

David Maher Award for Small Schools

Awarded to the best individual entry from a small school (less than 25 enrolled students)

WINNER

Max Shearer, 11

Rowena Public School
Rowena, NSW

Darkness

Dark shadows haunt me in the night,
Engulfed by the darkness.
The evil of the world, in the corner of my eye.
We whisper as it lingers.

A soft glimpse of candle light,
Guides your way through gently.
Softly glowing, warding off the dark.

A flash of light breaks the darkness,
And swings back again.
The lighthouse's beam warns us,
Protects us from being consumed.

The bonfire rages, breaking the night.
Intense balls of flames roar like lions,
Embers soar hopeful,
Sailing through the blackest seas.

From high above lights twinkle,
Like fireflies the stars shine through.
Scaring the evil from above.
The darkness broken and lost.

Moments of light, burn the darkness away,
But to conquer, use the light from within.

Judge Comment:

A thoughtful poem particularly relevant to this year, where we need to remember to celebrate those shining moments... and share the light with others!