

# Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards – 2023



## History

The thirty-fifth annual Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards were hosted by the Geraldton Regional Library for the very first time and presented at the Queens Park Theatre. Guest author Kitty Black, internationally published children's book author who has a background in psychology, research and education and is passionate about neurodivergence and representation in children's literature. She spoke about the difference between talent and skill, a great message for the audience members of all ages.

## Categories & Entries

Over 545 entries were received from schools throughout the region and more than 72 awards were presented.

Entries were organised into five prose categories and five poetry categories:

- Lower Primary            Years 3 and 4
- Upper Primary            Years 5 and 6
- Lower Secondary        Years 7 and 8
- Middle Secondary        Years 9 and 10
- Upper Secondary        Years 11 and 12

## Judges

Jenny Kessell  
Heather Wallace  
Malcolm Smith  
Meredith Wills  
Warwick Glenister  
Deanne Davies  
Tony Turner  
Nola Gregory  
Lorraine Chapman  
Sue Chiera  
Matilda Scotney  
Hugh de Beer

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## Lower Primary Poetry

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Rowyn Doyle – Year 3 at Wandina Primary School – *Mr Teddy*  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Freya Teakle – Year 4 at Geraldton Grammar School – *Freaky Fred*  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Sienna Crudeli – Year 3 at St Francis Xavier Primary School – *Dad's Snoring*  
**HC** – Alice Kuser – Year 3 at St Francis Xavier Primary School – *Stinky Socks*  
**HC** – Ella Katrina Cook – Year 4 at St Francis Xavier Primary School – *The Silly Poem*  
**HC** – Deanna Bate – Year 4 at Walkaway Primary School – *Gecko*  
**HC** – Paige Marshall – Year 4 at Walkaway Primary School – *Will You Remember Me?*  
**HC** – Orson Holliday – Year 4 at Geraldton Primary School – *Midnight Thoughts*

## Lower Primary Prose

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Scout Bailey – Year 3 at Geraldton Grammar School – *Wimbledon Mystery*  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Sienna Crudeli – Year 4 at St Francis Xavier Primary School – *Dancing with Time*  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Lucy McCartney – Year 4 at Geraldton Grammar School – *Wolf Night*  
**HC** – Isabelle Van Blerk – Year 4 at Geraldton Primary School – *Love Has a Common Enemy*

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## Upper Primary Poetry

- 1<sup>st</sup>** – Chloe Blackmore – Year 5 at Wandina Primary School – *Street Life*  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Indi Reed – Year 6 at St Johns Primary School – *Rain Clouds*  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Finlay Keemink – Year 6 at Wandina Primary School – *Upside Down Forrest*  
**HC** – Coden Spencer – Year 5 at Dongara District High School – *Home*  
**HC** – Addison Phillips – Year 6 at Geraldton Christian College – *Runner*  
**HC** – Josephine Twigg – Year 6 at Wandina Primary School – *Hometown*  
**HC** – Mikayla Cole – Year 5 at Walkaway Primary School – *Life's Colours*  
**HC** – Otis Barnes – Year 5 at Geraldton Grammar School – *Ode to Friendship*

## Upper Primary Prose

- 1<sup>st</sup>** – Millie Maslen – Year 6 at Carnarvon Christian School – *Emily's Big Fantasy*  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Caitlyn Naisbitt – Year 6 at Walkaway Primary School – *Day in my Life as a Dog*  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Tatum Eacott – Year 5 at Jurien Bay District High School – *The Camping Trip*  
**HC** – Blaise Levett – Year 5 at Walkaway Primary School – *Bushfire*  
**HC** – Nate Carrick – Year 5 at Walkaway Primary School – *Disabled*  
**HC** – Olivia Tutt – Year 5 at St Francis Xavier Primary School – *The Three Heroes*  
**HC** – Bryce Gaby – Year 6 at Wandina Primary School – *Jack and the Beast*  
**HC** – Benjamin Ritchie – Year 5 at St Francis Xavier Primary School – *The Lost Silver Ring*

## Lower Secondary Poetry

- 1<sup>st</sup>** – Miley Argent – Year 8 at Nagle Catholic College – *Seed*  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Lillyan Treasure – Year 8 at Nagle Catholic College – *To Write*  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Justi Smith – Year 8 at Nagle Catholic College – *Friday Night*  
**HC** – Addison Greaves – Year 8 at Geraldton Senior High School – *Melodies*  
**HC** – Lucie Jones – Year 8 at Nagle Catholic College – *Ballad-Covid*  
**HC** – Kayla Bohnen – Year 8 at Nagle Catholic College – *Inside*  
**HC** – Jasmine Walker – Year 8 at Geraldton Senior High School – *Concert Band*  
**HC** – Grace Smith – Year 8 at Home School – *Little Things*

