

# Fishy Stories

# WRITING CHALLENGE 2022

STORIES FROM CHILDREN AROUND AUSTRALIA

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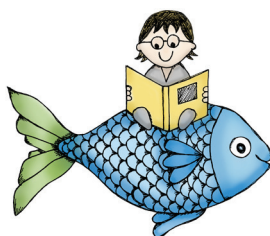
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## Introduction

Melbourne the City of Literature suggested that as part of the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories we should organise a Writing Challenge. The idea was to encourage children to submit their own stories as part of the festival. We would then choose twelve of the entries to be 'told' or performed on the day of the festival by professional storytellers. It was expected that we would receive about thirty entries. If we received one hundred entries, it would indeed be amazing.

We received over three hundred entries! From Grade One children to Year Eight teenagers, the stories poured in.

How did this happen?

Over a period of two months 'bookmarks', with a QR entry code for submissions, were produced and then distributed far and wide. These bookmarks were hand-delivered to schools from Yinnar to Wonthaggi. From Yarram to Fish Creek. To tiny schools like Kongwak and Welshpool. Big schools like Foster Secondary College. Mailed to city Primary Schools like Footscray North, Glenroy Central and Tucker Road. Distributed by Libraries across Gippsland. And a supporter of the festival delivered them to Wilcannia in north-western NSW.

The parents, step-parents, carers and teachers, on top of everything else they have to do, worked their hearts out, encouraging and organising the kids. The word limit was 350 words which was a hard ask for those older student writers not used to telling a story so contained, and was a real test for their skills. Also, you may notice a few small errors here and there which we decided to leave untouched. These young authors have worked their hearts out to fine-tune their stories as close to mint condition as possible.

The stories and poetry displayed an amazing versatility and breadth of topics. From an animal that was a mixture of a cow and a fish (with a call of 'splashy moo'), to simple stories of swimming in the river and going fishing. Fantasy was popular as was mystery and ghosts. Car chases as well as birthday parties on the moon – and bottles of lemon and lime talking to each other. And importantly, from one school we had some powerful stories and poems about the culture of First Nations People.

There was of course a mixture of emotions. The sad loss of a mum, to exploring the wonders of nature and the fragility of snow. And plenty of humour as well, with one author telling us that monkeys must not eat Vegemite!

From all of these wonderful works we had to choose twelve to be read out at the festival. Not an easy task. We tried to present a range of stories representing age, regions and subjects. Frankly, we could have chosen many more than twelve.

So, we came up with the idea of an eBook where we could publish ALL of the stories. An idea that Cambridge University Press thought was terrific and wanted to help to make a reality where the young writers became published authors. A book that we and the community



could all enjoy. A book that will be treasured as part and parcel of the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories.

We'll see you in 2023 for the next Writing Challenge.

The Fishy Stories Committee









## About Fishy Stories

Fishy Stories, the Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories, is backed by local South Gippsland Arts organisation Fabelo Incorporated.

The Fishy Stories Writing Challenge initiative, created with the UNESCO Melbourne Office of the City of Literature, launched in 2022 with an amazing outcome of hundreds of entries and is set to grow on a national basis.

The festival is a not-for-profit organisation run exclusively by volunteers. Please go to <https://www.fishystories.org/> to learn more about us or even volunteer.

The Fishy Stories mission through the festival and Writing Challenge is to:

- Engage and embrace families and children of all ages, in order to deepen a cohesive emotional bonding within the family
- Captivate young people in the process of developing their creative development abilities through exploration, decision-making and expression, in a variety of programs including the Writing Challenge and festival workshops featuring some of Australia's best authors and illustrators
- Share itself at all levels, as a joyous and authentic event throughout its local and growing national community.





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### **Hamza and Daddy** by Hamza Abbi Grade 1

Me and my family went touring African Safari, I was asking my Dad and Mum what is that and this animal. Finally I met a real lion and I was so scared but my Dad take my fear away so quickly and I calm down.

### **Gold Fish** by Farhan Ahmed Grade 1

Once sunny day Tom went to the park. The park had a small lake. He took some worms. Tom put a worm on the hook. He put his line in the water. He felt the pole pull. Was it a fish? he reeled it in. But he didn't get any fish. He didn't stopped. He tried again and again. And then he got a gold fish. He took the fish for pet and he go back home.

### **Jump Off the Plane** by Gilchrist Allen Grade 1

"Jump off the plane!" I said as captain. Stay with the controls. "Oh oh!" Crash! "What have you done?" "Now we're stranded in the forest with wild animals". Suddenly a tipan snake bit me!

### **Super Chicken** by Max Allott Grade 2

Once upon a time there was a chicken but not an ordinary chicken. It was a Super Chicken! The Super Chicken could lift up a bus and even fly! So, once it had legs it flew even faster. The Super Chicken almost crashed into a tree but swerved out of the way and went down a volcano. Thankfully, Super Chicken came out fine. The town cheered they yelled and cheered they were so happy. They were so happy they couldn't stop yelling they were extremely happy.

### **The Escape** by Nelle Anders Grade 1

Once upon a time, a young tiger cub lived in the woods. The young tiger cub had no mum and dad. So it had to find food by itself. But one day, a sandstorm was heading to the woods. Everyone had to run away. The tiger cub ran into the meadow, and in the meadow, there was a horse. The horse said, 'my name is Daisy.'

'I don't know my name,' said the tiger cub.

'Come on,' said Daisy, 'I know a wolf.'

'Ok,' said the tiger cub.

They arrived. The wolf said. 'My name is Snowy. You will be safe here.'

Then the sun went down, and everyone went to sleep and they lived happily ever after.





### **The Tornado** by Julianna Bolch Grade 2 Koonwarra Village School

Flame and her dog Ash were living happily in their cottage, but it was all about to change. Flame was picking berries when Ash jumped out from behind the tree. 'Let's go to the river and collect water,' suggested Ash wagging her tail.

'Ok,' Flame replied cheerfully.

Ash and Flame went down to the river. The wind was getting stronger. Ash looked around and saw a tornado coming towards them. 'RUN!' Ash barked gruffly. 'Let's go into this cave.' They took shelter and waited for the tornado to pass. When all was safe, they went home.

'What happened?' Ash asked.

'The house got blown down,' cried Flame falling to her knees.

"Don't be sad," said Ash nuzzling Flame, 'What if we make our home in the cave?'

Some minutes later, they started to gather the materials for a bed. Ash's stomach rumbled. She was hungry. Ash saw some salmon in the river, so she jumped in and caught one between her teeth. Flame jumped into the river to help Ash pull out the salmon. 'We got the fish!' barked Ash with excitement.

'Yeah, we did,' said Flame rubbing Ash proudly on the head.

Ash collected some firewood while Flame started a fire. Flame got the fish and began cooking it above the hot coals. 'I love catching salmon together,' said Flame 'but I do miss our home'.

The friends spent the following days transforming the dark cave into a bright and welcoming home. Even though they were exhausted they were feeling proud and excited about everything they had achieved together. Ash and Flame sat cuddled up on the rock ledge above the cave watching the sun go down and thinking about how grateful they were to have the cave but more importantly each other.

### **The Wild Boy** by Atticus Bond Grade 1

Once upon a time there was a boy called Ledger, that lived in the woods because his mum and dad

had died. One day he walked past the three trees, there was a possum in one, a koala in another and

the other tree was empty. He walked past a bush and heard a rustling sound. A human popped out.

Ledger was surprised, and asked, 'Who are you and where did you come from. "I've been here for a long time. I come from Thailand. My name is Kyja. 'Ledger and Kyja became friends and lived happily ever after.



### **Pinky the Pig** by Hazel Bright Grade 1, Fish Creek and District Primary School

Once there was a pig. His name was Pinky.

Pinky had a sty at my home and he was playful and very helpful. He was also very cute and pink and he was a family pet.

One day Pinky and his piggy family went to a pig show. Pinky really liked it because the pigs were really funny; they were juggling pigs! He wanted to be a juggling pig, too.

When Pinky grew up he wasn't allowed to be a juggling pig. His mum and dad didn't think that was a good idea, but one of his friends, Wilo, made TV programs and he said, "I will video you."

Pinky became famous. It was really nice for Pinky but he soon found out that, in fact, being famous was really bad. People were writing mean messages about him because they thought he looked really silly.

He stopped being a famous pig and went back home to be his normal self and playing in the mud on the farm and then he was happy.

### **The Dark Cave** by Leander Campbell Grade 1

Once upon a time there was a crystal cave with two Golems. One was a Diamond and a stone Golem. Suddenly, stony the Golem was breaking the cave. Luckily, diamond the Golem had a talk to stony the Golem.

### **The vicious seeker** by Henry Cleaver Grade 2

On the cold hard foot path ,many trees lay on the ground. Nearby the three headed dog, Cerberus stood growling at the other animals. Hades was watching his favorite dog. Cerberus had had enough of the under world and was sneaking up to the world.

Hades started to follow Cerberus . He was interested by what scent his favorite dog had found. Cerberus went higher and higher. Hades found it hard to keep up with his dog. A strike of lightning hit! The next thing that Hades knew was that he had a unconscious dog lying on him. He hugged his dog, not realising that there were tridents flying down at him. Then he got hit. He was furious. Hades threw one of the tridents at Poseidon. He hit him, but Ares the god of war stabbed him in the chest. Hades flopped down in pain. He would have died but gods and goddess are immortal. He felt sharp things going into his body . Hades woke suddenly. He was astonished that no one was near him. His body hurt everywhere and he was disappointed with himself.

He felt sick and less powerful. His dog had his eyes open but still lay on the ground. Hades was super sad with himself for half letting his dog die . He was also in pain because of Poseidon's trident. It was weird how Zeus figured out that they were coming. It was scary because he was out-numbered . He felt frightened to be fighting his brothers, the all mighty Poseidon and Zeus, the king of the Gods. All the other Gods lived on Mount Olympus. Zeus was mad with Hades because he had tried to destroy Mount Olympus hundreds of times. Hades thought that Zeus was mean and Zeus thought Hades was mean. Zeus was so angry that he hatched a plan. "Lock Hades in the underworld!" said Zeus. So they did. Hades tried to get out many times but he never succeeded  
Hades was mad.



### **The day my pony ran away** by Lucy Collier Grade 2

My name is Lucy. I am bored out of my mind because I have Covid. I've been trapped at home for only two days. This is going to be a long week! Before I start an amazing story, I should introduce myself first. My hair is golden and my eyes greeny-blue. I have olive skin and have long, straight hair. I don't have freckles, but soon I will. My hobbies are horse riding and cuddling my dog. I also like ground work with horses.

Now that you know a little bit about me I can start a great story.

One sun shining day, day three of Covid, Mum came home with a float fixed to the back of her car. I ran out of the house as usual and gave Mum a hug. Then I asked, "Why did you bring the float?" "I brang the float because I have a horse for you", said Mum. With joy, my dream had come true. Mum backed the horse out of the float. The horse was beautiful. There were tears swelling up in my eyes. I felt so scared that it was going to run away like never before. I should have listened to those felings, but I didn't.

In the morning, I was going out to feed my beautiful pony, but she was gone! "My bad thoughts have come true!" I said to myself. Then I got a glimpse of my new pony trotting away. I ran up the road and caught my pony. Then I walked all the way back home and put her back in the paddock. My pony was now happy and safe. The end.

### **The Gruffalo** by Fletcher Coffin Grade 1

Once upon a time, a scary Gruffalo was walking in the deep dark forest. One stormy night, the big Gruffalo was looking for some food because he was starving. There was a huge snake in his way. "Ahh! He bit me!" yelled the Gruffalo. He was bleeding and needed a Dr. Luckily, the helpful Dr got the snake tooth out.  
The end.

### **Astronomy hero saves the day** by Juliette D'Amico Grade 1

Once upon a time there lived an astronaut named Astronomy hero. She liked bouncing on the moon. After she bounced on the moon Astro man came in outer space to try and defeat Astronomy astronomy hero , so astronomy hero looked out for Astro Man. Suddenly, Astro Man came . He looked scary and fierce . Luckily, Astronomy hero was strong and could shoot shooting stars. She was cool so she shooted shooting stars at Astro man and he caught on fire. Astronomy hero lived happily ever after.



### **The Last Unicorn** by Elijah Danckert Grade 1, Fish Creek and District Primary School

Once upon a time, there was a unicorn and that unicorn was the last unicorn in the world. That unicorn didn't have any friends, but she saw something glowing through the clouds that was white and dark. The unicorn ran to the white glowing thing and it opened up and she could see black eyes with red in the middle with a little bit of rainbow.

The unicorn thought he was her new best friend forever but then the monster growled and Unicorn neighed and ran and kept on running until morning.

In the morning Unicorn got to the waterfall but the monster was still coming. Unicorn noticed that there was a secret place in the waterfall and she ran through the water just in time before the monster got there.

She saw something big in the distance and the closer it got, the bigger it got. It was breathing out a blue beam and that scared the monster away, then Unicorn went back outside the waterfall and ran to Godzilla.

She noticed a siren, but she didn't know which direction it was coming from. Unicorn also forgot which way the waterfall was and she ran a random way. Siren picked her up and dropped her. The unicorn's leg was sprained so she just jogged. They crossed the sea to an island and found treasure. They found a Googleplex of dollars on every island.

They needed to buy a new ship and some weapons and a health pack because some of the crew had died.

Unicorn saw something else glowing in the distance and she ran towards it. It was another unicorn! She wasn't the last unicorn in the world now. She asked if he could be her boyfriend and he said, "Yes." Five years later they got married and lived happily ever after.

### **Rose & Eagle** by Billi Denblyden Grade 2

Rose likes to climb trees but how high is too high? Rose lived in the middle of a forest. The forest is really big and full of foxes and bears. Rose and her mum and dad went for a walk. Rose climbed trees. She climbed too high but before she could get down, an eagle swooped down and grabbed her. It flew back to its nest and tried to feed Rose worms. Her mum and dad were calling for her, they were really worried. The eagle realised that Rose was not her chick and pushed her out of the nest. Her mum and dad called the rescue service to look for her. Rose was really scared and so was her parents. The eagle was really mad. Rose was hanging from a branch and losing her grip. The rescue helicopter was flying over her and let down a rope. Rose got the rope and climbed up. Her mum and dad were shaking. The rescue service comforted her as they flew her home.

### **The floating castle** by Siobhan Deng Grade 1

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Isabella and she was a princess. She lived in a castle in the sky next to a rainbow. Then there was a furious and angry dragon that destroyed the castle. Isabella fell and a prince caught her and they fell in love. So they got married and lived in a castle that was bought by the prince and they became super rich.



### **A New Friend** by Raynia Dimitropoulos Grade 1

Once upon a time a little girl looked out the window and a kangaroo went passed the river. The little girl wanted to help the kangaroo, but the kangaroo was too fast, and it ran. But the little girl wanted to help it so she too ran fast and gave it some food. It came to her and nibbled the food. The kangaroo and the little girl were friends forever.

