

Monday 5th August 2024

Dear parents, caregivers and whānau,

As part of the preparation for our Junior Poetry Recital, we are asking all Year 0-3 children to memorise a poem. Each child will have a turn standing up in front of their class to present their poem. This will take place in class during Week 8, 9-13 September.

Please assist your child in selecting a children's poem (it can be one from their school Poetry Book, from a book you have at home, a poem found online, or another source) and help them to memorise it. They will be assessed on their ability to speak at an appropriate volume, their clarity, their pace, their expression and their eye contact. The more your child practises at home, the more confident they will be in front of their class. We will also be helping students at school as part of the class program.

From the presentations in classes, teachers will select 2 students to present their poem at the Poetry Recital on Tuesday 17th of September. In addition, each room will be presenting a class poem, so all children will be participating.

**Parents are invited to attend the Poetry Recital on Tuesday 17th of September in the Rahiri House Ballroom. It will start at 9:30am.** This will be followed by the Year 4-6 Speech Competition at 11:30 am.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Natalie Harbott  
Team Leader Year 0-3