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- 1<sup>st</sup>** – Faith De Guzman – Year 8 at Nagle Catholic College – *Sammy's Saucy Adventures*  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Ashleigh Jones – Year 8 at Nagle Catholic College – *The November it all Changed*  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Kayla Bohnen – Year 8 at Nagle Catholic College – *Changes*  
**HC** – Alyssa Reed – Year 8 at Nagle Catholic College – *Go On, Try Me*  
**HC** – Will Puzzar – Year 7 at Nagle Catholic College – *Say Hi to Heather For Me*

## Middle Secondary Poetry

- 1<sup>st</sup>** – Teegan Kelly – Year 10 at Geraldton Senior High School – *What is a Daughter?*  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Mackinnley Orr – Year 10 at Geraldton Christian College – *Dance of the Gate Preppers*  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Declan Argent – Year 10 at Geraldton Grammar School – *Hertz and Hardship*  
**HC** – Sariah Smith – Year 10 at Geraldton Christian College – *Ceaseless Forest*  
**HC** – Sydney Keemink – Year 9 at Nagle Catholic College – *The Carnival*  
**HC** – Kayla Berg – Year 9 at The Leaning Tree Steiner School for – *Villians*

## Middle Secondary Prose

- 1<sup>st</sup>** – Phoebe Teakle – Year 10 at Geraldton Grammar School – *I Still Call Australia Home*  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Amy Browne – Year 9 at Nagle Catholic College – *I Will Remember You*  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Lucas Steineck – Year 9 at Nagle Catholic College – *Mid-Life Crisis*  
**HC** – Emma Cruickshank – Year 10 at Geraldton Grammar School – *Port Lewra*  
**HC** – Ruby Lin – Year 10 at Geraldton Grammar School – *Terror in the Bush*  
**HC** – Benjamin Munday – Year 9 at Geraldton Grammar School – *The Snorkeling Exhibition*  
**HC** – Nicole Chamberlain – Year 10 at Geraldton Grammar School – *The 6AM Club*  
**HC** – Freya Bergen – Year 10 at Geraldton Grammar School – *Parlez-vous Australien?*

## Upper Secondary Poetry

- 1<sup>st</sup>** – Emmanuel Richardson – Year 12 at Champion Bay Senior High School for – *One Way*  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Seth Johnson – Year 12 at WA College of Agriculture - Morowa – *The River*  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Vhien Clifford L Tesico – Year 12 at WA College of Agriculture - Morowa – *Advice to Myself*  
**HC** – Rebecca Coleman – Year 12 at WA College of Agriculture - Morowa – *Ode to Home*  
**HC** – Annabelle Goforth – Year 12 at Champion Bay Senior High School – *Deceptive Reality*  
**HC** – Kara Chapman – Year 11 at Nagle Catholic College – *The Hunt*

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- 1<sup>st</sup>** – Cullyn Kentish – Year 12 at Geraldton Grammar School – *Breaking News:*  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Arabella Munday – Year 11 at Champion Bay Senior High School – *The Hunter*  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** – India Newman – Year 12 at Nagle Catholic College – *House, Hospital, Hideout*  
**HC** – Faith Cook – Year 12 at Geraldton Senior High School – *To Be*  
**HC** – Lalani MacLeod – Year 11 at Geraldton Christian College – *Rain, River, Resentment*  
**HC** – Lilly Kate Murszewski – Year 11 at Nagle Catholic College – *Rose Garden*  
**HC** – Hien Tran – Year 12 at Nagle Catholic College – *The Spirits of Australia Day*  
**HC** – Jade Schwarz – Year 11 at Nagle Catholic College – *A Body*

## Hon Sandra Carr MLC Emerging Young Writer Scholarship – Lower Secondary

Kayla Bohnen – Year 8 at Nagle Catholic College – *Inside*

## Hon Sandra Carr MLC Emerging Young Writer Scholarship – Upper Secondary

Kayla Berg – Year 11 at The Leaning Tree Steiner School – *Villians*

## Pat Gallaher Encouragement Award

Lilly Kate Murszewski – Year 11 at Nagle Catholic College – *Rose Garden*