### **Snowflake and Mummy** by Omolola Dopamu Grade 1

One sunny morning Snowflake and her mummy woke up on the Fairy Island. It was like every morning. The island was covered with flowers and trees and clear blue water. The island is so beautiful because the fairies clean it. The queen is Gisella. Isabella is her daughter and Jenny is her best friend. Today it is the queen's birthday and everyone is excited. They are busy making a surprise party. Isabela and Jenny are putting up decorations in the forest for the party. Suddenly they see fire on a tree... the ground starts to shake... then they see a dragon up in the sky! "Oh no!" they say because dragons are not welcome on Fairy Island. Isabella runs to get the queen for help! The queen has a plan. She tells the plan and they shout hooray. The fairies distract the dragon. Then Snowflake and mummy throw water on the dragon's mouth. They all shout Hooray and have the queen's birthday and have pudding after.

### **My Cancer** by Holly Dorling Grade 2, Fish Creek and District Primary School

Hi, my name is Emily Woods.

One Saturday, I woke up and I heard my mother crying. She said that she had just found out that my dad had been in a car crash and he had died. When I heard this, my heart was broken. I was so sad.

Not long after that, I found out that I had cancer. I had to go to the hospital because I was getting really sick. I had to have chemotherapy for two weeks and it made all of my hair fall out. I couldn't walk and so I had to use a wheelchair. My mother told me that I might have to be in a wheelchair forever. I laid on my bed and I cried.

I told myself that I would be able to walk again and I persisted in trying. It was hard work, but after a couple of weeks, I could walk again. My hair took a long time to grow back, but finally, it did and I was very happy that my cancer had gone and I wasn't sick anymore. I was very lucky.

### **The Snow Crystal** by Artemis Dudgeon Grade 2

Once upon a time, Queen Snowy was putting her cubs to bed but in the corner of her eye she saw that the snow crystal was glowing weirdly. She went to Crystal Falls straight away to see her mother as she would know what to do. Then, she got her cubs and off they went.

Snowy took the snow crystal to Ice (Snowy's mum) to work her magic...

A few hours later the crystal was perfectly normal. Snowy and her cubs could go home where it would be safe once more.



### **Tera don't have food to eat** by Jayden Duong Grade 1

Once upon a time there lived a small black shark called Tera. Tera lives in an ocean. Tera did not have anything to eat, because the faster and bigger sharks ate all Tera's food. Tera asked the octopus where he can find food from. The octopus doesn't know where Tera can find food. Then Tera asks the jellyfish where he can find food. But the jellyfish doesn't know where Tera can find food. All of a sudden, a big white shark swam by, and Tera was so hungry he ate the shark.

### **Felicity and her lost dog Macaroon** by Rokhsana Fardsavar Grade 1

It was a sunny day in Paris!

Felicity was walking her beautiful, fluffy dog called Macaroon.

Suddenly! Macaroon chased a squirrel up a tree, Felicity tried to run after her, but she was gone.

She looks everywhere in the park. A girl called Julia noticed Felicity looking for her dog and asked "Do you need some help?". "Yes please, can you help me" said Felicity. So together they searched and eventually they found Macaroon and became BFF's!

### **My Horse, Rivers** by Zoe Francis Grade 1, Fish Creek and District Primary School

My horse's name is Rivers. She is 15 hands high and she has been on my dad's farm since before I was born.

I was at my dad's and I fell off her because I had marshmallows in my hair! Rivers was being naughty, but my dad helped me and fixed everything up. I wasn't really hurt that much.

Rivers is a chestnut horse and she is very nice and friendly. She will eat an apple off my hand, but you have to hold onto a carrot so that she doesn't eat the whole thing in one swallow! Rivers poops a lot because she eats so much grass. We get her poo and put it on our strawberries because it helps them to grow.

We let Rivers out near our house into another bit of the paddock, and that's where I brush her. She walks away from me every time I try to brush her and we have to put her on her lead and tie her up to the post so she can't get away, so then I can brush her easily.

The best thing about Rivers is that she chews up all our grass and I love her!

### **The Delicious Red Apple** by Leah Garratt Grade 1

Once upon a time there were two people named Bobgirl and Creepman. They were both playing together and then they both started to fight because Creepman stole Bobgirl's delicious red apple.

Then Bobgirl snatched it back and ran down the road to the safety.



### **The Hoggle & The Boggle** by Maxwell Gordon Grade 1

There once was a Hoggle and there lived a Boggle. A Hoggle is really just a hedgehog but I bet you haven't heard of a Boggle? A Boggle is half quokka half hedgehog.

The Hoggle and the Boggle both lived in the rainforests of Australia. They aren't normally friends but they do like to explore the same places.

At lunchtime in the rainforest the hedgehog found a cave and thought it would be a good picnic spot. He was just about to go in and the Boggle came at just the same time. The hedgehog was very scared of the Boggle and he ran straight out of the cave, the boggle followed. The hedgehog realised the Boggle isn't actually that scary at all.

They both went back to the cave and decided they would eat their lunch together and they have been friends ever since.

### **Happy Easter!** by Asmara Grabski Grade 1

Happy Easter everyone! Happy Easter dad! Dad grabs the baskets and runs outside. Dad gives us our baskets. Dad says three, two, one, go and we all ran to find the eggs. The girl that is seven is named Asmara. The girl that is five is named Ilinca. And the boy that is five is named Alen. When we finished finding the eggs we had breakfast. When we finished eating breakfast we ate the chocolate eggs. When we finished eating breakfast we watched TV.  
The End

### **Big Blue Whale** by Elena Gray Grade 1

Once upon a time, there was a blue whale who lived in the sea and loved to swim with his friends. One day he called his friend, but he did not come. He called and called but still he did not come. The blue whale realised his friend must have eaten some of the plastic his mum had told him about. She said that it can make animals sick. This gave the blue whale an idea. He scooped all the plastic up with his mouth. It took a long time, but when he was done, he spat all the plastic from the sea onto the beach. Then he swam home with a big smile on his face and he lived happily ever after.

### **The Griffin Under the Bed** by Gracie Gust Grade 1

The griffin hid under my bed and my Mum and Dad moved my bed, this frightened the griffin so it ran away to Toora Primary School. Then it saw Gracie and it thought it was safe.

### **The Big Xavier** by Xavier Han Grade 1

One very sunny day big Xavier was running to the big city zoo. At the city zoo big Xavier saw a bad fox who was trying to eat a rat. Big Xavier step on the bad fox.



### **Freddy's challenge** by Edward Hawkins Grade 1

Once upon a time there was a bird, and he was half eagle and half parrot, and his name was Freddy. Freddy lived in the jungle with his family. His family didn't go to the city because it was dangerous, so Freddy went to the city to get food for his family. It was more dangerous for Freddy because he was too young, he was five. He was sneaky in the city, he went to the markets and hid under the tables to get food for his family.

### **Scruff Gets Lost** by Amelie Hawkins Grade 2 Koonwarra Village School

Scruff loved living in a warm bed with her owners looking after her. But would she always feel this safe? Her life was about to get worse. The next day, Scruff's owners were going to the shops. 'No Scruff, you cannot come in because you will bark at people.' Scruff was alone in the car. The window was down, and a butterfly flew passed. Scruff jumped out the window to chase the butterfly and got lost in the city. Scruff was worried and was looking for her owners, but she couldn't find them. She looked everywhere to find them but all she could find was a stinky dump! She found a shelter made from hard cardboard. Scruff felt hungry for food, so she found an old chicken in a garbage bin.

Scruff heard the cracking of thunder! Scruff yelped! She ran away, trying to jump over cars, but she got hit by one! Scruff got knocked out by accident and laid in the gutter.

The next day, someone picked her up. Scruff woke up in the forest and felt very sad and alone. Her legs were tired and sore and her belly rumbled.

Scruff smelled beautiful salad with lemons and juicy hamburgers. She followed the scent. Scruff found a campsite. She snuck very quietly up towards the BBQ, she crept closer and with a quick pounce, she grabbed the food. The people quickly grabbed Scruff and she yelped in fear. Was Scruff in trouble? 'It's ok, we'll look after you. But let's see if we can find your owners first.'

So, they tried to find Scruff's owners. They looked everywhere. They knocked on doors and put up posters. The people couldn't find the owners, so they decided to keep Scruff. Scruff was happy in her new home.







**\*The Rainbow Cave** by Frankie Heal Grade 2, Fish Creek and District Primary School

One day there was an explorer called Olivia. She explored jungles, oceans, abandoned towns and caves. This day Olivia was exploring a cave.

When she got to the cave, it was dark and the stars were out. Olivia reached into her backpack and pulled out her torch and she shone it into the cave.

She walked in and she could hear, "DRIP...DROP!" She kept going and after about ten minutes, she shone her torch down but she slipped and fell off the edge.

And then...SPLASH! Olivia landed in the water below. It was very deep and when she got out she was soaking wet and dripping with water.

She shone her torch up to the roof of the cave and she could see diamonds there! She realised she needed to find a way she could get out, but she had forgotten her rope. She had something else to worry about as well. Something was behind her and it was growling.

It was a wolf! Olivia started to run. She jumped up onto a ledge above her head. Her hands reached it but the ledge was very slippery. She was slipping and down below the wolf was watching her. Every time she tried to climb up, she slipped back, but then she managed to grab the ledge.

She jumped up onto the crystals, then noticed that they were rainbow coloured. She pulled one down to take back to the lab when she got out of the cave. As she was pulling herself up with one of the crystals, her hands were slipping again but she finally made it. She went from one crystal to another until she got to the top. The wolf was still chasing her. Olivia tried to grab a rock to help her climb out and she made it, just as the wolf jumped to grab her. It missed and landed in the water. Unfortunately, the wolf couldn't swim and it drowned.

Olivia climbed out of the cave and then drove home to her lab to study the crystal.



### **Motorbike Mayhem** by Billy Hilder Grade 2

In a deadly desert, there was a motorbike rider Johnny. He was doing big jumps over the sand dunes until his motorbike broke down. Johnny was stranded in the desert and he looked everywhere and there was no one in sight.

Two days earlier...

Johnny was racing other people on a dirt bike track in the desert. He lost where the track was as a bee got in his helmet and stung him. Johnny nearly fell off his motorbike but was able to hold on and keep going. But then he realised that there was no one around. He was thinking he was in front, in first place so looked behind himself to see if there was anyone there. But no one was there. He stopped. Johnny checked his pack for food and water. Thankfully there was food and water but only enough to last three days. Johnny got back on his motorbike and started looking for a road or a town.

He was riding for a while before stopping next to a phone tower. He had stopped because he was really thirsty. He had some water. Johnny was really upset as he didn't have his phone on him. Then he went to check his fuel. It was pretty full enough to last two and a half days. Or so he thought...

He rode for a little bit longer and was going through some sand dunes when his motorbike ran out of fuel. Johnny was stranded in the deadly desert. Johnny decided to get off his motorbike and started pushing it.

Two days later Johnny found a road. He followed it for a while and found a town. He stopped at a pub and had some food and water. Johnny got some fuel and starting riding towards home.

### **The Snoopy Dog Vol 3** by Bill Ho Grade 1 Footscray North Primary School

Once there was a boy who lived in the edge of sunrise. He moved houses. You would remember this: the evil rabbit poked the wall and ground. So this story is going to tell they're going to fix it. Chapter 1. Get this story started.

"Are you going to fix it?" asked the boy. "Of course" said the Snoopy Dog. "Wait, what are the pieces?" "Oh they're here. Come on let's do it. As they were fixing, a familiar Rabbit was looking in the window.

Problem is they needed a ladder. They knew there was a ladder in the shed. But that Rabbit ha stolen it!

But he went too fast and kept going when its red light!

"Bad luck! Police right behind you." says the boy. The police caught the rabbit. The Snoopy Dog got the ladder and they fix what they need to fix.



### **Jack the Builder** by Evan Hood Grade 1, Fish Creek and District Primary School

Once there was a construction worker called Jack. He was driving to work one day in his dump truck when he hit a rock and popped a tyre.

Jack got his pump out to try and pump the tyre up, but he had forgotten to put it in his truck.

Jack called the tow truck, but there was no answer. He tried to ring the phone tower and tell them that the tow truck line was down. When Jack rang the tow truck again, this time they answered and they said they would fix it as soon as possible.

The mechanics came super fast because they knew that Jack needed to get to work. They took off the dodgy tyre and fixed it then they put it back on the dumper. Jack climbed into the cabin and drove off to work.

When Jack got to work, he finally got some dirt in his truck, then he delivered it to where it was needed. He got paid for the dirt and he bought himself a Lamborghini.

### **Catch of the day** by Edward Howden Grade 1

My family takes us to Port Albert on the school holidays.

It is a small town by the seaside with lots of boats and just one fish and chip shop.

My Great Great Grandfather worked on big ships in the olden days right here in Port Albert.

My dad and I like going for bike rides along the foreshore and listening to the sounds of the ocean.

One sunny day we found an old rowboat hidden in the mangroves along the old port trail where we ride our bikes.

My dad and I pushed the boat out into knee deep water and then dad started rowing into the deep blue ocean.

There was an old rag lying on the bottom of the wooden rowboat.

I looked under the rag and found a fishing rod, I baited the hook and cast the line.

We anchored the boat and watched the heat waves dance on the horizon.

There was a tug on the fishing rod that made us jump, there was a flash of silver that swam past our boat, we had hooked a shark!

Dad helped me reel in the big fish and we started rowing back to shore.

I placed the Gummy shark over the handle bars of my bike and dad helped me wheel it back along the old port trail.

When we arrived at the fish and chip shop, the owners were very happy with the big shiny fish and they told me that I had won the Catch of the day.

It had been such a good day I thought to myself as we rode our bikes home, back to Mum and my little brother.

That night my family ate fish and chips for dinner and it tasted better than ever.

It really was my Catch of the day.



### **The Mysterious Door** by Yanis Blouin Hussen Grade 1

It all started when I was in bed. I got up and went down stairs. I heard a noise. "It must be the wind" I said. I heard it again when I was having breakfast. When I finished my breakfast I was going to go and check the attic when I heard my friends Bob and Stuart. Ding dong ding dong. I went to open the door my friends came in. Stop, there is something in the attic I said. Let's go to the park for now. When we got there the whole place was ours. First we played soccer. I dribbled and I got into position to shoot and I shot and I scor! That took us about one hour and a half. Bob said "I want to know what is in your attic." "Me too" said Stuart. OK then I said, So we, -well when I say we I mean I- walked back to my house my friends ran. So when we got there we accedently went to my room full of mice traps. So we went to the attic and it was louder I put my ear on the first door I saw and then I realised it was coming from there! "Guys it's coming from here I said. My friends were shocked. When they were puting their ear on the door they were ttrrembeling. The second they opened that door a mitee gush of mice came out. We were runing as fast as we could. Then I had a great idea because they were following us. We can lead them into a room full of mice traps I said. We led them to the room full of mice traps and when we got there we tiptowed to the other side where there were no mice traps. We heard a rombelling sound "it's the mice" i said. Then when they got to the room at super sonic speed we heard snap snap snap! Then we went down the spooky sters and my friends went home. The end.

### **The Wizard** by Luke James Grade 1

The wizard found a dragon and made it its servant. The dragon ate the Spider Horse. The spider ate the horse. The chicken nuggets had pie for dinner.

### **The Boy and the Hat** by Flynn Jury Grade 2

Once there was a boy called Mikey who liked to go to school.

