

Writing it Up

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ALL SEASONS

What's your favourite time of year where you live? Do you like summer, when it's hot outside and you can go swimming? Or maybe you like spring, when the flowers are blooming and baby animals are born. Some of you might live where there's a wet season, where the rain falls all day long; or somewhere really hot, where the rain hasn't fallen for a long time. Tell us all about the seasons where you live and how you feel about them. Why not draw a picture to go with it?

THE RULES!

If you're in infants school, your story can be up to 40 words. If you're in primary school your story should be up to 80 words. If you're in junior secondary school, your essay must be between 150-200 words. Entries are now open and you can enter as many times as you like. At the end of August, all entries will be judged by a panel, and the best story in each age category will WIN A MINI DVD PLAYER!

This year I'm going to...

Name: William Tataya

School: Wananami R.C.S.

This year I am going to find a job through TAFE, be a mechanic or join CDEP, but I'm still thinking about what to do. There are so many jobs in my head and I want to sort these things in my head and decide about what things I can do, things that I might be good at. I am also going to keep doing art work because I love it.



Name: Alissa Paulson

Age: 10

I have done a lot of amazing things in my life, but one thing I would really like to do this year is go overseas and visit different regions. The reason I would like to go overseas is because I think other regions sound very interesting. I think a lot of places are very cool but the two places I really want to go to are Africa and Japan.



Australia can be very boring sometimes, unlike Japan because Japanese people are very creative and they have interesting meals. We just have the same old boring meals every day.

Another place which I already said is Africa and also Jamaica. The reason I would like to go to Africa and Jamaica is because I like the way they look after their home and their community, and they are so creative and I'm interested in what they do. So that is why I would really like to go to Jamaica, Africa and Japan.

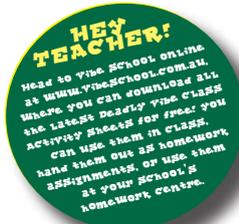
Hobbies & past times

Name: Angie Roberts

School: Campdenville Primary School

My name is Angeline and I am 6 years old. I am Aboriginal and a Koori kid. My Dad is from Mulli Mulli and his totem is the yowie, my mum is from Fengal Head and her totem is the echidna. So I guess I am a yowie and an echidna.

I am proud to be Aboriginal.
From Angeline



My name is _____

PREPARATION BEFORE WRITING

Each month, Writing it Up gives you a chance to send in your stories, have them published in Deadly Vibe and win great prizes. This month, you need to write about your favourite season of the year.

Where some people live, they call their seasons summer, autumn, winter and spring. Others call the seasons by different names. The Jawoyn from the Northern Territory, for example, recognise six seasons. If you live in Wik country, you might call the seasons um kaapak, kaap, onchan many, onchan min, kayaman maal, kayaman pung nganth ling ling and thurpak.

Changes occur to the natural environment at each of these times of the year.



ACTIVITY 1: YOUR FAVOURITE SEASON

In the box below, draw a picture of you and your friends having fun at your favourite time of the year.



ACTIVITY 2: SAMPLE WRITING IT UP ENTRY

Read the following Writing it Up entry and answer the questions below.

I live in Bourke in far western NSW. It's almost the end of a long, dry summer and it's finally starting to get a bit cooler. I love this time of the year because it's still warm enough to go swimming in the Darling River after school.

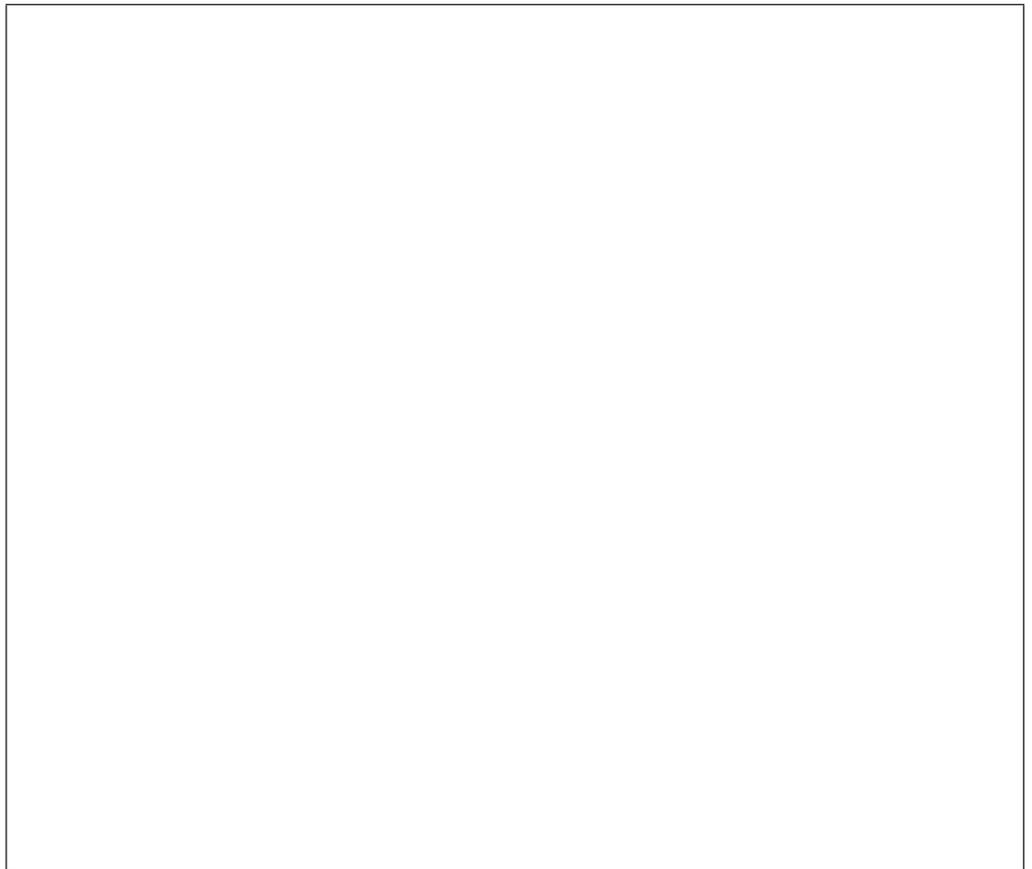
Charlene, Bourke NSW

1. Where does Charlene live? _____
2. Which season has just finished? _____
3. What does Charlene love to do after school? _____
4. Which river runs through Bourke? _____



ACTIVITY 3: ILLUSTRATING THE STORY

In the box below, draw Charlene having fun swimming at Bourke.



ACTIVITY 4: WRITE YOUR OWN STORY IN 40 WORDS

Think of the seasons where you live. Do you have a favourite time of the year? Are there things that you do every year at this time?

Describe the seasons where you live and say what you do and how you feel about them. To get started, just fill in the blanks from Charlene's entry below with descriptions about the seasons where you live.

When you've finished, read it through and add or delete information if you like.

Write out your best copy, add an illustration, fill out the competition entry on page 29, include a photograph of yourself and you're ready to send in your Writing it Up entry.

Good Luck!





MY DRAFT

name of town or city *region* *state*
I live in _____ in _____ . It's

time of year *2 x descriptions* *season*
_____, after a _____ , _____

description of the changes at that time of the year
and it's finally _____.

how you feel about the season *why*
I _____ this time of the year because _____

_____.

your name, *your school*
_____, _____

Illustration for your entry: