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Dear Families

Primary Poetry Writing Competition K-6

Students in Primary school have the opportunity to combine their love of writing poetry and helping the environment in a creative poetry writing competition.

POEM FOREST invites students to use their words to make positive climate action. For every nature poem received, a tree is planted to help heal habitats and create a POEM FOREST for future generations. In 2021, over 5,000 poem trees were planted.

Students are asked to compose an original poem about nature. Their poem could be inspired by a **place, plant, ecosystem** or **species** that is **special to them**. We will be having images posted around the school to provide additional inspiration to the students.

How to Enter?

Students will need to submit their poems online via the following link

<https://redroompoetry.org/projects/poem-forest/entries/>

Length of Poem

Here is a guideline of how long poems can be per grade:

- Kindergarten – up to 6 lines
- Years 1 and 2 – up to 12 lines
- Years 3 and 4 – up to 16 lines
- Years 5 and 6 – up to 20 lines

While these are only guidelines above, the rules of the competition state that poems can not be longer than **20 lines**.

When is the poem due?

- Online entries are due **Friday 23 September 2022**
- A copy of your poem is to be handed to your class teacher on **Thursday 22 September 2022**.

Poetry Recital

All students will have the opportunity to share their poems with their classes in **Term 4** and a copy of their poems will be placed into a Grade Poetry Book that will be on display in the College Library.

In addition to that, All POEM FOREST Prize entries are published in their digital library and students have the chance to win \$5,000 in prizes, including \$500 cash for each category, book packs from Magabala Books, Pantera Press, Wonderground as well as Garden tours, plants, seeds and more.

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Attachments and resources

In addition to the resources that are provided to students at school, families are welcome to visit the following website that also has a range of resources, tips and suggestions

<https://redroompoetry.org/>

Poetry Writing Criteria

Attached to this letter is the Quality Writing Criteria. This Quality Criteria has been established by Red Room Poetry and judging panels in consultation with NSW Public Schools. The purpose of the Quality Criteria is to encourage students and teachers to explore, and experiment with a range of poetic techniques, as well as to ensure poems meet publication standards. The Quality Criteria aims to enrich the creation of excellent poems and acts as an evaluative framework that enables judges to award poems based on artistic merit. All students are encouraged to share a reflection about what inspired their poem.

We are looking forward to seeing the incredible poems students produce.

Kind regards,



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