At recess he wore a hat but his hat was ordinary. It wasn't like his friends hat that could fly. In fact everyone in the school had a hat that could do something cool except him ! He thought this wasn't fair.

So, he went to lost property and got a hat that could read! But he did not realise something until he put it on. The hat read everything. He thought this was annoying because it read things he wanted to be private.

So, he threw it away.

The same thing happened for the next hat it would fight him and the next would yell at him and the next stank!

Finally, he got a hat that was not like any other!

That hat was... his.



### **The Kangaroo That Got Chased** by Kiri Katavolos Grade 1

There was a kangaroo she was not an ordinary kangaroo because she lived in the Zoo and she jumped very high. There was a fox too who lived in the Zoo. The fox wanted to get out of the cage. So he squeezed through the bars of the cage. He chased the kangaroo and she jumped very high but the fox was so quick he caught up to the kangaroo. Out of nowhere a koala came down the tree and picked the kangaroo up and fox couldn't get up. So the fox never chased the kangaroo again. The End!

### **Dragon and a praying mantis** by Sophia Kawamoto Grade 1

Up in a sky lived a dragon and a praying mantis and they were friends. They went for a sunny walk. But when they got back the homes and trees were not shining! But they knew what to do and they got a magic leaf from a magic tree. They worked together to make the magic leaf with fire and love because they had powers! They lived a happy life.

### **Ella and the Evil Fairy** by Mimi Kentera Grade 1

Once upon a time there was a girl called Ella. When she went to school her loose tooth fell out. Her teacher wrapped it in a tissue to keep it safe. When Ella came back from school she straight away put her tooth under her pillow. After she went to bed, the tooth fairy came and she only took the the tooth, but left no money! Ella was a bit sad, but the next night the Good fairy brought some money. It was ten dollars! Ella felt rich.

### **The Golden Egg** by Olivia Kezilas Grade 1

One day there was a boy and his sister. They touched the golden egg it was very bad touch the golden egg. Because there would be a curse if you touch the golden egg since they touched the golden egg they went blind until they bumped into something. First the girl bumped into the fountain "Huh, I can see again". Then the boy bumped into a bush. "I can see too". "Who are you?" "I am a god", "why are you here?" "Because you have been brave, and I will give you any wish." "I want a horse said the girl". "I want an ice cream said the boy".

### **Amazing Theme Park** by Najela Khaliqi Grade 1

Early in the morning on 2/7/22 me and my cousin Tracy woke up at 5am with our parents. Then we all went on a big bus from Lagi to Ho Chi Minh city. First we ate our breakfast in a restaurant close by. Then we continued our trip. It took 4 hours to get there. "It's so boring" I said. but Wow we made it there! First we bought tickets. We did some activities. I was scared of the hell because it had dead pretend baddies. When we came out I was frightened! Then we watched a 12D movie. Then we have been in foot massage. It was time to go home. We enjoyed a lot. We slept all the way back home.



### **The Hot Dogs** by Arthur King Grade 2, Fish Creek and District Primary School

Once upon a time, there was a princess who lived in a castle. The princess had a problem: she got invaded by hot dogs!

Hot dogs came and the knights tried to stab them, but they realised there was a hot dog dragon. It was breathing out hot dogs!

The knights were really scared and they ran from the castle and the hot dogs tried to destroy it.

They took over and called it Hot Dog Castle. It had hot dog flags and they had hot dog cannons.

Nicky the Knight came to the rescue, but he got put in a crush machine by the hot dogs. It threw spikes at him but Nicky had a shield to protect him from a spider fang that went through his shield. He blew up the spider but then the hot dog dragon came. It breathed out fire and nearly destroyed the cage that he was in.

He ran out of the castle and destroyed all the hot dogs and killed the hot dog dragon.

The people went back into the castle and they had a big party. Everyone was happy again.

### **How to make traditional bark canoes** by James Kirton Grade 2

The Boonwurrung put bark canoes on the water. Once the tree is cut, put the wood over the fire. You Will need to put sap on the bark canoes.

The wooden canoes will help you catch fish.

### **Rick writing challenge** by Louis Le Grade 1

On the first day of grade one they had a writing challenge. You get \$50 if you win the challenge. But Rick didn't like it at all The next day every one submit the story except Rick miss spell said you need to submit your story! and Rick went home sadly. The next day again so he went home sadly again but your day he tried his best to do the writing challenge when he done his writing challenge Mum said well done and he got to school everyone was quiet To see who won the challenge and Rick!!! everyone cheered and Miss Bell too. and he went home happily the end.



### **The Reindeer Who Chilled Out on a Walk** by Maeve McNally Grade 1

One cold and snowy day in the North Pole there was a Reindeer who went for a walk. His name was Rudolf the red nosed reindeer! It was a Saturday afternoon and Rudolf was chilling out, having a walk through the snow, when a blizzard started falling and he accidentally turned around and started walking the wrong way! He walked and walked for hours and hours until he saw a sign. It said, Zoo. He was lost in the zoo! Rudolf felt scared, hurt and worried, it just didn't feel right. Lion, Hippo and Giraffe asked Rudolf 'Are you ok?' 'No' said Rudolf 'I am lost in the zoo and I don't know which way is home.' The animals were worried, they gathered around wondering what to do. Doreen the Hippo was doing cartwheels and when she looked down she noticed a sparkling trail. 'Hey guys' she said 'Look at the sparkling trail'

Geoffrey the Giraffe looked at the sparkles and looked up, he could just see snow in the distance. Then Josh the lion had an idea, he told all the animals they would help the Reindeer find his way home. They started walking straight away, following the sparkling trail. For hours and hours they walked, it took 2 days, but finally at last Rudolf was home. And Santa thanked them all. 'Thank you' he said 'You are very kind animals, you are all on the good list now.' The animals walked back to the zoo and they were happy too. They all lived happily ever after. The End.

### **John Finds a Valuable Shell** by Woody Marshall Grade 2

John woke up and peered out the window. "What's that!" He said, studying the big lump of sand on the shore. He rushed to the beach to investigate. He could feel the mud squelching between his toes as he ran down the track to the beach. When he got there, he realised it was a ginormous sandcastle, which gave him the idea to try and make an even bigger one. The sand was sifting through his fingers as he pulled it out of a hole and made a pile of sand. Suddenly, he felt something cold and sharp on his fingers. He kept digging and he realised it was a shell. It was glinting in the sunlight when he realised it wasn't any ordinary shell, it was the long lost treasure. He had to hide it. John rushed home to hide it, but when he got inside his room, he forgot to hide it when his mum called him for tea. It was getting late, so John got into bed and fell asleep straight away.

In the morning he realised the shell was gone! He looked everywhere but he couldn't find it. Then he noticed footprints leading out of the house. John quickly ran into the kitchen and got the phone to call the police. After he had explained it to them, they told him about a shell thief called Shannon the Shell Bandit. A few minutes after the call, he could hear the sirens outside. He rushed outside to see the police. 'Have you seen these footprints yet?' said the Police. 'Yes,' said John. 'But I didn't follow them because I thought I should call the police.'

'Ok, let's follow them now,' said the police.

When they found the end of the tracks, they realised they were in the black market. He could see the shell. He rushed to grab it. Finally, he had the shell again. He rushed home and this time, he hid it really well.



### **Kangaroos Beat the Tigers Again** by Taine Maurilli-Pullin Grade 1

North won against Richmond. The crowd cheered. They won by 46 points! Number 22 was the best player.

### **The Snake** by Lucas Mellor Grade 1

Ms L is teaching grade one and two. Ms L lost the boys because a snake took them, Darrell found the boys for Ms L and the snake ran away.

### **Monty, the Mouse that Liked Nuts** by Georgie Moran Grade 2, Fish Creek and District Primary School

Once upon a time, there was a little mouse called Monty who lived in a tree. Monty loved nuts, but she couldn't find any.

One day she went to the nut tree and tried to shake it to make all the juicy nuts fall down, but she was too small and she couldn't shake it, so she climbed up the tree and got a nut. Rain was coming so she started to run back to her home. After 10 minutes, the rain stopped and the sun came back out and then Monty saw the perfect nut up an oak tree.

She ran up the tree again and got the nut and ate it, then she went to sleep.

The next morning Monty went out for a walk in the forest. She wanted to have a friend.

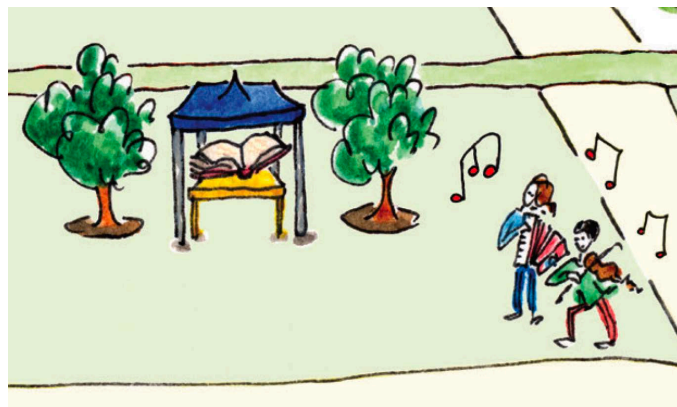
"I wonder why I don't have any friends," she said to herself. She decided to go and find a friend, but she couldn't find any.

"It's no use, I can't find any friends," she said sadly to herself then she found a teddy and she played with it all day and she was very happy.

### **The Famous Monster Truck Driver** by Kelly Morris Grade 2

Once upon a time there was a monster truck driver. He was the most famous monster driver in the whole wide world until he crashed attempting a triple 360 back flip in the Monster Jam Cup on July 17 2019. He came back to the stadium on July 17 2022.

Max was so happy that his favourite monster truck driver won the 2022 Monster Jam Cup.







### **The Rainforest Hen** by Pippa Murray Grade 1, Fish Creek and District Primary School

Once upon a time, there lived a very kind and thoughtful hen called Oozi. She was quite unusual because she lived in a rainforest.

One day, Oozi found out that there was something wrong with the water in the rainforest: it wasn't clear, it was rainbow-coloured!

Oozi had to fix it, so she went to see Rufus, the panda. Rufus said they should put fresh water in, but that didn't help. It just went rainbow-coloured again.

They went to see Bonzy, the caterpillar. Bonzy didn't like loud noises, and they were too loud, so he ran away.

"Oh no, we've tried everything and it still hasn't worked! What are we going to do?" cried Oozi.

Oozi went to talk to the other animals. "I finally have a plan, but we will have to walk a long, long way to fix the rainbow water."

On the way, Oozi spotted a bear and it had a cub. They had to run as fast as they could, but the bear chased them. The bear finally stopped chasing them and the cub ran back to the mama bear.

Oozi, Bonzy and Rufus started to walk again. Their legs got more and more tired the more they walked. They finally got to the farm to do Oozi's plan. It was getting late so they stopped for the night.

Early in the morning, Bonzy and Rufus woke up but Oozi was still asleep. When she woke up, she laid an egg, but it exploded and covered the whole wide world.

Everything suddenly went back to normal. The water was not rainbow coloured anymore and it was clearer. The animals could drink the water again and they were all very happy.

### **Ash and the Ghost House** by Ashton Norris Grade 2

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Ash. Ash was very nice to everyone. Ash loves to go on adventures. One day Ash was jumping on his trampoline. The post man dropped a letter in the mail box. Ash went to read it. The letter said "There is a haunted house two streets away. Do not go in. If you do expect the least". So Ash ran there on the way he stepped on a key. He took the key with him. When he got there he put the key in the door and opened it. It was very dark inside. There were spider webs. AHHHH! Two lasers shot at him. Three smelly ghosts ran right through him. Very slowly he walked up the spooky stairs. Then he heard his mum "time to go to school" and he realised it was just a dream. The end.

### **The Tractor** by Riley Need Grade 1

The tractor got bogged then another tractor came and pulled the tractor out.



### **Bees in the Forest** by Jospin Nkwakala Nkoko Grade 1

One step at a time, walking in the forest. .There was a boy named Caden. He saw a bee...He wanted to get honey but the bee stung him on the face . "Ahh! "screamed Caden. His face turned red and a small lump appeared on the face . 'That hurts", said Caden to himself. Luckily he was a sumo wrestler. So he fought the bee and the bee died, but there were more bees. Caden fought those bees as well. He finally got the honey and went back home happily.

### **Superdog** by Charles Paatsch Grade 1

Superdog is on a tall balcony because there is a super, dangerous fire. He is trapped! He cannot get back inside the two story house.

He jumps but he does not fall. Superdog does not drop, he flies. He swoops down to the ground and grabs a hose. He points the water at the fire. Superdog puts out the hot, burning fire and everyone cheers.

He really is a super dog.

### **Out in the wilderness** by Eva Peters Grade 2 Kongwak PS

As Bundjil soars through the sky, I watch the sun go down.  
I'm sighing as I smile vaguely saying, "Bunjil created all of this. We are so lucky."  
I wonder what Bunjil thinks about?..  
All day, I wonder how does Bundjil create all this?  
I walk to my cave.  
Good night Bundjil , good night biik.  
Good night.

### **Harry's first time at the Cinema** by Archie Porter-Rebien Grade 1

My cat Harry went to the drive-in cinema with me.  
First, we drove the car to the drive-in cinema in Coburg.  
Then, Harry jumped up on the window.  
We smelt a bad smell, so we accidentally opened the window.  
Suddenly, Harry jumped out of the car!  
We realised Harry had escaped when we saw him on top of the cinema screen!  
It would be a bad idea to climb on the cinema screen, so I had to think of another idea to catch Harry.  
It would be delightful to have Harry back, so we got his cat treats out!  
We put a passage of cat treats that led back to the car.  
Then, we waited ...  
Finally, after one hour, Harry came back.  
"Meow," cried Harry.  
We gave him lots of cuddles and kisses. Harry felt happy to be back with us!  
Once the movie ended, we went home together as a family.



**\*Splashy Moo** by Josie Prokopiwskyi Grade 2 Yinnar PS

"What's that noise?" whispered Chloe the fish.

"I don't know" Her best friend Emma said.

It was an interesting noise. The noise was SPLASHY MOO! What IS that interesting noise?

It was a COWFISH!

It was red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple and pink, with a splash of gold, silver and bronze. It was the rarest cowfish EVER. It was a magical one.

The cowfish was leaping up out of the water. Its scales were magnificent in the sunlight.

"WOW! It is amazing!" said Chloe. "I can't believe it." Emma excitedly said. "They wondered is there a problem because the cowfish didn't belong here. The cowfish lives in Maritopia.

There is never a problem if you have seen a cowfish. It was the best day ever for Emma and Chloe. They watched it skim along the water with its shimmering scales going splashy moo, splashy moo.

**A bad day for Mr.Good** by Aric Quach Grade 1

Mr.Good was a good man.

He like to do good things and help peoples.

He was good that people start to find him annoying.

One day Mr.Good found out that no one needed his help and he had no clue why?

He was mad and sad.

He scream out loud. ARGH!

Everybody in the neighbourhood start to think Mr. Good gone mad.

So he come up with the ideas.

He masked his face with a paper bag.

And became bad.

He was so bad that he destroyed peoples gardens with trash, unleashed their pets and stole their mails.

