



## LITERACY IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Literacy events in the Junior School

**Write 4 Fun** is a national competition which thousands of school students enter each year. A Year 3 student, Vansh Maini, did extremely well in the latest competition and his poem, 'Spring Rain' was in the finals. His was one of 14 poems selected to be a finalist from across Australia which is an outstanding achievement, as there were over 10 000 entries. I have included the link to all of the poems and short stories: <https://bit.ly/2VKARKz>

### 'The Spring Rain'

*The spring rain has flooded the road with falling hail and water  
This reminds me of a tray of ice with floating water.  
The spring rain has brought a thunderstorm with the flashing and loud sky  
Which has left me with scary eyes and quivering feet.  
The spring rain has brought a huge flood that is going wet and wild  
Which makes me think of sailing a boat under a dark night sky.  
The spring rain has brought wind that is blowing the trees  
and splashing water that is overflowing the river  
Which made my heart pump extremely fast and the noise of it is reaching my ears.  
The spring rain has stopped now and brought a beaming and beautiful rainbow  
Which made my face vivacious with a smile and shining eyes filled with joy.  
The spring rain has shown me the extraordinary creation of God  
and taught me to stay strong and never be afraid as it would not stay for long.*

*By Vansh Maini*

The **National Simultaneous Storytime** (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year Matt Cosgrove's endearing book, 'Alpacas with Maracas' was chosen. The students at Thomas Hassall all participated in this event which promotes a love of reading across the ages. Matt is visiting our College later this year which will be very exciting.

I have posted the **Ledbury poetry festival** entries (UK). I only received 5 poems, however, the standard of them were extremely high and reflects very well on our College.

**Dorothea Mackellar Poetry competition** is still open for entries. Students from Years 3-6 have until Tuesday 4th June to write a poem. I will then be posting them off.

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