



Nano Story Category: Year 9 and 10

Just Sleeping by Clare Cudars – Winner

I walked through the door into a silent, bare room. My Grandfather I knew so well was lying there, frail and lifeless. Tears swelled in my eyes.

“Is he dead?” I asked, my voice croaky and filled with dread.

“Just sleeping” My mother replied absentmindedly, staring vacantly out the window.

Cry as the Eagle by Jacqui Garvey – Highly Commended

The cunning eagle soars through the sky, the wind ruffling each feather. The keen yellow eyes spot a small, brown rabbit, hopping along lazily. The eagle gave a shrill cry as he dived. The rabbit tried to run, but the sun watched the rabbit squeal and the eagle cried triumphantly.

Nano Story Category: Year 7 and 8

Trapped by Liam Harrison – Winner

Harrowing screams came from the next room.

‘What pain is that poor child going through?’ Ben thought.

‘If only I could escape.’

But he couldn’t.

He was held captive, constantly watched.

Soon it would be him.

Slowly the door handle turned – he froze.

“Next for immunisations!” shouted the School Nurse.

The Day We Lost Everything by Mikaela Rixon-Zonnenbergs – Highly Commended

The smell of smoke fills my lungs. The bushfire has spread all around the valley. If the wind picks up and comes towards me our whole town will be turned to ash. As we finish packing everything into the car we hit the road. That's when the wind picked up.

Our Murray by Darcy Rhian White – Highly Commended

Murray with her waters smooth and strong. Birds line her bank, singing in a harmony only she understands. When she angers though, she grows and swells, covering the banks she once whispered to. The birds flee, seeking asylum in the air. Finally her anger passes and calm descends once more.

The Beast by Alexandra Croft – Highly Commended

The beast lurks in the shadows.

Watching, waiting.

Revenge smoulders in its scorching eyes.

It pounces, leaving a fiery inferno in its wake.

It laps at the trunks like a bloodthirsty hound, engulfing all with its swealtering breath.

Nowhere to run. Nowhere to hide.

As the fire consumes the forest.

Nano Story Category: Yr 5 & 6

GOTCHYA by Eliza Carey - Winner

As I grip the leather reins with my tired hand, my other hand shading my eyes from the beating sun, I look left to right. There it is! The dapple grey horse! I nudge, Blizzard to a fast gallop. I swing my rope, throw and cheer.

"GOTCHYA!" I yell happily.

Opps I wet the bed by Laurence Adorni-Dickson - Highly Commended

The feeling of warm liquid came from my pants. I woke up.

DAMN! I'm eleven and I wet the bed. There was a glass of water. My hand inside the glass. Someone had put it in water. Claire did it! This won't end well. Claire is dead. Super dead.

Surprise by Ephraim Zilberman - Highly Commended

I led him up the hill. Blindfolded and stumbling, he pleaded.

"Where are we going?" Thorns scratched his body.

The owls hooted under the full moon.

"Don't do this," he cried. We stopped suddenly. Silence! Then I cackled aloud.

"No," he cried, clawing at the blindfold.

"Happy Birthday," everyone smiled.

Nano Story Category: Year 3 & 4

The Huge Storm by Mattea Little – Winner

Hi Dad, Mum says come home quick.

I'm looking out of the window. That powerline really isn't going to survive this storm. Mum is calling the SES.

It's pouring and really gusty. Trees are falling everywhere. Our house is creaking.

Mum says we have to get out. I'm scared. I'm....

Friends by Miriam Cereman – Highly commended

Long ago there lived a Labrador called Cheesy and a bulldog pup named Cheater. Their owners had abandoned them at Lilly River Park, where they met each other and became friends. But life was not bad. The nearby butcher gave meat for Cheesy and milk for Cheater. They never starved.

The Eagle's Thoughts by Alana Diver – Highly commended

Lift my wings off the ground, hop a few steps and flap. Going up, up and up. Glide along peacefully and scan the shrubs for a tasty mouse. Ah-ha, a rustle in the undergrowth. Swoop down and clutch it in my sharp talons. Fly back to my nest and mate.