All the bad things that he had done not making him happy.

So he decided to take off his mask to do good things again.

Doing make Mr.Good happy.

The end



### **Ella and Rocky's adventure** by Macie Richer Grade 1

Once upon a time there lived two twins named Ella and Rocky. They live in a town called Yinnar but today they are going on an adventure to Magnetic Island.

They went on an aeroplane and a boat just to get there.

Ella and Rocky went snorkelling with their parents and they saw coral, fish and even baby sharks but then a big Mummy shark starting to chase Ella and she got scared, she started swimming as fast as she could but the shark was too fast but luckily the lifesaver pulled her up out of the water and put her onto his floating air track. Ella was safe and they waited for the shark to go away.

The rest of the adventure was great fun, Ella and Rocky were swinging like monkeys on the tree branches, they fed rock wallabies and they sat and watched a beautiful sunset on the beach.

### **Dead** by Patrick Robinson Grade 1

One fishy day one shark and one fish were playing fart in your face, but the fish fainted and the shark was bored and tired. So he went home but the was a ginormous DRAGON!!!!!!! He ran to tell the fish. The fish protected his friend but passed away. The shark was happy but luckily.....a cheeky fish ate him. What will happen next? Dundundduuuuuunnnnnnn.

### **Kid Chef** by Kiyomi Sammut Grade 1

Once there was a kid who loved to cook. Her name was Kiyomi and she had a sister. Her sisters name was Alanah. Alanah was three and Kiyomi was six.

One morning, Alanah woke up early and read a book. Then she woke Kiyomi up. They decided to make pancakes. But, everything went wrong.... BANG, CRASH, SMASHHHHHHHH!!!!!! They dropped the flour and it went all over them. Then, they dropped the egg and that splashed all over them to. So Alanah and Kiyomi ran upstairs covered from head to toe in flour and egg. They went to wake up their Mum and Dad and once they opened their eyes they screamed because they got a big scare. Once Mum and Dad saw what happened, they all ran downstairs and found an even bigger mess.... Oh Nooooooo. Kiyomi grabbed her kid chef recipe book and showed Dad what she was making. Together they then made the most amazing, delicious, fluffy pancakes they had ever had. They put maple syrup, fresh fruit like strawberries, raspberries and blueberries all over the top and they ate happily ever after.



### **Bob and the Haunted House** by Thomas Shannon Grade 2

Bob had always dreamed of going into the haunted house, but his dream turned into a nightmare! He went to bed but when he woke up, he found himself in the haunted house. The door slammed behind him, and it locked. There was a lot of locks. The floorboards were creaky. He heard footsteps coming from upstairs and he hid under the bed, until he could not hear it. He climbed out from under the bed. He saw something glowing. It was a key! Before he could get it, a ghost attacked so he slid under the bed. The ghost did not see him. Bob climbed out and got the key, it did not fit in the front door. He saw a chest, and the key fit the chest. The chest had a lock combination on the door. It worked. Two more locks. Bob went upstairs. He saw something, it was a key. It fit in the door. One more key. He heard the footsteps again, but where are they coming from? It was not the ghost! It was a zombie! The zombie chased him into the kitchen. He saw a key and he grabbed it, but he did not have any time to unlock the door. He hid under the bed. Bob unlocked the door and ran home.

### **ONCE UPON A TIME IN A PLAYGROUND** by RISHABH SHAH Grade 1

Once upon a time, I and Alex were making a plan. The plan was - to get a rope, tied it to two sides of the playground, and we were to play a game called 'Tag'. The Tagger was on the rope-balancing, then when he finished, we took the knots off. Then he fell. AHH, we never got a tag. Then we ran away. Then we lived happily ever after.

### **Forest friends** by Evelyn Shannon Grade 1

Once there was a girl in a wheelchair who looked out her window into the forest. She saw koalas and wallabies and wished she could go closer. But her parents would not let her go in a wheelchair. 'But I want to,' she said.

One night she couldn't get to sleep, so she got out of bed, and snuck through the garden into the forest. Then she looked around and saw a wombat.

Her parents saw her shadow moving through the garden, so they rushed after her. The girl did not see her parents coming through the garden as she rushed back to the house. Before she could get inside, her parents came.

'If you promise not to go alone, we will take you into the forest to see your animal friends.'

### **The Boat** by Annabelle Shute Grade 1

"ARRRRRR THERE'S A SHARK! EVACUATE!" said Dad. "I know!" said Annabelle. "Get on the tender! ARRRR" crashing the waves. Oh no ran out of fuel. Paddle board so we can get to the beach. We need! To go back said Annabelle. We can't risk it! Said Dad but we will go back to the boat no matter what we will said dad.



### **\*The Blue Jay Who Saved the Forest** by Clancy Simnett Grade 1

There was a blue jay who lived in the forest. Every day the blue jay flew high over the forest to keep watch. One day, he saw logging machines cutting down the trees. So, the blue jay flew down to see what was happening. The blue jay heard the men talking about cutting down the whole forest. The blue jay flew to Maru to tell the ranger, but she couldn't understand. So, the blue jay went to the cockatoo, who could talk, and told him about the loggers.

The cockatoo told the ranger that the forest nearby was getting cut down. The ranger got some of the local people to stop the loggers cutting down the forest. The blue jay lived happily ever after.

### **Super Pencil and Scissors!** by Angelo Tellis Grade 1

One night at a school a pencil turned alive!

Pencil had a fight with scissors, during the fight super pencil got a cut. OUCH! OUCH! OUCH! Then super pencil went on top of the table. Then super pencil came back up and hit scissors. Scissors lost one of his cutters.

Then scissors went KABOOM!!!! and pencil laughed.

Super pencil flew away to his home.

Then came out another pair of scissors, he wrecked the whiteboard and then the whiteboard was broken forever.

This meant the kids couldn't use it for years and years until they fixed the whiteboard.

So they went to buy the whiteboard but they decided to call a repair man to fix the whiteboard instead.

Super pencil and scissors were both happy, then they became bestie's forever.

### **The Unicorn** by Samantha Threadgold Grade 1

Once upon a time, there was a girl, who wanted to look like a princess. One day, a magical unicorn came. "I will make you beautiful" she said. And she did. The girl said "I love it" And they lived happily ever after. The end.

### **The donut robber** by Charlie Visser Grade 2

Once upon a time there was a sticky strawberry doughnut man who lived in his squishy doughnut castle. Then five years later he robbed a doughnut truck. He was evil so he went to jail. No Doughnuts were ever stolen again.

### **Friends in the river** by Steph Wicks Grade 1

It was a nice day in a river and a pearl fell out of a cloud. When the pearl dropped in the water it cracked and then a metallic rainbow sparkly mermaid came out of it. A unicorn was going to have a drink from the river and she saw the mermaid and the unicorn was metallic rainbow sparkly. A dolphin was swimming in the river. The mermaid and the dolphin played and became friends and they lived happily ever after.



## **My first pet Stinky** by Jiwoo Yu Grade 1

One morning, it was warm and full of sunshine, no clouds in the sky.

Mum was cleaning all of the living room.

Mum opened the door and one moment? What was that BUZZING sound?

It was a Tiny Tiny baby fly.

The next day I was very surprised that fly was still here. And the day after and after..

So I said to my sister "we need a name for the fly, how about...STINKY? Ya!

Stinky stayed home with mum when we left to school.

And he sometimes sat on my sister's tip nose.

After a week he got BIG.

He got bigger and bigger and bigger!

Stinky was ready to fly off.

Stinky was so ready to go out to see the nature.

So we said good bye to Stinky.





## Fishy Stories Writing Challenge Grade 3 and 4 Stories, alphabetical by surname

### **The Cottage** by Ruby Aarts Grade 4

The rainbow fairy lights flickered as the old cottage began to be eaten by the rot, it was a really old house there was lots of cracks in the windows the sun still shined through, wings flattered into the cottage. There was little feet that tapped on the soft dark wood, the fairy picked up a green leaf as small as an ant, the house rumbled, the fairy looked around swaying her head in the soft dust. There was an old cupboard that creaked open. The fairy noticed a small box filled with shiny jewellery. She covered herself in the jewellery and flew into the dark woods.

After that the house windows cracked more and more. No fairies came until one gloomy day, a fairy came in a fancy business coat "this is a... well good house (her voice went high pitch) I SHALL KEEP IT!"

The house lights flickered and the paintings shook. She took a small step into the cottage "someone took something very special from you?" The house grumbled as if it was saying yes.

The fairy ran her little fingernails across the dirty curtains. She ran to the cupboard and grabbed a broom covered in dust and webs, she brushed it off and started sweeping the floors. The house felt like it was being tickled. She dropped the broom and cried, " I'm sorry I have to go!" She flew off into the old dark woods having a warm heart.

### **The Mystery** by Mylah Angwin Grade 3

I had to move to another school. I hate when I have to move schools. Mum took me in for an interview because you can't come in the middle of the year so you have to have an interview with the principal. we got the school uniform for my first day. The next morning I did all my jobs for school.my mum drove me to she said bye have a good first day"

The principal showed me around the school. when I was walking around I needed to go to the toilet so I went. I found a secret tunnel in the cubicle..... I wanted to go in it but the principal will know I'm up to something. I will go in the tunnel later"

I thought.so I went off and the principal went on to show me the rest of the school. then the principal had to go off and do something. Suddenly this girl called Stacey walked past and the principal asked Stacey" can you show Ellie around the rest of the school.

Stacey said "sure

As long as you tell my teacher so I don't get into trouble Then I got to see what class I was in. At recess I saw Stacey with two other girls called Stella and Zoe. When I went up to them they were really nice to me. I said I needed to go to the toilet so I could go in the secret tunnel"

When I went to the toilet I saw the secret tunnel. I looked around so I wouldn't get followed then I went into the tunnel there was.....Ellie ran out of the tunnel screaming she got really really scared that she never told anyone what was in the tunnel.





### **The Magic Apple Tree** by Abigail Bailey Grade 4

In one ordinary garden an apple tree grew, but it was not like any ordinary tree it was a magic apple tree. It brought birds from the sky and grew flowers all over and all the other trees wanted to be exactly like that apple tree, but Lily did not want that to happen. It was Lily's apple tree and she wanted it to have all the attention, she trimmed the leaves and kept all the apples safe. She didn't care about all the other trees she just wanted to keep her tree perfect. All the other trees grew angrier every time they heard her say "you're my perfect apple tree" they were going to make a plan. One day when Lily was preparing to make her prize-winning pie before she could pick the apples a tree that had a bird's nest in it sent some birds to peck the apples. The birds agreed and went and pecked all the tasty apples, when Lily saw the apples, she freaked out. There was only one option Lily had to use the cherries and pears from the other trees. The other trees were on cloud nine they had won, all the trees were equal and all the people who brought a pie from the market loved it.

A true story..... A BIRTHDAY TO REMEMBER!!! By Lily Ann Balfour Grade 4

"We're here!" "Yay," I screamed. It was my riding lesson with Emily Hill. It was show jumping.

I was starving after my lesson so Mum stopped the car on the side of the empty highway and ordered fish and chips. She was about to hop out of the car when I heard BOOM !!!

A massive white truck crashed into the float.

I was horrified. Mum cried, "I can't get the horse off the float on the side of the highway. It was dangerous, so she called a friend that was close by and they picked my horse up. She also phoned Poppy Pete and he took the float to his house, because he lived close by too. I was still in tears. My Aunty took me home and when I saw my horse I ran up to hug him really tight but soft at the same time.

The Vet said he was ok. My other Aunty bought some fish and chips. They were scrumptious. We ate them. I calmed down and celebrated my birthday. It was July 4th and even though it was my birthday was on the 5th, Mum said it would cheer me up !

THE END.



### **You Be The Judge** by Willow Best Grade 4

I don't know what I should have done , you be the judge!!!!

On Friday the thirteenth of October the bell rang to go home "ding, ding" I stayed back. I needed to ask my teacher Mrs. Brook a question. But she wasn't there so I was just going to wait for her. I waited for what felt like forever. After a while I had forgotten the question, so I decided to go home. My question could wait for tomorrow . I turn around to head for the door when I see something different. There were two doors that looked the same. I started to panic about what would happen if I opened the door. Would something jump out at me or I would be cursed for the rest of my life?

I didn't know what would happen, slowly and scared I put my hand on the doorknob and twisted it. It creaks, it opens and I push it so I could see what was in there, also stepping aside in case something jumped out at me. I waited a bit and nothing happened so I think it was safe to look. I look in and see about 5 little girls sitting in there. I get scared and close the door and run away. So many things were going on inside my head I was thinking was my teacher a kidnapper or was she helping them . All I have done about it is nothing I didn't even try to help. Should I have left them there could it have been for the best, the best for me the best for my family I don't know you be the judge.

### **Ghostly Park** by Sophie Bleazby Grade 4

I was out one day. Out in the park of my neighbourhood. My neighbourhood is called Hark. I've been living here my whole life and there's been some things going on...  
Weird things.

I mean I've seen things that don't make sense. I know you don't believe me because no one does, so I understand if you're confused. So, I'm saying that I'm weird and weird people see weird things, right?

OK, OK, I'll tell you. I've been seeing things popping up in some of my favourite parts of the park like I saw the past moments of my life through these special things.

Let me go back a bit... I was only 7 when these things started popping up, I first told Mum, she didn't believe me, then I told Dad, he didn't believe me. I didn't even bother telling anyone else because no one would believe me, so that's when I tried to ignore it, but it didn't let me. The reason why it didn't let me is because it kept whispering my name like this, "Come here Danny, come Danny" it was weird.

I knew someone was wanting me to go there...



### **Hogwarts** by Abigail Box Grade 3 Fish Creek Primary School

Harry Potter was walking down the hall. Harry saw Jack "oh no" he said as he turned around. Jack then ran away because Miss Potter said "get back in your room" so Jack went to his room and laid down. Then Jack got up and he got scared because Miss Potter ground madly and Harry Potter got surprised and it was a prank ha-ha said Jack and then Harry Potter got raving by backing Jack's wand and they apologise and they became best friends and then they brought Jack a new wand and Miss Potter got fired and then we filed away they were having fun and then they had a good day.

### **The Island** by Hamish Bright Grade 4

As I struggle to get back to the surface I see sand, dry sand! But with massive waves crashing over me it will be very hard to get there. I also see a piece of wood that came off my boat when it broke in the massive waves. I grab hold of it and use it as a floating device because I forgot life jackets. I grab it and start kicking as hard as I can. (5 minutes later) I get to the sand (with very tired legs).

The storm is gone and the sun is out. I see a coconut tree and I go to try and get a coconut. I throw a rock at a tree to try and get a coconut down but I step into a trap. It took me down a slide into a pitch black room. Suddenly, lots of candles light up. I was so creeped out. The candles lit up a hallway so I walk down it. On the hallway walls there is a lever as rusty as whatever the opposite of antirust is. I don't think I should pull the lever but my instincts say I should. Soooo, let's go with my instincts. I try to pull as hard as I can but it won't budge. I find a big rock about as big as a dinnerplate. I throw the rock at the lever and it finally works. A strange door loudly creaks open. It takes me through another hallway with several doors. It has an underground basketball court and an underground football oval, (I love sport!) In the next door there are lots of fridges full of unlimited tropical fruit and chocolate, a freezer with unlimited ice cream, and a small juice bar with unlimited juice! (1 week later.) I was relaxing in the sand with a juice when a police helicopter came. When they landed they said "we are going to take you home" I said "sorry but I'm staying here!" So they left and I stayed there for the rest of my life!





