

## Upper Hutt City Libraries Poetry Competition

### Children's Category – Shortlisted Poems

#### Rugby by Issac

Rugby makes me feel good.  
When I run onto the field my body feels a kick of lightning.  
As I run, my heart beats fast.  
I know I am made for this.  
I feel it inside.  
When I get the ball I run the whole field.  
I own this.

#### Uncle Ronnie by Caydence

As brave as a lion  
As kind as a dog  
As tough as a hippopotamus  
Cancer crept up  
It will never be the same again  
I will love you forever  
Good bye.

#### Dreamcatcher by Skylarose

Your colourful feathers sway in no wind,  
the spiral net you hold captures the tiniest negative thoughts and throws them away,  
never to be seen again.  
Beads hang from your vibrant feathers,  
each forcing me to have wonderful dreams,  
you are a hero, dreamcatcher, you inspire.

#### My dog coco by Lily

When I looked into her eyes my face lit up with excitement.  
She keeps me safe during the night.  
She is my best friend and my light.  
She is as soft as silk and has a coat colour of milk.  
She holds me tight throughout the night.

### **Inspire 2019 by Amelia**

As I sit here in my chair beside my window  
and hear the wind whispering to me,  
I wonder how I will finish my poem along with the theme of inspire,  
I wonder why I haven't felt inspiration before,  
I wonder why I haven't inspired someone before,  
I wonder why nobody's inspired me before,  
even if I have been inspired,  
I can't remember the feeling.

If I had remembered I would've written it all here,  
all in my poem,  
still gazing out of my window dreamily.

Then I actually thought about it,  
And thought that all these years that I've been participating in the libraries poem events,  
I HAVE been inspired,  
Inspired by everyone who participates in the poem competition,  
Listening to their beautiful masterpieces,  
To know that I've been inspired all this time leaves the most enthralling thoughts,  
and then I realised that every time I got so close,  
So close to the top, but didn't succeed, I never gave up,  
because I was inspired,  
Inspired by the art of poetry.

### **What inspires me? by Emily**

When I'm alone, I like to think.  
I think, what inspires me?  
What do I believe I can do?  
The answer comes, its ANYTHING!!  
I can do anything!  
I believe in myself.  
I can be in the football ferns.  
I want to break the glass ceiling I will do it  
I CAN DO ANYTHING!

### **The universe is inspiring by Ella**

The universe is inspiring.  
The never ending horizon is intriguing.  
The rolling waves that ripple across the sea  
Inspire me  
The life cycle of an insect is rather repetitive we can all agree  
A parent can be inspiring they make you  
feel like writing a poem  
oh what an inspiring world we live in.

### **My sister!! by Carys**

When I see my sister she always smiles at me.  
As pretty as a diamond.  
As tall as a giraffe.  
As cool as the breeze.  
She is as smart as a teacher.  
As funny as a clown.  
My sister.

### **Jacinda Ardern**

Jacinda she is kind and caring  
She makes the world a better place  
It makes me think how she does it all?  
She makes mistakes and learns from them and mistakes are proof that you are learning.  
She tries her best.  
Smart and nice and will never stop.  
Guides many people to the top.

### **Whenever I by Baden**

Whenever I bang the drums I see myself playing on the big stage with everyone yelling and cheering,  
Whenever I see my dad fixing cars I see my own hands getting dirty with time.  
Whenever I hear my engine rumble I think of becoming a great motor cross superstar.  
Whenever I touch my mums hand I feel the love that I can pass on to others.  
Whenever I see my uncle's smile I feel my own smile passing across my face.  
Whenever I hear my friends laugh I can only hope to give that joy to others.  
Whenever I smell my mums roast chicken I can taste my own future cooking.  
Whenever I hear my playlist burst into song i think of the music I can write in time  
A life without inspiration would be tiring and bitter, but with inspiration we can feel purposeful and contented.