



3rd Prize
8-10 years age
group

Name: Ava S.

Age: 9

Bio of author: My name is Ava S. I am 9 years old and attend a local school. I'm in grade 3 and love maths. Some of the things I like to do outside of school are play GK in netball, football, swimming, nippers and dance. I also like to spend time with my two dogs. I have a big family including a six year old sister, two dogs, a mum and a dad.

Title: Flood

Judge's notes:

"Great use of repetition to create urgency in this powerful short poem. Short sharp phrasing adds to the tension. The use of sensory imagery using all the senses creates an immersive experience that could be developed in further verses."

"Has excellent structure and word choice."

Free verse poem – Flood

Rising water, rising up, to fast, to stop, all my belongings being swept, tears, tears, tears is all I can see, scream, scream scream is all I can hear, nothing but screams and tears, I can feel the water on my toes rising up as I go, as loud as a rocket the water is, cannot be stopped, I can taste the raindrops on my tongue, so salty, I can smell the mud on the ground as I climb.