### **The Panic Tutu** by Bronte Butinar Grade 3

Tutu is a fun and friendly pink bear. Her parents are humans. She was found in a forest. After Tutu had egg and bacon for breakfast she got ready for the bus.

When Tutu got to school the bell had not gone so she sat under a tree. A girl came up to her and said "Why are you sitting under a tree?" Tutu said "because I don't have any friends."

' The girl that was named Bella said happily "Why don't you come play with my friends and I?" Tutu said "Ok." "I will introduce my friends to you" Bella said. They got to the playground. Bella said "This is Jenny and Sophie." They said hi to each other. "Let's go to class, I have math," said Tutu. "Same" said Bella. When they got to class they found a seat next to each other.

The teacher, Miss Smith said "We will be doing multiplication." Tutu didn't know her multiplication tables yet and she started to panic. "Miss Smith said "It's ok if you don't know your multiplication tables. and Tutu got embarrassed and ran out of school and no one saw Tutu again, not even her parents !!!!!!!

### **The Three Bonded Friends** by Brax Byrnes Grade 4

Fling aww jeremy why did you flip the chests table. Sorry said jeremy it's ok i guess said john how about we forget about that and move on said john how about we go the dark misty freezing lite green forest. ok we could find some awesome looking red belly black snakes. and take the venom out of them and use it as a defence so no one takes us. ok we will do that what are you waiting for let's go to the forest they all agree at the forest. ok lets go look for some snakes ok. They find a snake. Ok, let's snap its tooth and get the venom. But it looks really excited and cute. I don't want to harm it. Can we keep it please?ok i guess. i am going to name him coco ok let's move ooo look it's a vicious feisty snake lets get it ok ready on the count off 3 ok 3 2 1 go i got i got quick lets go aww it bit me said jeremey quick get it off me before it kills me ok come on guys let's get it off him 3 2 1 go awww its off heavy breathing dang the venom is starting to kicking guys one of you take off one of your t-shirts ok done quick wrap it around his arm were he got bit aw its ok it's going to start to let out some venom of your bloodstream ok who is going to get the next snake because that one got away to quick i will go said jerry ok oo here that.that sounds like a snake wait for it to come out it's coming its' coming aww that's not a snake that a man in fully mat black quick run. wow he is farst i have got a plan what quick tell me. ok i can get coco to bite him yes you're a genius ok coco let's go. goes to man in black and bites him aww that hurts said the man in mat black yes now lets sprint home cause he won't be able to run ok they sprint home safely.



### **Birthday Party on the Moon** by Callen Campbell Grade 4

One day on Earth, I was planning my birthday on the moon, I was excited. I had planned a rocket ship to pick me and my friend up from my house.

Finally, the big day arrived. I was so excited so was my best friend Kodee. We got on the rocket ship and we were on our way.

The rocket landed on the moon a short time later. When we got to the moon the rocket left. [ It will come pick us up later.]

First it was time for cake. I was about to cut the cake when suddenly it started to float towards an alien.

The alien named Bob stole the cake and ran off with it.

"Oh no!" I yelled

Bob ran faster and faster. Faster than our leg can go. So, we got on our space bike and chased him.

Soon we caught up to him. We asked why he took my cake and Bob yelled. " I just like cake ok! "

"But it's not your cake," replied Kodee in an angry voice.

"I know," cried Bob.

"Want to join our party?" I asked Bob.

And he replied, "Yes." We spent the rest of the day getting to know him. We became friends.

### **The Sus Person** by Azariyah Castle Grade 3

Hey guys want to play The sus person said zig zag zoom yes yes yes yes yes ok  
grab a piece of paper please do not tell anyone One imposter remaining to go to your tasks  
20,19,18,17,16,15,15,14,13,13,12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 .

So guys zig zag zoom here i am the imposter and I have to pretend to kill them. The people  
are may,jim bob,jojo,zig zag zoom ,rebecca

Molly is right there doing one of her tasks and no one is in here so i'll kill her ok she is dead.

Now I have to run so I don't get voted out. So I ran from the cafeteria to the science room.

Hmm this is impossible there are to crew mates it is jim bob and jo jo. Wait a minute there  
are one of them ok yes they are dead.

dead body report oh no

voting starts in 10 secs

10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,3,2,1,0

Jojo votes jim bob votes zig,zag,zoom

Zig,zag,zoom was an imposter yeah crew mates win let's start partying yeah



### **The Talking Picture** by Anette Jijo Cherian Grade 4

I was in my bedroom reading a book. I walked over to our family picture. I go to a disciplined college, with loads of areas to study. The college is fun with many activities. My name is Mandy, and I have 2 friends. They're Lucy and Chloe. I should tell you a little about my friends and myself. Lucy adores art. Chloe is one of those people that love sport and love running around. I also love art like Lucy because it's very peaceful to do and creative things with your mind. One fine day I ran up to Lucy and asked "Do you want to paint because it's our free time?" I already knew what the answer was going to be. We raced down the oval and to the art room. The art room has many paintings. We put our aprons on and began painting. When we finished we looked like a mess. We had splashes of paint everywhere black, white and green. We got ourselves cleaned up. We put our painting in the hot sun. The next day we went to the art room, I noticed something in my picture. I walked to the picture and saw people walking and talking. I thought I was just imagining things. Lucy came into the art room and saw me pale. "Are you OK?" "The picture, it moved, and talked." I was so shocked I couldn't talk. Lucy looked at the painting and suddenly heard a "whoosh" sound. Lucy asked "Did you hear that"? I said "Yes." Then out of nowhere the painting sucked us into the picture. Inside were moving and talking people, it was like a town! I pinched myself a few times but as I didn't expect any of this to happen, I started to panic because we couldn't find our way home. We saw a big red button which was in the shape of a circle. I pressed it and Lucy went tumbling down into the wormhole. We got home were so glad to be back home safely. "Mandy, the picture is still moving!"

### **Care for Country** by Norah Churchill Grade 3, Kongwak Primary School

Wominndjeka, have some fun, come on everyone.  
Water flows as river go flowing through the land.  
Bunjil flying through the sky, his wings spread out; it's a beautiful sight.  
Fish going in and out gathering around their homes, this is the land of the Boonwurrung.  
Bunjil is an eagle and his wife is too,  
he likes to go through the sky and hunt for food.  
All of his family are spirits too, and the littlest is a kangaroo.



### **Travelers** by Norah Churchill Grade 3 Kongwak Primary School

There once was a family that travelled all around the world. When the family were in the African rainforest they got lost! The oldest daughter said "oh no!

How are we going to get back to the village? "

"Not sure," dad bravely responded. They walked through the forest until they saw something unusual, but marvellous. It was colourful all around the body. The creature was a rainbow pigeon. The family travelled to America and saw amazing things. As the sun went down Milly, the youngest daughter, noticed something... That they weren't lost and it was just a dream but she was wrong. As far as they could see they were safe on the land of Africa.

They will never stop travelling. The family kept all of the amazing things as well as the rainbow pigeon.

### **Brave** by Adelaide Cleaver Grade 3

SLAM!!! I screamed. Mum grabbed us and held us tight. She looked terrified as she stared through the cracked windscreen at the building we had crashed into. I turned to look at my little sister, Amy, and saw that she had hot tears running down her face. Suddenly, everything went fuzzy, and I felt dizzy. "Don't panic," said dad. "It's going to be ok." That was the last thing I heard before everything went black.

I woke to someone calling my name and shaking me vigorously from side to side. "Emma. Emma. EMMA! Wake up!" I opened my eyes and saw that I was in a blinding white room. "Where am I?" I murmured quietly. "Your brain was badly injured in the crash," said a nurse. "You are in hospital. You might not be able to think straight for a couple of months." Then she pulled out a NEEDLE. I screamed. "Emma, you are 9 years old," she said. "You can handle a little needle, surely! You just have to be brave." She took a step closer. Then another. Then another. Finally, she reached the bed where I was lying and stabbed the needle into my arm. The pain was intense. My eyes filled up with tears, making my vision blurry. Then she clamped a cloth over my mouth and nose and my mind plunged into darkness.

When I woke up my head was wrapped in bandages. The nurse said that I had had a massive surgery on my brain and would have to stay in hospital for 4 months whilst my brain healed. But I didn't care. I would have my family by my side the whole time. And besides, I was brave.



### **Kangaroo to be saved** by Stuart Collins Grade 4

Once there was a kangaroo in a zoo but it got terribly sick. What happened was it ate a Poisonous hay bale. Let me tell you how it happened.

Zoo keeper was feeding hay and grabbed the wrong hay bale. I got tired and woke up to see the zookeeper's.

It was in a small cage. It had been poisoned by a hay bale. It fell back asleep and then woke up to see it was in a truck. The kangaroo got so scared it broke the cage.

The truck stopped to see the door was broken on the truck.

The truck driver got so scared he ran back into the truck. It was on the run but it fell asleep. A tree it was badly sick it started seeing things it was starving but then a vet saw it and saved it. So that it poisoned it gave it some medicine it was dead. As the kangaroo leaves.

### **The Video Game** by Damian Collis Grade 4

One day Joe and Matt, they play video games at Matt house. They heard a loud noise in the x box one "what was that?" said Joe. "I don't know" said Matt and seconds later they went into the game. Matt was angry, but Joe was excited. His dream came true. Matt said "what are you excited for?!" Joe said "we are in a video GAME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Matt said "don't yell it hurt my ears," Joe said "ok".

"Welcome kids" said the Server.

"We not kids" yelled Matt.

"Yes you are" argued the Server.

"No we are not" said Matt.

"yes you are." Said the Server.

"ugh forget it, let's go back" said Matt no said the sever why said Matt you have to beat the game said the Sever bruhhhhhhhhh! Said Matt Joe was screaming like a monkey What Joe say Matt I love this game so much and I know how to beat I done it 100 times say Joe ok say Matt they went to the game and die so much that Joe say it is impossible not for long Joe i'm going hardcore mode. They kill the NCP so much that they made it to the boss level. Joe thought it was too hard to survive the boss level but Matt killed the boss straight away. Then Joe began celebrating his first game win.





### **Camp** by Spencer Crouch Grade 3

"Everyone on the bus," said Mrs Taylor.

"I'm so stoked" I said

"Camp's gonna be so good" said Jeff.

"We are here," said Mrs Taylor.

"Hi, I'm your camp coordinator."

"Everyone in line," said Mrs Taylor.

"Your first activity is a bush walk," said the camp coordinator. We went up a steep hill. I was way behind everyone. There were two turns I didn't know what to do. It's now midnight and I'm now so hungry.

"Spencer Spencer" I heard Mrs Taylor she found me. We went back to camp and she put me in my cabin with no food so I snuck out to the kitchen

"What do you think you're doing with no activities for you tomorrow. So I had to wait till tomorrow but I found chocolate on the floor. Well, I was going back to my cabin. I unwrapped it but it was moldy so I went to my cabin and went to bed.

### **The perfect stroke** by Ava Danckert Grade 4 Fish Creek Primary School

When I was three, I was diagnosed with autism. It effected my life so much.

At school, I was bullied, the teachers tried to help but it still hurt. I would come home crying, mum tried to help but she had a fulltime job.

One day I found a muddy dam out in the paddock by myself. I was so excited that I ran, I slipped into the dam. It was scary at first but it suddenly felt amazing. I swam around as graceful as a gazelle. Although mum wasn't happy she said not to go there, I continued giving myself swimming lessons either way.

A couple years later there was a swimming carnival at school, I begged mum to let me go until she said yes. I came first and went to the Paralympics qualifying round. I was so close but everyone took over me, I got home so angry I jumped in the dam and swam for hours until I couldn't move. When I got to school people called me fish boy but that didn't stop me. Every single day I trained using all my built-up anger.

Three years later I got back to the qualifying, I wanted revenge on my previous competitors. Standing on the post to race, the guy who came first last time walked past and said "why are you here, autism is just birdbrains". I got so angry I let all my anger build up and when I heard the bang I raced so fast. I heard the splashing of hands hitting water and I won. I got home so happy I screamed to mum "we're going to LA baby!". "oh my god" she responded. A couple months later in Los Angeles, I was standing on the race podium as the crowd cheered so loud it hurt my ears. The gun went off and I used my pent up anger and I bet the world record by eight seconds! Reporters surrounded me and one asked "what do you thing you'll do next" "I don't know" I said "what do you think?"



## THE OLD WOODEN STAIRS by Blake Degraaf Grade 4

Once there was an explorer called Blake that went exploring in a jungle that had no path until he saw a stair set that said, built in the 1700's. He made a path along the way. He went up the old wooden staircase. He kept going until he saw an abandoned graveyard with lots of graves. Allwell he did discover an abandoned graveyard from the 1700's which is cool, but it was scary to find. He found it in 2022. He went back home and watched the news. He was confused because the stairs were on the news. Then he met someone called Fred.

They went out a couple of times to find out more about each other. Fred and Blake were now best friends. He went to Fred's house to see how his life was going. Fred said he was building a big house close to the stairs. Now they can go and explore the stairs. They went to build Fred's house so he could live in peace and not in the neighborhood.

When they finished building the house they went and sold his old house after they moved in. When they moved in they went out for dinner after the hard work. They went to explore the wooden stairs. They went past the abandoned graveyard and to the top. When they got to the top they found a massive pile of diamonds. They made a road by using their shovels to dig a road out. They called people to pick the diamonds up with their trucks and take them somewhere so they can see how much it is worth. When they saw how much it was worth they were in shock, it was \$100,000,000,000. They were multi billionaires now. They each got 50,000,000,000. So now they didn't know what to do because they were really rich and being rich is hard so they lived their lives.

The happy ending.





## **Party on the Moon** by Angela Dykes Grade 4

"OMG! You got me such a large gift that it won't even levitate" squealed Sally.

"Well at least it not as heavy as it is on earth" said Mandy, they all chuckled.

"Well who is ready to open some presents!" yelled Sally's Dad. Sally's dad was an astronaut. It was Sally's Birthday and she want to have her birthday on the moon. Since Sally's dad was really close with Sally he said yes.

"Opening presents on the moon! How could this birthday get better?" squealed Sally. "I want to open the big gift it looks so cool!" yelled Sally.

"Let's open the smaller gift it will be better," pleaded Sally's Dad.

"I Want to get to the big present!" yelled Sally. Fine, I'll open the small gifts first," mumbled Sally, "Let's get start then".

"OMG! I love the ring it so pretty!" squealed Sally who was loving her party so far.

"Are you ready to open the big gift baby!" yelled Sally's Dad.

"Oh my god I have been waiting forever. I'm so excited I want to open it now!" yelled Sally. "Ekkkkkk!" Sally ran to the big present that Many got for her. "Wait where is it? it's not on the party table...SOME ONE TOOK MY PRESENT!" yelled Sally. Sally started to cry over her loss of her present.

"It`s ok Sally let's go back to earth so we have some cake," Sally's dad said trying to comfort her.

