2016 Castlemaine Poetry Prize

Calling all junior poets!

The Castlemaine Mail is calling for schools and students to enter the 2016 Castlemaine Poetry Prize.

This is the sixth year of the awards and we are hoping for another great response from our budding poets.

In previous years, several schools have used the competition as a class exercise for literature and the teacher then entered the students' poems in the competition.

Mount Alexander Shire Council is once again sponsoring the junior prizes and the winners will each receive a $50 book voucher and an award. Selected entries will be published in the Castlemaine Mail.

There are three categories (and prizes) for juniors. The sections are for Grade 2 and under, Grade 6 and under and Year 10 and under.

Entries opened this week but please note junior poets only have until Friday, September 9 to get their entries in.

The poem must not have been published or have won another prize and poems should be no longer than 40 lines. Young poets and teachers can choose any theme. Please ensure the poet's name, age and school are written on the back of the poem.

Castlemaine poets Ann de Hugard and Tegan Gigante have kindly agreed to judge this year's competition.

Entries can be dropped into the Castlemaine Mail office at 29 Templeton Street, Castlemaine, emailed to editcm@elliottmidnews.com.au or we can arrange to collect them from the school. The junior category closes on Friday, September 9 at 5pm. Details: call Jeff on 5472 1788.