

Young writer joins Pet Rock Kids' latest charity project

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The Queensland brother and sister who swapped a pet rock for a \$41,000 car for a Brisbane charity are continuing to find success with their latest charity project.

Luke and Hannah Sinclair from Broadbeach Waters are currently helping teenagers across Australia to write their stories about loss or grief.

"The kids may have suffered from drug abuse, they may have watched their parents separate, or sadly one of their parents or family members may have even died," Luke, 13, said.

"We want to help them put their stories together and we will then look for a publisher to print a book with pictures called *12 Little Australians*. All proceeds will go to Paradise Kids and we hope to raise \$50,000."

The latest budding young writer to join the crusade is 12-year-old Stevie from Coomera. She joins another young writer, Christabel from Sorrento, who last month completed her story.

Stevie said: "I'm pleased to be a part of the project and have been working on my draft story for about a month.

"The theme of my story is bullying and family separation. In 2007, I was severely bullied while at school in New South Wales. I then had to suffer from my mum and dad separating. This meant leaving New South Wales at very short notice and struggling for months and months to find a new home in Queensland."

Christabel's story deals with the loss of her beloved father to an inoperable brain tumour. Extracts from Stevie's and Christabel's stories are at www.hannahluke.com

Hannah, 15, said around four other young Queenslanders were currently drafting their stories.

"We call on any child or young teenager that may have suffered to consider writing their story. The two young authors who have done theirs say it has helped them deal with the situations they found themselves in.

"Before starting a draft, please contact us at mail@hannahluke.com so we can assist with ideas and writing styles."

Luke said the challenge was to finish all 12 stories inside 12 months and publish a book called *12 Little Australians*. All proceeds will go to Paradise Kids.

For further information, go to www.hannahluke.com

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To interview Luke or Hannah - 0419 431599