



TAF2021 CHILDREN'S SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Theme: Scene of the Crime

A DETECTIVE SHORT STORY COMPETITION FOR YOUNG WRITERS IN THE HUON VALLEY AND BEYOND

- **Opens:** Monday 28 June 2021
- **Entries Due:** 6 pm Sunday 10 October 2021
- **For young writers from K to age 16**
- There are four \$50 book voucher prizes to be won
- Online and COVID-19 safe
- Resources for parents, guardians, teachers and independent young writers at:
<https://www.terroraustralisfestival.com/taf2021-childrens-short-story-competition>

SOLVE IT WITH SCIENCE!

- This year's Terror Australis Readers and Writers Festival (TARWF) theme is CSI: Tasmania, so we're asking our young writers to create a story set at the scene of a crime.
- Dusting for fingerprints. Footprints under a window ledge. Fibres under fingernails... Solving crimes isn't just about chasing criminals. It's also about crime scene investigation (CSI) and forensic science.
- It can be as small as a stolen pen, or as huge as a murder, as long as your story has clues left at a crime scene and your detective, sleuth or investigator uses them to solve a crime, mystery or puzzle.
- There are categories for up to Grade 2, Grades 3 and 4, Grades 5 and 6, and open to the age of 16 (i.e. the entrant may be any age up to 16 on 31 December 2021).
- While children who normally live in the Huon Valley, full time or part-time, are encouraged to enter, there are no limitations on the location of the young writer.
- In 2020, we received entries from a number of Australian states, as well as one from Georgia (the country). We'd love to see entries from outside Tasmania again in 2021.
- We look forward to reading your stories.