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To whom it may concern

My name is Nigel Carter and I am the President and Youth coordinator of the South Australian Philatelic Council and secretary of the Lower Murray Philatelic Society. I am writing to inform you about an exciting opportunity for your students to participate in a philatelic competition. The competition invites students to design a new postcard, which will be displayed at the 2026 South Australian Philatelic Congress held in October. We are hoping to encourage young people to become involved in collecting philatelic items such as stamps, envelopes, postcards and more.

The competition is open to students of all ages and abilities and is a great way for them to explore their creativity while learning about the art of stamp design. In addition, the competition provides an excellent opportunity for students to engage with their local community and to gain exposure to the world of philately.

To participate in the competition, students are asked to submit a design of one postcard and an accompanying stamp. The designs can be based on any of the following themes:

- Christmas - A lovely theme for any young person. They can focus on Christmas in general, traditions around the world or an Australian Christmas.
- Remembrance Day/ANZAC Day – An important theme for young people to learn about.
- Our favourite books – An additional to Book Week (Symphony of Stories) and the Premier's Reading Challenge and an effort to inspire more children to read.
- My Australia – A way for children to express their Australian ideals, values and identity.

We have tried to include themes that would align with the Australian Curriculum.

Students can incorporate a wide range of artistic styles and techniques. Entries need to include a description of their design and the inspiration or meaning behind it. The winning designs will be selected by a panel of judges and will be displayed at the 2026 Congress, held October 10-11th. Winners in each age group will receive a certificate and small philatelic prize. All entries will receive a certificate. Winning entries will be submitted to Australia Post as inspiration for future designs. We hope to make this a commitment in the future.

Entries need to be presented in the original paper form. They can be sent to Angela Groves at Mannum Community College or dropped off in Murray Bridge. Email angela.groves110@schools.sa.edu.au for more information about this, or can be found at the South Australian Philatelic Council website at <https://sapc.org.au>. Entries need to be designed in the template given. I have attached some templates they can use to design. Do not design the back of the postcards. Postcards can go either portrait or landscape or both. There is a different template for any option.

Entries

- Can be either drawn or computer designed computer designed need to be printed onto the template.
- Must be original pieces of work
- Submitted in Year groups (R-5, 6-9, 10-12, 12+)

Although names will be posted with entries, we understand this is not always possible. A pseudonym can be used, but we will need a name and age. I have attached a media form to each template.

Entries need to be submitted by 4/9/2026, but expressions of interest need to be made by 30th July, 2026.

The 2026 Congress will be held in October and students and families are more than welcome to come and see their work. I will send a pamphlet for the 2026 Philatelic Congress for interest soon.

If you are interested in participating in the competition, please contact Angela (at Mannum Community College) (angela.groves110@schools.sa.edu.au) for more information. We look forward to receiving your entries and to showcasing the creativity of your students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nigel Carter & Angela Groves