Voices of ANZAC Writing Competition

Imagine you are a digger in the trenches of Gallipoli, unsure whether you will make it to the new dawn. You decide to put pen to paper and write a letter home and say….

What would this digger have said?
How do you think the family at home felt?
How do people today feel about the ANZACS?

As part of the Centenary Learning Alliance commemoration of the ANZAC Centenary, you are invited to enter in the ‘Voices of ANZAC’ writing competition. This competition aims to give you a chance to help tell the ANZAC story from the perspective of those involved, from a modern or historical viewpoint.

Competition Details:

Categories:
- Year 3 & 4
- Year 5 & 6
- Year 7 – 9
- Year 10 - 12

Task:
To write a creative piece using the historical point of view of someone involved in the campaign or from a modern voice of someone today reflecting on their experience. You can write a letter, diary entry, historical recount or poem based on stimulus provided or your own idea.

Year 10 to 12 students have the option to respond creatively as described above, or respond in an analytical essay format. Responses in analytical essay format need to address the question: “To what extent did Australians enlist in 1914 to defend the ‘Mother Country’?” (500 words max)

Details:
- Must be typed in Arial font, size 12.
- Up to 1 page long.
- Single line spacing, hand written or typed.
- Handed in by the due dates below.

Judging:
You will be judged on the following areas:

Audience – the impact your piece has on the reader.
Purpose – how well you addressed the theme of ‘Voices of ANZAC’
Cohesion – how well your piece flowed, a progression of ideas.

Due Dates:
Primary students – Friday 26th June (last day of Term 2)
Secondary Students – Friday 17th July (first Friday of Term 3)

Prizes:
Prizes will be awarded, including 1st place for each school and highly commended medals, with certificates for all participants. The top 4 pieces from each school will be selected to be published in a Centenary Alliance ANZAC E-Book, paying tribute to the ANZAC legend.