

a poetry writing competition for school students

2008 CHOCOLATES IN RHYME

Chocolates in Rhyme is an event within *Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe* - a wickedly delicious festival on 13 July celebrating all things chocolate.

It is no coincidence that the Latin name for cocoa, from which chocolate is made, translates as "food of the gods", with some cultures even valuing chocolate more than gold, and who could blame them!

As part of *Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe* we'd like to hear how you feel about chocolate (in 150 words or less) and display entries throughout Latrobe.



AWARD CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

Lower Primary (Kindergarten - Grade 3)	Runner up: \$5.00	Winner: \$10.00 and trophy
Upper Primary (Grades 4-6)	Runner up: \$15.00	Winner: \$30.00 and trophy
Junior Secondary (Grades 7-9)	Runner up: \$25.00	Winner: \$50.00 and trophy
Senior Secondary (Grades 10-12)	Runner up: \$35.00	Winner: \$70.00 and trophy

HOW TO ENTER

1. Write a poem on the theme of "chocolate". Must be no more than 150 words.
2. All entries are to be clearly written or, preferably, typed and printed in Arial or Times New Roman font with 1.5 line spacing.
3. Illustrations and decorations are to be kept to a minimum and will not be considered in the judging process.
4. Include your name, section and school **on the back** of each page of the poem.
Entrants' names must not appear on the front of the poem submitted.
5. Every entry must be accompanied with a completed entry form. Photocopied forms are acceptable. You can also download entry forms from www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au
6. Attach your completed entry form to the back of the poem and hand it to your teacher/parent.
7. Entries will not be returned so please keep a copy of your poem.
8. No more than two entries will be received from one student.
9. Entries must be forwarded to **reach** Latrobe Council, P O Box 63, Latrobe, 7307 **no later than 4.30 pm on Thursday, 29 May, 2008**. Late entries will not be accepted.
10. The organisers will notify winners as soon as practical after the completion of judging.
11. Ideally, the winning entries may be performed by their author at the presentation of the Chocolates in Rhyme awards, which will be held at the Latrobe RSL, 160 Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 3.30 pm on Sunday, 13 July.

Winners may nominate another poet for such a performance. Alternatively, if winners cannot be present, another poet will present the entry.

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Award Categories and Prizes and How to Enter form part of the Conditions of Entry.
2. All poems must be the students' own work and not copied or reworded from another poem.
3. Faxed entries will not be accepted.
4. Poems will be judged on originality, imagery, use of language and construction.
5. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
6. Latrobe Council reserves the right to have any entry published, reproduced or publicised. All entries will be displayed throughout the town of Latrobe in the lead-up and during *Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe* whilst Winner, Runner Up and Highly Commended poems will be published on the Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe website (www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au).
7. Winning entries will be published in The Sunday Examiner.
8. Entrants may be asked to assist in media publicity in the form of comments and/or photographs.

MORE INFORMATION:

Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe Coordinator, Michelle Dutton, on 6421 4650 or 0400 578 746

POST YOUR ENTRIES TO

Latrobe Council, P O Box 63, Latrobe, 7307
or deliver to 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe

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COMPLETE THIS FORM AND ATTACH IT TO THE BACK OF EACH ENTRY

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS

First Name..... Surname.....

Year Level..... Age..... Male / Female (circle)

Contact: Teacher/Parent (Dr, Mr, Mrs, Ms):

School:

School Address:

Suburb..... Postcode

School Phone..... Home Phone.....

Email

Award Category (Tick one box only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Primary (Grade K-3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Secondary (Grade 7-9) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Primary (Grade 4-6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Secondary (Grade 10-12) |

DECLARATION

I declare that this poem titled is my own work and I have met all Conditions of Entry.

I agree for my work to be broadcast or published by Latrobe Council.

Signed (entrant)..... Signed (teacher / parent)

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