



IPSWICH POETRY FEAST

Tips for Teachers

- ◆ **Spread the word** about the Ipswich Poetry Feast Poetry Writing Competition through School Newsletters and on Assembly.
- ◆ **Ask past entrants** to read their poems.
- ◆ **Share examples** of poems written by famous poets from the Ipswich region such as Thomas Shapcott, Helen Haenke, Rupert McCall.
- ◆ **Consider selecting students** for the workshop who are keen, enthusiastic, talented and passionate about reading, creative writing and poetry, rather than a single class. (Ask classroom teachers to recommend students – they are your best source!)
- ◆ **Familiarise students** with the poems of their workshop poet.
- ◆ **Follow up on the poetry workshop** with a lunchbreak or after school session or two in which the students work on the poem they wish to enter in the competition.
- ◆ **Help students to proof-read** and edit their work for spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors.
- ◆ **Explain plagiarism** to your students and let them know that it is a serious offence. All winning poems submitted in the Ipswich Poetry Feast Competition are run through a plagiarism program. To avoid embarrassment to all concerned, we ask teachers to be vigilant in discovering and discouraging plagiarism.
- ◆ **Encourage! ENCOURAGE! ENCOURAGE!**

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