

pick a Peck of pickled poems

Poetry brought to life with vivid images, props, puppets, colourful costumes and audience participation.

This is poetry not just read or recited, it is acted out and brought to life with a variety of characters, voices, costumes, puppets and props. The seven poems from the late 1800's are just as funny today as when they were first written. Spanning across 130 years these carefully selected poems cover a range of genres, topics and perspectives. With just over twenty poems, an audience participation section, a song and the hilarious humanette puppet finale, this show really moves along.

Large origami dinosaurs do battle over lunch. One lucky student even gets to keep the origami apatosaurus folded into shape before their very eyes. Have you ever seen a five metre long cow, had Santa Claus stuck on your roof or swallowed a whole horse? The emphasis is on fun, though there are a couple of poems designed to get students thinking.

After about forty minutes of poetry it's time for a break from rhyme and meter so the show ends with a story that is more like a comedy routine. Little

Junior is off to school for the first time. He thinks his mother is over protective and his father is expecting far too much from him. How is he supposed to know what he wants to be when he grows up? Watching him go through the possible professions is hilarious.

What schools have said: Brilliant visual start got the students hooked and engaged immediately. Concepts of rhyme, rhythm, alliteration and prose all covered in an entertaining way. Timing was great.

Mary-Ellen Robertson. P to 6. Colac Primary School. Colac. VIC.

Excellent show to get students interested & excited about poetry. Hugh was fantastic and totally made the show brilliant! Lots of laughs.

Tracy King. P to 6. Cecil Plains State School. Cecil Plains. QLD.

Curriculum Relevance. English: Literary Texts, Imaginative Texts, Language Structure. Verse, Rhyming Poems, Nonsense Poems.

Price: \$5.50 per student (GST incl.). **Suitable:** P, K to Year 6.

Minimum Audience Size: 130 students.

Times: Show: 50 minutes. Set up: 30 minutes. Pack up: 30 minutes.

Requires an indoor area 4m deep x 5m wide.