"Ok," Sally said sadly. They went back to earth. They had a great time and it made Sally forget about how she lost her presents.

The End

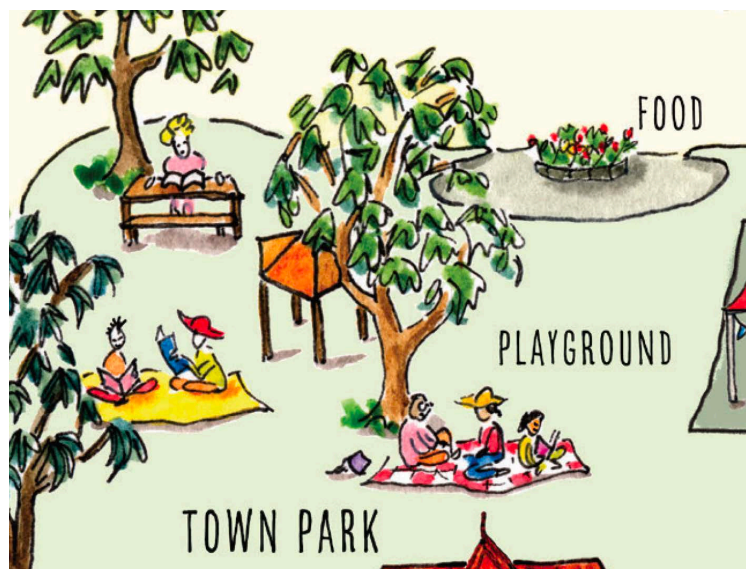
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## **The Kookaburra on the Clothesline** by Bobby Evans Grade 3 Wilcannia School

There was a fat kookaburra on my clothesline. The kookaburra was there for a long time. It flew away and I followed it. It led me to its family sitting on a branch of a tall gum tree. I went to get them some food. We have a big pile of worms in a compost bin out the back of our house so I collected some worms and put them in an ice cream container. When I got back to the tree the kookaburras were gone. I was confused. I heard a laugh in another tall gum tree. I looked up and saw the fat kookaburra. He saw the worms in the container. He laughed again and all the kookaburras looked at me. The fat kookaburra swooped down and grabbed a worm out of the container. He flew back and gave it to one of the baby kookaburras on the branch and then he came back for more until everybody had a worm to eat.

Me, Des, Mum and Sophie went fishing. We saw a turtle in the water swimming towards the bridge. The kookaburras flew to a different tree by the river and watched us. Des caught a fish and pulled it in on the line. While we were fishing the fat kookaburra swooped down and stole our worms. He dropped them in the water and started laughing. We were laughing too!





### **Horror land oval** by Ned Fitz-Gerald Grade 4 Fish Creek Primary School

BANG!! I woke up to a deafening sound, a possum jumped on the roof of the car. I was in shock, I didn't even remember what happened. Surprisingly I was on the way to Olympic oval despite no games on at the MCG. I was still determined to kick a 60m torpedo into goal with a 45-degree angle.

When we got there the sky was rather Black, but that wasn't going to stop me. I tried and tried until I heard a crash coming from the MCG.

I looked with confusion, I couldn't see anything, but I kept on hearing noises over from the cleaning room. I wondered over there and there was a blood trail leading into a dark cupboard. I knew it was a trick but I was determined to find where it was coming from. I didn't hesitate and went in. as soon as I got in and I immediately noticed the cupboard in the corner was rattling like a kettle on a stove top I didn't know what to think. I opened the dancing cupboard and there was a whole in the corner of the giant hidden room.

I went over and there was a man throwing rocks at the wall of the giant whole. I said hello but surprisingly he didn't hear me soon after he looked up and explained that he was an old commentator and the cleaning man pushed him in. he's become extremely death over all these years and he didn't think anybody would find him. I heard the door open so I quickly hid behind a bucket of water, but it was too late he already saw me...

### The attack of the wither storm by Hudson Foote Grade 3 Fish Creek Primary School

One night Steve and Alex were looking for shiny blue diamonds. They found an old grimy shack instead. The two friends continued inside. When Steve went inside BOOM Steve went flying! "a wither with a command block? Run!" screamed Steve "creature attack" someone said "who are you?" said Steve "I'm Hero-brine" Hero-brine said in a glitchy way then Hero-brine disappears in a flash! "The nether portal" said Steve, Steve and Alex jumped into the portal the giant wither storm and tried to get in the portal. In doing so the creature broke the portal and cut its arm off but Steve got hit by the tentacle. The tentacle latched onto him and infected him with a wither virus.

One hour later they fixed the portal and Steve went through. Steve used his mind to kill the wither storm Steve now calls himself wither-brine. Wither-brine sent withers and wither skeletons to kill Hero-brine then wither-brine exploded hero-brine.



### **The Dash Moon** by Lucinda Fox Grade 3

"Oh, my goodness! I'm so excited because I'm having my birthday on the moon today," I said. "Let's go Lento!" I said being so excited.

"We're here," I yelled happily! "Get out of the rocket Lento!"

"WOOF," Lento barked loudly.

"What's up? Wait, your helmet! It came off! It's ok though we've got spares! Luckily you're ok Lento that could've been bad," I said thankfully.

Eventually we returned. "Now that we're home we can sit back and watch the news on T.V! Do you want cake?"

"WOOF," barked Lento.

"I'll take that as a yes!" I said licking my lips. "That was delicious!"

"WOOF," Lento replied agreeingly.

"I'm going to bed now Lento. Look at the pearly shimmering stars, they are wonderful!"

### **The Alien Encounter** by Angus Francis Grade 3

"Finally, I am on the Moon," the astronaut announced.

"Oooh noooo!" I've fallen into a canyon.

Inside the canyon it is very dark, with so many broken up asteroids and comets along all the walls.

The astronaut follows the tunnels and eventually they came to the end.

"Alien! Let me out!" yelled the astronaut.

"Oh no, I won't let you out. You are stuck down here," replied the Alien.

"Hey what are you doing with that remote?" asked the astronaut.

"Destroying the closest planet."

The nearest planet is Earth. "Oh no what can I do to save our planet?" Suddenly, the Earth exploded. It was too late.



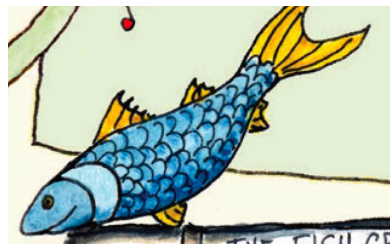
## **The Mysterious Staircase** by Fred Gee Grade 4

It is 2am, I was tossing and turning... WOW, that's a sunny morning. Hmm I should wear my Nirvana t-shirt. Oh sorry I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Kurt Cobain. I love music and pizza. Also my friends think I smell like a wet dog. I'm 1.75m tall, I weigh 59kg and I'm from a band named Nirvana. I probably need a shower.

Why is there a portal in my bathroom? AHHHH it is sucking me in! 1 min later... What the hell! Why is the staircase made out of books? Hmm I wonder if I could open the first book. What if I could go up the staircase? Let's go. Uhh why am I back down at the bottom of the staircase. Hmm I want to see what happens when I run up the stairs 5..4..3..2..1, lets go. Nope that does not work out. What if there is a door behind me that whole time?.

\*Tries to open the door\* There must be a key. Wait a minute... I have a paperclip in my pocket. Oh no, it is probably in my room. What if it could be in my wallet? I just remembered I lost my wallet. Wait, the key could be in a book. Alright here I go... what I thought it was going to work. Hmmm think think.. I got nothing. Wait, I can see a backpack. Wait, I can feel something in the bag. Yes there was a key. I can get out of this weird staircase \*unlocked the door\*

Now here is the end. Let's go back home.





## **Bow the Horse** by Mya Gerretzen Grade 4 Fish Creek Primary School

The first time I met Bow was at pony club. He was an extraordinary horse. Brooklyn, his owner asked me to look after Bow for the day, my chest was dancing and it felt like I was going to explode!!!!

The oily leaver clogged my nose, I heard the horse's shoes clapping, it was like music to my ears, just magical, the horse's snorts are like thunder. I watched the smooth strides of the horses, it was astonishing. I brushed Bows dirty coat, dust filled my mouth, I felt like vomiting afterwards. I picked out Bow's hooves, there was so much dry mud in his hooves. I took Bow for a walk, we went to the cross-country course where the jumps are massive, sweat started to drip down my chest, we headed back to get tacked up. I felt the oily leaver on my skin and the sticky stirrups. As I put up the girth I could smell his stinky poo. When I put the chin strap on it was extremely tight, I put my feet in the stirrups and hopped on. As soon as I grabbed the reins I was ready. We started at jumping, Bows trot was bumpy despite his canter was smooth.

A couple minutes later, it was my go and we jumped over 75 centimetres, Bow hit the pole and did a kick. Next was the tire jump course, sweat started to drip down me, my face was turning red. We started off on the small jumps then we went bigger to 1 metre, I got Bow in a smooth canter then we went for it, I puffed and puffed but I refused to jump, I blamed it on Bow I was not proud more like disappointed.

A few hours later I had to tack up Bow, he was being fussy, he must really hate me because he wasn't following his cues. As I was brushing Bow he didn't stay still so I left him alone. I was quiet the whole way home, I never want to go back again!!!





## **Lola adventure** by Daisy Giliam-Rodda Grade 3 Fish Creek Primary School

Rush rush rush Melbourne always full of people rushing which makes it sound super loud. People and building are everywhere but that Melbourne and it's not quite where this story is based because it's based in the suburb where its quiet . The air is fresh you can smell different types of food. There're trees everywhere.

Ok here we go. "yes, yes yes yes I`m the one and only Alice from in wonder land!!! Lola shouted.

Boom crash boom Lola scattered through her cupboard "ewwwwwwww an old banana." That's where my gold earring went! "shouted Lola. "yes, I found my Alice costume and look there's the tiny cake and

The Tiny little sprinkles also the tiny icing! Lola shout.

I have to eat it for Lola anyway it won't work right? Thought Lola oh no thought Lola it did work this house is humungous but at least I can sneak into palaces, I can live in a doll house, I can go in my friends pockets and I can have a bed made of money thought Lola. Look there's my friend I can hold onto her shoe laces to get her attention thought Lola "rrrrrrr it's like a rollercoaster!" shouts Lola

I wish I could be big again shouts Lola with anger. I will vomit up the cake and then eat my vomit thought Lola. "3 2 1" shouts Lola vomit tastes gross but it works.





## **Treasure Adventure** by Raphael Goldman Grade 4 Tucker Road Bentleigh Primary School

One day, Jim and John were watching TV when an advertisement appeared.

"Find the treasure in this tree and you will get gold from me" said a creepy man.

"Let's go find the treasure" said John.

"No" pleaded Jim.

"I'll give you all the treasure" said John, in a persuading tone.

"Hmmm", thought Jim. "Fine, let's go".

"Yessssssss" beamed John and jumped off the couch.

Meanwhile, SOMETHING else was hunting the treasure!

"Okay. Let's pack" said John enthusiastically. "Clothes, check. Food, check. Axe, check. Water..."

"Enough! Let's just pack everything" said Jim.

"Deal" replied John. An hour later they left on their journey, but they had no clue where they were going. John remembered a river on the TV, so they headed towards it. They dashed through the dark streets and empty playgrounds until they came to a forest.

"It's quiet" said John.

"Creepy" said Jim, as they entered into the forest.

ROAR!

"What was that?" shouted John. Just then, they saw the river ahead, so they rushed over to find the treasure.

"Finally" said Jim as they approached the riverbank. The pair were excited and began running around playfully.

SPLASH!

"Nooooo" shouted John as he desperately pulled Jim out of the river. John spied a shadow moving in the distance. "Okay let's just keep moving" John whispered.

"I want to go back home?" said Jim and began walking away.

Suddenly Jim felt a sharp prod on his head.

"What was that?" said Jim confused.

"Nice reflexes" laughed a bull as he stroked his horns.

"That treasure is mine," shouted the bull and ran over to the tree.

"Okay, time to finish what we started" Jim cried. He sprinted towards the bull and hid. He saw the bull scurrying around the tree to find the treasure.

"Step away from the tree" shouted Jim.

"You again" said the bull, as John came running up with their axe. SLICE! The bull was defeated. They could finally find the treasure and go home.

They found the treasure and opened the box. "What?" shouted Jim.

"There's nothing inside" sobbed John.

What an adventure!



### **The Cabin** by Margot Gornall Grade 3

I saw the place I've been looking for from longer than I remember. It looked different than I was picturing. It looked like someone was living there, that's impossible. Creeping closer I noticed a fence higher than a mountain. How do I get through?

I walked into the eerie forest nearby and grabbed a vine. I raced out and thankfully made it back to the fence. I threw the vine over a nail at the top of the fence and tugged it to make sure it was safe. I climbed up the vine and thankfully made it over without getting hurt. I walked to the cabin lightly on my feet, then tiptoed inside.

"Aah!" I fainted.

When I woke a couple of hours later I was surprisingly sitting on a couch with a blanket next to a fire. I was confused.

"Hello", I yelled, but there was no response. Shivers went down my spine as I heard groaning from the back room. I opened the door with fear but no one was there. The power turned off, it was darker than the fear I felt right now. I screamed as I bumped into something furry as I was running to the door. I kept running outside, it was pitch black. I turned around and there it was! Fear was pouring from my eyes as I stared at the creature. It looked timid.

I stared for a moment and said "I'm not trying to hurt you. I just want to solve the mystery of the boy who went missing here never to return. Is that you?"

The monster nodded.

I gasped! The monster shrunk to a boy.

"What happened to you?" I asked.

"I had a fight with my Mum and ran away, I've been afraid ever since. The fear turned me into this hideous beast, I'm a coward".

"No, listen to yourself. I'm not leaving until you come with me. Your Mum's been searching for 5 years".

"Now that I'm a boy and not afraid anymore, I guess I'm ready to return. Thank you".

"You're welcome". "Let's go".



### **The Christmas Disaster** by Poppy Gouin Grade 4

"TIC, TIC, TIC," abby who is 9 years old has georgeous strawberry blonde hair and was wearing a furry green grinch onsie was 45hristmas to the clock as it ticed. "YES, only eighteen more hours till 45hristmas morning," Ella said 45hristmas as she jumped up and down. Ella was Abbys younger sister she had long blonde hair and she was also wearing a fuzzy green grinch onsie. Today was 45hristmas eve and abby and ella could not wait. Every two secends Abby looked at the big grand-father clock they had in the hall way. "Girls, dinner time" yelled mum out to Ella and Abby. Mum made the absolote best curry sausages ever. As we ran down the stairs our dogs bobby who is a pooodle and leo how is a pug ran I front of Ella, she toppled of an started balling her eyes out. I could see that Ella was in pain mum could not see us so she rushed to us "mum it hurts so bad." While I tried to get the fall of my mind dad took Ella to the 45hristma. A few hours later mum 45hristma a text message , it was from dad, mum read it out loud "Ella just went for a x-ray and her leg is broken" mum and I gasped in shock "what about 45hristmas" I muttered. "she'll be alight,I hope" said mum nervously. It was 45hristmas morning, normally Abby get so excited but all she could think of was Ella. It was two hours later and Abby had not come down the stairs yet. Two more hours past and Ella bursted the door open and she was fine. " I am home, and my leg turns out to be fine" screamed Ella in 45hristmas45 So then they all opened there presents and had a wonderful 45hristmas.

