do bees live?**
- **What makes a bee a bee?**
- **How do bee families differ from human families?**

- **What is a bee hotel?**
- **What is the link between pharaohs and bees?**
- **Is taking honey theft?**

Useful Websites which may be used for research are prolific. Search is best narrowed by adding Australia.

CSIRO, Diggers, University of Adelaide- bee research.

And here is a silly piece from me :

A Sweet Fable

Nice full baskets Betty

Yes there's plenty of food around

I like the new house

Well we need the extra room

The babies keep coming so there's plenty of work

If its not feeding, its cleaning, putting out the rubbish

I'm exhausted, done a lot of flying this week

And when I get back they want me to dance

Dance I ask you, as if I've got the energy for that

Well its good to know where you've been.

I'm glad Queenie's looking after us

Yes, plenty of supplies in the larder.

Have you ever wanted to be Queen?

Well the sex might be fun

Sure but you only get one shot at it

Then you just lie around being fed

I'd miss the fresh air, I like getting out

All those eggs would take it out of you.

I'd better unload into the brewing vats

Today's nectar was delicious

If the stock is full, the collector will be around

Parasite, I've a good mind to sting him

Well that would be the end of you

Don't go sister, I'd miss you

I'd miss all the flowers too,

its good buzzing around.

Guess we'll put up with the honey thief

He did provide the new house after all.

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