

Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whānau o te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of Koputai (Port Chalmers) School.

“Poetry is a playground for children — there are no rules and it can begin in the air/ear without crippling

expectations. The sophisticated reader and writer can advance; the struggling reader and writer falls in love with words.”

Paula Green – poet and creator of the Poetry Box – A New Zealand Poetry page for children

<https://nzpoetrybox.wordpress.com/>

When children write poetry, it enriches their language and vocabulary, encourages creative thinking and develops reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. All children benefit from writing poetry even reluctant writers can experience success from the creative but scaffolded nature of poetry that happens in classrooms. Here are some of the many benefits of poetry.

1. Helps with spelling: A focus on rhyme helps children look at patterns within words and how they are formed, supporting word recognition and spelling.

2. Speech development improves: Playing with sounds and rhyming patterns in words supports speech and language development.

3. Reading becomes more fluent: The tunes and patterns of poems support children in developing reading fluency, making poetry a perfect vehicle for engaging reluctant readers, as well as encouraging more confident readers to pay closer attention to the words on the page.

4. Allows children to develop their own opinions: A poem is not a puzzle to be solved: there is no right or wrong answer when children are talking about poems or sharing opinions about what they are listening to or reading, which can give them confidence in expressing their views to others in the class.

5. Inspires creativity: Well-chosen poems can help inspire children to become writers themselves. They gain a sense of voice, think carefully about their subject matter, language, grammar and style through writing poetry of their own. Children can experiment with different writing devices like simile, alliteration and onomatopoeia to make their writing more dynamic and exciting.

6. Encourages a wider vocabulary and varied grammar: Poetry plays with language. Writers of poetry make deliberate choices in the way they use words and punctuation for the ultimate effect on the reader. Reading well-written poetry allows children to look at ways to compose ideas effectively, using the best language, consider layout and the most appropriate punctuation to convey meaning.

7. Transports them to new worlds: Poems provide entertainment and escapism, whether that's through witty rhymes that make children giggle or mythical poems that transport them to a different space and time. Below is a snippet of some poetry from across the Junior School. Enjoy!

Peta Hill (Assistant Principal)

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**Wear Pink on Friday for Pink Shirt Day
Friday 19th May (tomorrow) for Bullying Awareness day.**

Relationships and Sexuality Education

Later in the term all classes will be participating in an important component of the health and physical education learning area, relationships and sexuality education. This is a comprehensive and holistic programme that covers many topics including life skills, identity, respect, friendship, and feelings, as well as biological topics such as body parts and how reproduction works. We will be using the Family Planning resource Navigating the Journey.

We invite whānau to come and see what the programme involves so that you are informed about the content we will be delivering. To this end, Vicki will be available on Tuesday 6th June at 8:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:00 pm to share the programme and answer any questions you have.

The Best Part of Me

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The best part of me is my sense of humor
I can make people laugh
Oh sense of humor you are the best
You are a funny thing, oh yes you are
You can cheer people up
YES YES You're the BEST!

By Jack

MY GREAT BRAIN!

by Tiywa



My brain helps me do all sorts of things.
It helps me to read and write.
It helps me to think about important things like how
to act and ways to learn too.
It controls my whole body.
It connects to my eyes to keep them in place as well.
I love my brain.

MY FEET



Feet feet, you do so much for me.
You carry me everywhere
Without feet I couldn't play soccer or football.
Feet when I run you hurt but you hold on.
Feet you're the best.

By Van

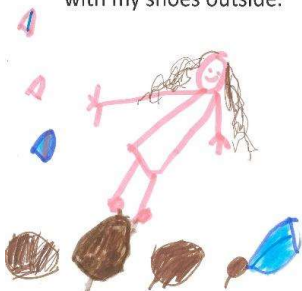
Autumn Poems

Squirrels
Squirrels searching for
acorns.
Scuttling up the trees,
avoiding nearby dog's
teeth!
Nibbling nuts that
they stored.
Leaves swirling down,
as squirrels race
around.
By Brecken

Autumn Poem
Leaves fall on the
ground
Crackling
Breaking
Splitting
Everywhere
By Krew

Crunchy leaves.
 By Mahalia

I see brown leaves on the
 ground. I like to crunch them
 with my shoes outside.



Green leaves
 By Macie

I see leaves at the house
 and at the school.
 The leaves are green.



Autumn
Crinkling leaves
flying
softly fall.
Golden, red, orange
fresh and bold
like a blanket on the
ground.
By Aria

Autumn

Wind blowing
Leaves rustling
Escaping
Breaking free
Float to the ground
Hiding
By Katelyn

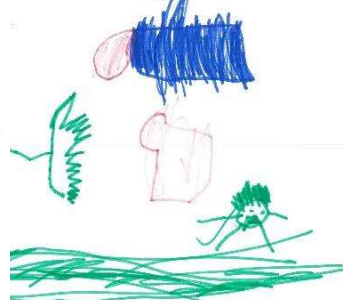
Leaves out the window.
 By Remy

I see red leaves out my
 window flapping in the wind.
 They went to the ocean.



Autumn leaves.
 By Caius

I see red and green autumn
 tickly leaves, on the ground. I
 crunch the leaves with my
 feet.



Crunchy leaves on the floor.
 By Xanthe

I see blue leaves on the floor. I
 crunch them.



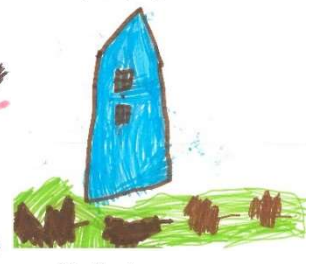
Lots of Leaves
 By Clementine

I see leaves I can see lots of
 leaves blow. I see red leaves, I
 see yellow, brown and orange.
 I see them blowing away. I saw
 them blowing to the road.



Leaves at school.
 By Ragnar

I see brown leaves on the
 ground they float to the house
 they are going to the school.



Floating leaves.
 By Jack

I see orange leaves on the foot
 path. They are floating in the
 sky.



Books and Badges Afternoon at the Port Chalmers Library

Come along after school and make a badge to do with
 your favourite book. Another fun event for the Book
 Friendly Group (B.F.G.).

Suitable for kids in years 4 upwards
 3:15pm -4.15pm 25th May

Calendar of Events

22nd May	Playhouse Theatre Show
23rd May	Bike Skills Rm 4
5th June	King's Birthday
6th June 8:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:00 pm	Relationships and Sexuality Parent Information Sessions
6th – 9th June	Book Week Come dressed up as a book character on Thursday of the week
27th June	Parent Conferences 3:15pm-7pm
28th June	Parent Conferences 3:15pm-7pm
30th June	End of Term 2
17th July	Term 3 Begins
21st July	Matariki Breakfast

Assemblies

2nd June	Rūma Pāua
9th June	Rūma Mangō
16th June	Rūma Wheke
23rd June	Rūma Tepetepe & Pipi