### **The Secret Cave** by Brylie Hamilton Grade 3

Once there was a girl who lived with her mean aunty and the aunty's fat dog which was as big as a skateboard. He took over her room. She was so sad. Then her aunty said to her, "you have to sleep in the attic." "Nooo," the girl yelled. Then one night when her aunty was asleep, she escaped. She got rags from the cupboard and tied them together, then escaped. She ran to the gate which was blocked with wood and behind bushes. Then she saw a gap in the wood. She ran down the path to her favourite lake. When she got there she felt something wrong. When she stated at the waterfall she saw a cave!

She went behind the waterfall. Then she saw reeds hanging from the roof. She got an idea. She ran to her house and she sneaked around the house to the shed and grabbed the wheelbarrow. Then she went up to her room and wrote a list of things what she was going to put in her cave. Then she grabbed all of her teddies and blankets and put them in the wheelbarrow. Then she got on the pc and ordered a freezer, lights, tv, couch and carpet. She went down to the cave with her wheelbarrow and put all of the teddies and blankets on the floor. Then she went outside and saw the things she bought were outside. She grabbed them. She put the freezer in the corner. Then she put the tv up and put the couch in front of the tv. Now her secret cave is finished.



### **The Mission** by Lola Hammond Grade 3

Once upon a time there lived a dragon. But she was not scared unless her assistant wasn't around. Her assistant's name was Chewey and she was a cat. But one day they were on a mission. That mission was left to go and save all of the gemstones – fire, ice, earth, and wind. So they went into the forest to search and they looked on the map and when they flipped the map over they found a note. The note said "if you don't find all the gems the whole world will be infected with bad sicknesses forever". So they looked and looked then they found one. Yay! They had three left to find. They found two more but they couldn't find the last one. It was so hard to find and they were running low on time. Until they saw something glowing in a tree and it was the last gemstone. "Yay! We did it!" they said. They had saved the world and they lived happily ever after.

### **The Rainforest Adventure** by Marlow Hamlett Grade 3

As a dark, cloudy sky drizzled over the rainforest of Brazil, the animals grew stronger and taller as the rain covered them. Brazil is full of incredible animals such as slow sloths, fast jaguars and colourful toucans.

Two boys were walking into the forest. They heard a squawk, they sensed a rustle in the bushes, they were feeling on edge. A snake was slithering slimily towards the entrance to the forest. They kept walking and saw the snake, they screamed in fear "What are we going to do?" They cut course and ran until they felt like their lungs would burst, they needed to stop for a breather.

"I think we are lost!" Said the oldest boy, feeling scared. "Let's climb that massive tree to get a better view of where we are." They approached the tree which looked even bigger when they were standing under it. It was a slow and difficult climb, after some slipping and sliding, they made it to the top feeling shaky and very hot and sweaty. They could just see where they had come from and figured out they needed to head left, right, then left again. The climb down the tree was almost more difficult than the climb up, the drizzle had made the tree so slippery.

They began their journey again and followed the directions of left, right, left but their plan didn't work. They were still lost and didn't recognise anything around them.

"Oh no", answered the younger boy, "Hey, it looks like human footsteps", he says pointing to the footprints in the rocky mud "let's follow them." They walk along the rocky track for a few kilometres and eventually found their way back to the overgrown entrance. They were so excited.

The next day the two boys went to school and told all of their friends about their holiday and how scary it was. This was an adventure they would never forget.



## **The Elemental GECHBF** by Cole Hawkins Grade 3, Koonwarra Village School

Once upon a time, in the realm of GECHBF (giant electric chickens that breathe fire) beings, there lived a GECHBF named Pollo. He was spoiled and adventurous, and one day, Pollo got bored of just the two elements (lightning and fire). He wanted the earth element.

"I want the earth element," Pollo said to his friends Harry and Dean one day "you can't!" said Harry and Dean together "it's impossible!" "Well, I'm going to!!!".

So, Pollo set off on his journey to get the earth element

Pollo had been walking for hours before he finally reached the Kraken Forest, named after the legendary Kraken that lived in a lake in the heart of the forest.

Then out of nowhere, a GEF (giant earth fox) jumped out of the bushes at me. Pollo quickly ran through the forest, and after 10 minutes, he found a house that looked spooky with a battered old sign. Pollo didn't want to go in, but he didn't have a choice. Pollo barged through the door, slammed it shut, and locked it.

Pollo turned around and saw his best friend, Amberforth. "Hi Amberforth," said Pollo "hi Pollo," Amber said, "do you have any absorbing potion" Pollo noted "as a matter of fact, I'm making some right now. Do you want some?" said Amber forth "yes," said Pollo. So, Pollo took some and walked out the door to find the GEF chasing its tail. But when it saw Pollo, it started running at him, and Pollo had to jump over the GEF to dodge it. Then Pollo threw the bottle up in the air, and there was a blinding flash, and Pollo felt like his powers were getting drained out of him. Then the potion fell, and Pollo caught it. The potion had patches of red, yellow, and green. Pollo drank it and tried using fire. It worked, so he knew that he still had his powers. Then, he tried punching the earth, and it made an earthquake. So Pollo had fulfilled his journey to get the earth element.



## **Exploding Dino Island** by Darcy Heal Grade 4 Fish Creek Primary School

Rararr pffffs BOOM shshshww SPLASH! Went the volcano as it was waking up for the day.

Ring ring ring "hello" said Steven "hello" said a mysterious person. "We have had a mysteries reeding of an island just off Africa" said the mysteries person "okay I'll be there".

The next day. WOCA WOCA WOCA went the helicopter. Everyone gathered around. "Okay Bob and Johny, you search the tunnels. Steven and Jo, you search the jungle" said Tim.

Creek! A door slid open, Bob and John climbed down the ladder. When they reached the bottom, Bob saw movement. Then he screamed "Barayonyx!" as lava poured in from the roof. The Barayonyx charged towards him, Johnny yanked Bob up as the Barayonyx just missed him. Bob pulled out his tranquilizer gun and shot it. The Barayonyx fell asleep. The walkie talky screeched as Bob said "we got a Barayonyx, send out a truck".

Into the jungle Steven and Jo were tracking down a big carnivore. Sweat was dripping from their pee foreheads, "where is that dinosaur?" Steven mumbled. Suddenly a deep growl shocked them as they peered throe the shrub. Two Allosaursues where drinking from a big lagoon. Jo pointed his tranquilizer at the big dinosaurs. He got both of them. Screech went the walkie talky as Steven said "we caught them. Bring a helicopter to get them".

At the dock they were loading lots of big and giant different species like Allosaurus, Carnotaurus, Cryolophosaurus, Ankylosaurus, Triceratops, Thosauruserizin and Baryonyx.

"Get that Spinosaurus here now" snapped Tim into the walkie talky. Cracks of lava start to swell, exploding out of the Earth. Waves started to swell, they were moving like Olympic runners getting bigger by the second. "We need to evacuate!" yelled Tim.

As the ship sailed to the new island, some dinosaurs were trying to escape by attacking the cages, growling and hooting. When the ship reached the island, the dinosaurs ran into the jungle. They saw some Pteranodons flying over with a Quetzalcoatlus.



## THE HAUNTED CAMP by Spencer Heal Grade 3

One day I went to a camp and then at night creepy things started to happen. I went outside and I saw the siren head cartoon cat and the demogorgon. I ran back inside but I saw a Smiler dog. I went to my room and woke up Jake and Sam, but if I woke up Oscar he would go oger boger. I said Shosh to Jake and Sam because the Smiler dog is inside and the demogorgon is outside and the siren head too. I went to wake up the camp onus and I said three monsters outside and 1 inside maybe. I do not know.

I ran back to my room and woke up Lawson. I said get dressed and sharpen a stick and come outside and can you please follow me around these corners. These 3 monsters, their name are Siren head cartoon cat and the demogorgon and inside smiler dog come inside and can you kill

Smiler dog for me please. Let's go to your room where Jake and Sam are on the lookout for more monsters. Let's have a break and play some video games and let's go to sleep and in the morning, let's lock all of the doors. Sam you go outside and distract the demogorgon and put it in a tiny place and trap it there and siren head to. Jake, you kill cartoon cat and Sam did I mention that to leave them there to starve to death and I will kill cartoon dog and go go go 1 hour later. Ok how did it go Jake and Sam. Good ok let's go to sleep and tomorrow I will defeat all of the monsters together. The next day. I'm going to kill them now by 1hour later GUYS!GUYS! The monster is destroying the camp you two need to defeat the monster now 1 hour later we did it we defeated the monster in the end.







## **The Multiverse** by Micah Helps Grade 4 Koonwarra Village School

This is Bob the snake, and Fredy the wolf spider. Many people might be scared of them, but they are best friends and do everything together. They both also have superpowers.

Bob can travel through the multiverse, and Fredy can teleport to any place or time that he thinks of. Together they are unstoppable.

They have battled not one, not two, but ten super villains. They have sent each one to the super prison with their tails between their legs.

This mega quest begins on a Sunny Sunday. It had been 2 yays (4 human years) since the last villain came forward. Bob awoke with ideas buzzy through his brain. "I am now super recharged after such a long break. We have defeated all the villains in this multiverse. Maybe Fredy and I could explore another and see if we can lend them a hand," he thought.

Bob quickly went and told Fredy of his wonderful plan. Fredy was super keen. "I've wanted some extra excitement in my life since quest number 10. So, I think it is a brilliant idea to go help some others," Fredy agreed. "you head off now, wear this beacon backpack, and I'll track you", Fredy suggested. With a good luck, thanks, and a blink of an eye, Bob was gone.

As Bob stepped through the multiverse wormhole, he found himself instantly stuck in a ball of copper. Although he tried to escape, he was stuck in the tangle until Fredy came to save him 1 week later. But as soon as Fredy teleported, he also got stuck in a ball of copper. Luckily Fredy's weakness is titanium so he could teleport out of the trap.

Fredy ran to save Bob. They had to work together to get out of the nightmare real but when they finally did they were so happy. It was clear that this realm created any nightmare situation for those who dared to entre. It could not be defeated.

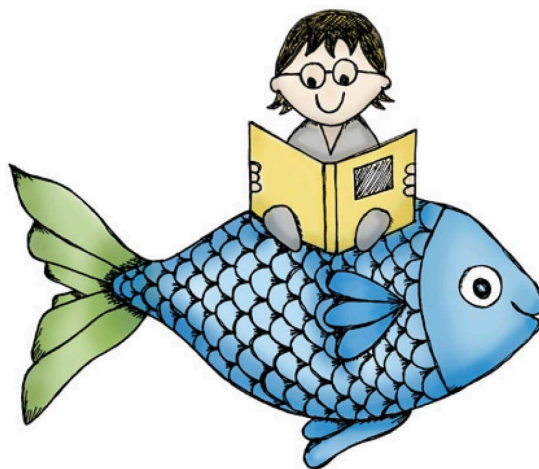
Fred grabbed onto Bob and teleported them both to a different realm ready to lend a hand and defeat evil.



## THE RESCUE by Param Hemanth Grade 4

Once upon a windy night there lived a fawn laying down on the grass, waiting for his mother to come back. The lightning flashed and rain poured down. The fawn's mother came back in a rush. The grass swished around in the darkness of the night. The fawn's baby brother was already sleeping. Due to the heavy rain and wind their house got damaged severely. The next day, they went to the dragon's palace to request them to build a new house. So, the fawn's mother said, "can you please build us a house?" The ancient dragon said, "well that's totally okay, but you must sacrifice your children to us." The fawn's mother begged! The cruel dragon bluntly said, "or sacrifice yourself instead of your children!" The mother looked down at both of her children. The fawn's mother unwillingly agreed to the dragon. The dragon asked the fawn for his name. The fawn said, "how could you, you beast!" "JUST TELL ME YOUR CRAZY NAME!" screamed the dragon. "Serperior" replied the fawn. "So, what about your little brother, does he have a name?" asked the dragon. "No", Serperior said. "Then his name will be Moonseeker", replied the dragon. The guards took them to a dungeon and placed them in a cell. "Oh no, they lied to us" Moonseeker sobbed. Serperior and Moonseeker started digging to the other side, they were so fast at digging and managed to get out! They called the other animal group leaders and asked for help to rescue their mother and the other villagers who were captured in the dungeon for the dragon's feast. They snuck in managing to sneak past the guards. Once they had opened all the cell gates an alarm went off. The dragon was captured, he begged everyone for mercy and their only question was "where is our mother!" The dragon replied, "your mother is taken to the kitchen."

The siblings rushed to the kitchen and rescued their mother. The villagers ran towards the three deer and gratefully thanked them. The deer family was once again reunited!





### **The Escape** by Luca Henning Grade 3 Fish Creek Primary School

I was awakened to see my dad was at the door shouting at me to get up for school. When I got to school, I heard a weird sound. From the  $\frac{3}{4}$  classroom I wondered what that sound was. When I got to my  $\frac{5}{6}$  classroom I wanted to go back. To that sound that I heard before the bell rang. when I got there all I saw was my friends they were laughing their heads off. Bang before now it I was in a different dimension. I heard a sound from a house in the horizon. I looked around. For my friends all I saw was a worm hole and the horizon. Soon I went to the house... before I knew it I was being dragged away by nothing. I was in a chair with chains on me locking me up. Soon I was in bed thinking what just happened. I heard a weird sound from outside. Then I was in the attic and I realised that this is a haunted house. I thought I could get back to the worm hole and get back home and never come back to this place. When I woke up I had to find a way out of this place. I heard a scream from outside I looked out of the old rugged window. When I looked out the window I saw the wall was like a ladder. I found out that I could climb down the wall. I decided I would climb down the ladder. So I did I could see the glow of the worm hole. When I got down the I think one of the ghosts saw me they started to chase me so I ran as fast as I could. Soon the worm hole was feet away then I jumped in to the worm hole. Soon I was back with my friends I was so happy that I was back at school. When I got home I hugged my parents like never before. When I got back to school all I did was learn maths.

### **The strangest business trip** by Roxy Hoekstra Grade 4 Fish Creek Primary School

Smiling, I opened the door looking for my husband to go on a business trip. I was so excited to go! But the bad thing was that our dog Rocky had to stay at the kennels for two days. I was so sad he couldn't come but I guess this was important for work. I got in the car with my husband and we went off.

We got to the ginormous airport but suddenly the wind changed. I walked only one step and the ground rumbled, I heard a sound from the staff room so I walked in slowly and everything went black, I couldn't see a thing! I walked backwards and fell over. I suddenly woke up. But for some reason I was on the plane.

I don't remember a thing, I hit the seat and fell asleep, but for some reason I knew. It felt like I was in an illusion, I looked around slowly and saw my husband. He was sleeping as well, it felt so weird, but I woke up again I'm in the jungle!

The jungle was full of trees and animals. It was dense with green shrubs.

