

“For the children of Australia... the answer is to involve the
**creative energies of our children and
our youth** in a creative, concerned community.”

The Hon Gough Whitlam, AC, QC., Men and Women of Australia, 1972.

The Whitlam Institute 2010
What Matters? Competition:

It's Time To Write

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What Matters? is a writing competition that gives year 5 – 12 students in NSW and the ACT a chance to say what matters to them in society today. What actions do you think should be taken to build a better society? What would you change if you could? What do you want other people to care about?

HOW TO ENTER Write a 400-600 word opinion piece on what matters to you and why. Entries must be typed on A4 paper. Strictly one entry per student. All entries must be accompanied by a signed entry form. Entry forms are available from your teacher or can be downloaded at www.whitlam.org

JUDGING CRITERIA AND INFORMATION Judging criteria and further information is available at www.whitlam.org, where you can also view the 2009 winning entries.

CLOSING DATE Friday 30 April 2010.

STUDENT PRIZES Prizes are awarded in 4 categories:
Years 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12.

- \$250 for each category winner and \$150 for each category runner-up. Entrants will receive their prize and a certificate signed by the Hon Gough Whitlam AC QC and Hugh Mackay at an awards ceremony, to be followed by a 'Young Writers Forum', in June 2010 at the University of Western Sydney's Parramatta campus. Winning entries will be published in print and online.
- An overall competition winner, announced at the awards ceremony, will receive a laptop with software donated by Officeworks.
- The Year 11/12 category winner will also be invited to contribute to the ActNow's Content Program (www.actnow.com.au), receiving training in writing and multi-media and the opportunity to be paid for their work.

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

SCHOOL PRIZES All schools participating in the competition go into the draw for a chance to win one of five Officeworks vouchers valued at \$1,000 each. Prizes will be drawn at the awards ceremony in June 2010.

For more information see your teacher or visit our website www.whitlam.org or call 02 9685 9187

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