



# 2021 Toolangi CJ Dennis Poetry Competition

Proudly hosted by The Singing Gardens of CJ Dennis, Toolangi  
in conjunction with the CJ Dennis Society.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third in each category.

This year entries will be accepted via email.

**Due to the uncertainty presented by the Corona Virus, prize  
presentation details will be advised separately.**

## **2021 Closing Date for Entries**

**(Snail-mail entries must be postmarked no later than this and email entries must be received  
by this date or they will be rejected)**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**



# Rules & Entry Form

**Categories** (prizes in brackets: 1st / 2nd / 3rd)

1. Open Poetry (Marian Mayne Prize: \$250 / \$150 / \$100)  
**\*Themed: A topic inspired by any poem or short story in *A Book for Kids* by CJ Dennis**
2. Open Short Story (CJ Dennis Society Prize: \$250 / \$150 / \$100)  
**\*Themed: A topic inspired by any poem or short story in *A Book for Kids* by CJ Dennis**
3. Poems written by adults for children (\$250 / \$150 / \$100). There will also be a prize of \$150 for the poem in this category chosen as the best by a group of children.
4. School Students: Preps up to and including Grade 4 (\$100 / \$75 / \$50)
5. School Students: Grade 5 up to and including Year 8 (\$100 / \$75 / \$50)
6. School Students: Year 9 up to and including Year 12 (\$100 / \$75 / \$50)



1. **If you are NOT already a member of the CJ Dennis Society and are entering the 2021 Poetry Competition and you would like to join, we are offering a reduced fee for your first twelve months of membership. Instead of paying the normal \$25, we will reduce the price to \$15 when you enter the poetry competition too.**



2. **If you are a Member and would like to enter the poetry competition and renew your membership at the same time, you can submit one entry for free, saving yourself \$15!**

## Rules:

1. **Entries must be postmarked or received via EMAIL by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021** and paid for by cheque, money order or direct deposit for **\$15 per adult entry (student entry is free)**. The fee cost of each entry will cover the cost of sending the certificate(s) and a copy of the anthology to every entrant.
2. Cheques and money orders are to be made payable to: “CJ Dennis Society”. For multiple entries, please send one cheque or money order for the total fees. Or fees can be paid by direct deposit to “The CJ Dennis Society Inc”; BSB: 633000; Account No: 143129773 (Please use your surname as reference and include a copy of the bank receipt with your entry.)
3. **No late entries will be accepted. Entries postmarked or received by email after 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 will be rejected. No correspondence will be entered into and the decision will be final.**
4. Entries will be accepted from authors throughout **Australia and New Zealand**.
5. Entrants who are unfamiliar with the remarkable versatility of CJ Dennis’s work, whether poetry or prose, can find many examples collected by Perry Middlemiss online.
6. For those who have entered before, please read the judge’s comments for your chosen category in the Anthology you have received to give you a clear indication of what is and isn’t acceptable.
7. **Poems entered must have good rhyme and metre. There is an 80-line limit for each poem entered in the Open section and a 40-line limit for each poem entered in the Adults Writing for Children section. There is a 500-word limit for each short story.**
8. Each poem or short story entered must be the original work of the entrant and must not have been placed first in any other competition at the date of entry or published for profit. The aim of the competition is to encourage writing which celebrates the work of CJ Dennis and relates to Australia’s people, events or environment, either historical or contemporary. **Limit of 2 poems per entrant per category and two short stories per entrant.**
9. Please send 2 copies of each poem or short story entered if sent by mail. Do not include any illustrations, signatures or names or your poem/short story will be rejected. You must use a ‘normal’ font, such as Times New Roman or Arial.

10. Each poem or short story should be typed on plain A4 paper in 12 point Times New Roman, single-spaced and, if longer than one page, the pages must be numbered. If typing is a problem for the author, handwritten work will be accepted, provided the handwriting is clear and a black or dark blue pen is used.
11. Email entries must have poems/short stories as an attachment.
12. **The author's name or other identification must *only* appear on the entry form.**
13. All entries must be written in English.
14. Entrants must complete an entry form to accompany the entry or entries. Please print your details clearly.
15. Copyright for all entries submitted remains with the author. Authors give permission to the CJ Dennis Society to publish their poem or short story in an anthology of short-listed entries to be published after the close of the competition and to post their poem or short story online. **There will be no payment (other than any prize money) made to authors of published entries.**
16. For entries selected for inclusion in any anthology, the publisher reserves the right to edit the works; any editing will be confined to correction of spelling and punctuation where warranted (no 'corrections' will be made to the use of slang).
17. The judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
18. Prize winners will be contacted however due to the uncertainty presented by the Corona Virus prize presentation details will be advised separately.
19. All entries to be posted to:

Toolangi CJ Dennis Poetry Competition C/o Toolangi Castella Community House,  
PO Box 1323, Healesville, Vic 3777

OR emailed to:

[cjdennispoetrycompetition@gmail.com](mailto:cjdennispoetrycompetition@gmail.com)

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## CHECKLIST

Please double-check that you have complied with the above rules, as this makes the task easier for the organisers and judges. To help, please use this checklist:

- **no name or other identifier** (such as email) on the entries emailed or post marked by **30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**
- **2 copies**, typed in **Times New Roman** or **Arial** font, 12 point, single spacing (or, if hand-written, **black/dark blue pen, written clearly**)
- typed/written on **one side** only **with pages numbered** if more than one page per entry celebrating the work of CJ Dennis and relating to an Australian subject or theme of the year if there is one
- each short story entered is **maximum 500 words**
- each poem entered is **maximum 80 lines (Open section) or 40 lines for all other sections** and has **good rhyme and metre**.
- no entry has won a 1st prize anywhere else and has not been published for money
- **paid for by cheque, money order or direct deposit** (\$15 per poem/short story; students free)
- **NO stamps required to be enclosed**
- entry form filled in by printing clearly, signed and enclosed
- Attach bank receipt when paying by direct deposit or money transfer

**2021 Toolangi CJ Dennis Poetry Competition Entry Form**  
 Please carefully read the rules of the competition before completing and signing this form.  
 Please print carefully and clearly, using a black or dark blue pen.

Name of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary School classes may submit grouped entries (poems written by individual students); give name of school, level of grade and name of teacher above. A list of students and the names of their poems along with their home email addresses on a separate sheet is also required. **If you are a student and you will be moving schools the following year, please include your home address to ensure you receive your Anthology & Certificate.**

**PLEASE PRINT ALL DETAILS CLEARLY**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Landline: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Total entry fee(s) enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 per adult entry; student entries free)

**List all entries in the table below (maximum of 2 entries per category)**

	<b>Title of Entry</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>1</b>			\$
<b>2</b>			\$
<b>3</b>			\$
<b>4</b>			\$
<b>5</b>			\$
	Special Membership Offer \$15 for first 12 months of your membership		
	Current Member free entry (ONLY when renewing membership) (tick at right if it applies, & you have one free entry)		

**TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

I have read the rules of the competition and certify that each entry complies.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2021  
 (entrant, or parent/guardian, or teacher)

**Send entries to:** Toolangi CJ Dennis Poetry Competition, c/o Toolangi Castella Community House,  
 PO Box 1323, Healesville, Vic 3777 or email: [cjdennispoetrycompetition@gmail.com](mailto:cjdennispoetrycompetition@gmail.com)