Junior literary giants

By Alicia Wood

LEWIS Carroll had Wonderland and J.K. Rowling had Hogwarts.

Now, a group of budding writers from Connells Point Public School are working towards literary legacies of their own.

The school had the highest number of finalists in St George and Sutherland Shire for the recent Sydney Youth Writing Competition, and the four students hope to make writing a career.

The inspiration for their entries came from a mixed bag of sources – from the Victorian bushfires, to tigers, nightmares and pollution.

“When you can’t say something, it is good to write it down,” year 6 student Bernice Chung said.

Her classmate Jade Fodera said the competition gave students a chance to show their writing skills outside of the classroom.

“I love writing; I want to do it for my whole life,” she said.

The four students had their work published in a book called Shadow and Rock, a collection of this year’s best entries.

Bernice said they were all proud to see their work in print. “Some authors have to wait until they grow up a bit before getting their book published,” she said.