A strange insect came over to me and started to hiss fiercely! I walked backwards slowly and suddenly fell, I hit the ground as hard as a twenty-pound rock! It hurt like a blue bottle biting your arm. I fell back so hard. It feels so weird I thought I was dreaming but it was definitely real. My husband questioned me if I was ok and I said yes, I don't know if I'm sure though. We walked around the jungle and explored. I touched his shoulder and couldn't feel him! I wanted to go home, but then I heard light whispering. All I can see is black mist. All I could smell is smoke and I can feel it going through my lungs! I couldn't figure out where it was coming from, the smoke was booming through my lungs, I fell, I cried and I felt my soul leave my body as I deflated slowly...



### **The Fishing Trip** by Cody Humphrey Grade 4

One day I went to find my friends at seven forty five in the morning, to ask them if they wanted to go on a fishing trip with me. They all said yes. So then we left. We got out to the right spot and started to catch some fish for dinner. We were going back home but the boat ran out of fuel. Sharks circled our boat from all directions. They looked like they would eat you all up for lunch. We all asked each other what to do. In the distance we saw a boat, it was a big boat like a ship, and it looked like it was coming to us. It wasn't stopping, it looked like it was going to hit us. We had to jump on the count of three. One..two..three.. JUMP! We all had to jump into the water we splashed, swimming as far as we could. I looked up there was two people in a little boat fishing. We asked if we could join them. I was so surprised that they said yes. We had a good time with the other people. We caught a lot of fish, but they were all very small so we released them all back in to the water. It was an action packed day and we came home with no fish for dinner.

### **Heal Country** by Isobel Hunt Grade 3, Kongwak Primary School

Womindjeka come on let's look at wildlife  
As the water flows fast  
the animals drink from the river  
The echidnas eat ants and the dingoes play  
Bundjil soars through the stars in the sky  
and hunts for food



**Womindjeka** by Mikayla Jeffries Grade 4 Kongwak PS

Womindjeka follow me as we share our stories, culture and our land.  
Let's watch the stars and birds fly past as we play by the moonlight .  
This is the land of the Boonwurrung.

Mirnian moon

Burrun night  
Turt stars  
Biik land

Come and join us as we sit by the campfire

A cold breeze of wind comes by, as it rains.

The wallabies hide in their warm cosy burrow

We go inside our hut as we sit and watch the campfire go out.

Weembee Wallabies  
Wind munmut

**The honest truth** by Mieka Johnson Grade 4 Fish Creek Primary School

As I glared at the stars I saw it, I couldn't believe my eye's as blue and as bright as can be the seven sisters. So slowly and softly without a peep I went back to bed knowing they where watching over me. When I woke up I went on my morning walk and then u f no!!! Had I really seen the Pleiadean mother ship! before my eye's I had lost gravity and was now floating! Was I getting pulled up to the mother ship? With a flick of a finger I was in a whole other room and there where these people where they Pleiadean's I thought to myself, they were trying to talk to me but I couldn't understand. Instead I said "i...come...from...planet...earth...i...com...in...peace" they looked at me and rolled there eye's then pressed a button and I shot back down to the ground with a BANG!!!the next thing I know I am in a hospital bed with my parents surrounding me one on the bed and the other talking to the 500 doctors in the room. I felt fine but I sure didn't look it well some things don't end with a happily ever after. THE END



### **The Magic Door** by Samuel Johnston Grade 3

One evening Jeffry Baysos got up and he noticed a funny looking door. He opened the door and fell in. His dog Bibby jumped in after Jeffry. Ah!!! He finally got out of the malfunction and landed in the sewer. Raf! Bibby jeffry complained with a dumb voice. Aw!! He opened the sewer gate and World war II was on. ( Jeffry Baysos went back in time)

Daffy duck what are you doing here?

Pow whats up.

Are you on team solar panel or pig savana?

Daffy asked. I don't know?

Listen duck Jeffry said.

Daffy duck Daffy duck said look I don't understand I came here and I didn't mean to come.

Nonsense! daffy yelled!

"The war is over," a soldier asked in a heart voice, ``Daffy Duck got sent to his own universe and Jeffry died because he decided it was time for him to pass away. But Jeffry Baysos went back to the future such as bibby his wife got very scared and called an private investigators team to find Bibby and Jeffry's wife didn't care so much about Jeffry so much about Bibby and she slapped Jeffry in the face and because of all the nonsense he told Jeffry the end!!

### **The Cliff** by Tully Knee Grade 3

Ella almost fell off a cliff into the ocean. Do you want to know why then keep reading?

Once when Ella was fishing she caught a fish then she looked in her fish book it was not in there. Suddenly she saw something in the sky. Then the beach turned into a cliff and then she almost fell down.

Next time she went fishing she caught the fish. It was so strange that it did not happen. Ella was thinking of why it did not happen when she looked up and it happened. When Ella was safe she thaught it was very very strange. Then she kept thinking. "AAAA RRRR"Ella thought. How does that work.

Ella went fishing agian she looked up she saw it. Then she said "hey you why do you do that?"the thing came down. IT'S HER SUPERHERO HUSBAND. He said " hey babe". Then when they got home Ella yelled so much at her husband. Then after that he never did anything like that again. Or did he.



## **The Haunted House** by Jenna Kooloos Grade 3

"Now I don't want you two playing down by the Haunted House, you know it's playing with fire" said Ms Hughes sitting on her bright pick and white poker dotted cumfibal chair.

Lillyanna and Clira nodded as if they understood.

Five minutes later they reached the Haunted House they peered over the slimy greasy gate .

The garden

was sill , yucky and twiggy in the reeds something swade. Lillyanna and Claira shivered they were scared but did not give up, so they went on. Cautiously they looked over the orchard,the orchard was dark,green and gloomy. By the Hunted House they could see a greasy phone-case, a skeleton of a cat and a slimy yuck green cauldron.In the grass, something dark swayed.

Although it looked dangerous, Clira grinned at her friend. She took the vine that was dingle dangle from the roof of the Haunted House and swung out over the gate. Leaping backwards and forwards, she leaped like a round sparkly hoolahoop. Even though Lillyanna was laughing, inside her heart was thundering. It was her turn next.

"You scared?"asked Clira, staring at her.

Lillyanna did not want her friend to think that she was a coward, so she jumped up and dashed out but when she was half way over about to jump off, the vine snapped! Lillyanna crashed down into the yard on top of the skeleton. Clira grasped. Lillyanna was frightened of skeletons!!

Desperate,Clira leaped at the dust. At first, she did not know what to do? Then she saw red! It was Lillyanna's dress. Frantically,Clira grabbed it and tugged Lillyanna off the skeleton.

Lillyanna lay on the grass shivering and freaking out.

An hour later they ran and ran and ran, and finally they reached a shelter and that's what they need because it was hailing ,they were sad, lost and hungry, they wanted to go back home but they will be in so much trouble. But they had to because they were very hungry. So they had to face there fears, but they couldn't find there way back. They went this way and that and still could not find there way back,then they herd something then suddenly something grabbed Clira and Lillyanna they screamed, then they herd the voice! It was MS HUGHES they were relieved.

Ms Hughes you found us! "Can you lead us the was home please"said Lillyanna.

OK,BUT YOU ARE IN SO MUCH TRUBLE WHEN YOU GET HOME!!!!!!

One hour and five minutes later,they were laying down on Ms Hughes's lounge. They had to tell her what had happened and Ms Hughes did not let them out for a month they had to do remote learning!After all,she had warned them often enough the Haunted House was dangerous. They had been lucky this time.



### **The story of Sky and Molly** by Molly Kooloos Grade 3

Once there was a little girl named Sky ,living in a little house in town.

She was brushing her hair , putting her clothes on and packing her bag.

Time for school ! Said mum kissing Sky good by .

Sky arrived at school and walked through the door ,and sat down.

The teacher said " ,we're going to practice our times tables

So what's 2 times 8? 16, 3 times 9? 27, 8 times 9? 72 great your doing a good job "

LUNCH TIME! Everyone rushed out to the canteen for lunch.

There was big crunchy sounds it sounded like a stampede with super speed.

Sky sat at a table,a girl was at that table crying silently. Sky went over and said "are you okay my name is Sky." The girl said "I am sad because people are so mean to me and they call me names "

"Well just tell the teacher ",said Sky patting the girl on the back. Okay and my name is Molly said the girl. TIME FOR SPELLING said the teacher spreading the sheets on the tables

"I love spelling ," said Molly grabbing a pencil as she sat down on her chair

Sky and Molly work hard so hard that they got 10/10 and the teacher said they could have free time tomorrow or help the kids up the front.

Sky was going out the door when she saw Molly going to her desk.

What are you doing said Sky going to her. Are you going home said Sky staring at her.

No said Molly I stay here because I live here. You can live with me in my house said Sky squeezing her hand.

"Thanks Sky I would love to live with you so I will pack my bag and on late nights after school we can sleep over here "

So they live happily ever after. THE END





### **The Adventure** by Rachael Kooloos Grade 3

A year ago a 9 year old called Abby was the most popular girl in the school, she had long golden hair and she flicked her hair when she was flustered.

Abby was selfish, naive and bossy, her gran said "go to the hill and walk over the hilltop."

Abby did it 5mins later, as she walked over the top, she vanished ..... Abby went to the past she said "where am I?" "You're in the past and you must walk around the bend, through the forest and up the river, then the voice vanished.

20 minutes went by and Abby saw a girl she came towards her, the girl said "I'm Luna what's your name?" "I'm Abby can you walk with me?" "Sure" Luna said.

Luna and Abby walked.

The voice was back again, "...You have done the first bit but there is a big challenge ahead of you" "what, is this a challenge?" interrupted Abby as she flicked her hair.

The Challenge is to make it all around the bend, through the forest and up the river and you have only walked the bend" said the voice.

"We can take the challenge right Abby!" said Luna "right" said Abby so off they went.

"Now we have to go around the forest," said Abby "lets go through it, it will be faster" said

Luna "ok" so they walked through but they saw a herd of baboons "RUN" they ran and hid behind a tree but a baboon fell on Luna, Abby grabbed a big branch and whacked the

baboon, it came off "thanks" said Luna "Now lets follow the river" said Abby "Can we swim up the river" said Luna "Ok" said Abby. So they hopped in the river and they started to swim. 10

minutes later they were halfway up the river "can we take a break" said Abby "sure" said

Luna. 3 minutes later they were attacked by a swarm of hippopotamus they swam but the hippos were too fast so they went to the land so they were faster than the hippos. They got

away from the hippos so they started swimming again. They were almost done swimming when the voice was back "you have done my challenge, your friendship is strong but sadly you have to part to your own time so the friends cuddled and parted.

When Abby got back she was a new girl, she was kind, helpful and sweet because she knew more about nature. Her gran said "I was just like you when I was little, and my gran said the same thing and I walked the time shift. I was a new girl too!" "oh now I get it you wanted me to stop being so naive and bossy and the girl was never mean again.



### **The Happiest Fish** by John Kirton Grade 4

"I'm so bored".

He was a miserable and ordinary fish. One time he stumbled across grumpy, old, red crab. He said "You look silly, go north and you will find a cave" and the fish said "OK....".

The crab went back into its hole, buried in seaweed and giggled. The fish went to the rocky, dark cave and found a witchy-looking eel. The eel was green and toothy. The eel had made a soup. The fish leant back and bumped something into the soup and he drank it, and became happy.

### **The Birthday Party on the Moon** by James Laaks Grade 4

There once was a boy who wanted to have a birthday party on the moon. One day his dad was going to the moon. The boy named Joe asked if he could come and his dad said yes. When they got there the two listened to the blast of. "10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 blast off!" The rocket was zooming off. Then Joe and his dad forgot about the party supplies. When they hopped out they found out that they had no party supplies. But then the rocket disappeared. They were worried about having no oxygen.

Joe was getting really worried. His dad tried to calm him down. Soon an astronaut named Bob came to save them. Joe and his dad thanked the man. They hopped in the rocket and went home. They felt relieved.

### **The Secret Chamber** by Darcy Latham Grade 3

#### Chapter 1

On a warm sunny day I was playing soccer with Liam in my back-yard. Liam accidentally kicked the ball into the bush. I tried to get the ball but between the ball were prickles. But too late I fell into a creepy dark hole. As Liam walked off, as I screamed for help. I was so scared that I had to keep digging down soon I found myself in Greece chamber it was luxurious it had a bed and everything.

#### Chapter 2

Luckily I had a apple watch. which was basically a phone and taught me how to speak Greek. I didn't make many friends because I didn't go out only if I had to get food. One week later Natilie[ my mum] fell into that same hole, The next week Glenn[ my dad] two weeks later Sam and Liam fell in it was good to be with my family soon my Nana [Carol], heard about it and threw down a heap of stuff. Before she did that she called us on our phone to let us know there was a heap of stuff. She even threw down our big ladder!. Soon it felt like a camping trip for our entire life. Soon we had everything back at the house which Beavily [ my grandma] was taking care of.

The end



### **Zhayle's Dogs** by Zhayle Lawson Grade 3

Bella, Bonnie and Gianna are our dogs. Bella is the mum. Bella is dark brown, Bonnie is light brown and Gianna is black and white like a panda. When me and Tahlarah walk our dogs we go out bush near our Nan's house. I let the dogs off and we race each other all the way down the road and onto the dirt track. We turn around and race each other all the way back. The dogs always win. They're too fast for us!

We play with the dogs out the back of our house. We play fetch. I lie down on the ground and Bonnie bites me. I curl up but she pushes her nose in and sniffs around my face. Sometimes I play dead fish and she jumps and lands on me.

Bonnie was born in Nan's back yard behind some corrugated iron that was leaning against the fence. Me and my cousin Beverley crawled in behind the tin to pick the puppies up and play with them and rock them like a baby. We dipped our fingers in milk and the puppies sucked on them with their little pink tongues. We took the puppies on the trampoline too.

I'm going to ask Dad if we can have a barbecue in our back yard tonight. He has chops in the freezer and maybe we'll have sausages too. Afterwards we'll have roasted marshmallows. I love when they're roasted with chocolate. When you bite them the chocolate drizzles down. We'll feed some biscuits to the dogs. They have to sit before they're allowed to eat them.

Afterwards our dogs will sleep inside. They'll curl up on the lounge with us and we'll all watch a movie together.



### **Fairy Problem** by Molly Lees Grade 3

AHHHHHH! I can't believe I'm surrounded by water. Where am I? How did I get here? Why am I on this humongous big green thing? I look around. I see thousands of giant rocks. I see a big fat slivering snake oh no there's a big silky web

I smell nice fresh mint. If you're wondering who I am, I am a fairy and my name is Clover and my last name is Petal and I do have wings.

The only thing I remember is it was raining heavily. I really have to get to land because this could end really badly.  
I need to solve something.

AHHHHHHHHHHHH

A large whoosh of water is coming here...

It's a tsunami. What am I going to do? I think of a solution...maybe if I stand up on this leaf. I wobble a lot but then I put my hands out to help me balance.  
The wave lasted for more than ten minutes.

Finally the wave took me back to land. I couldn't believe it. I opened my eyes widely and I blinked. There was a big red roof as red as a cherry tomato with white polka-dots. I move my head up. I was shocked to see terrifically humongous big blue spiders.  
They were staring at me with their big shimmery black eyes. I think they're going to kill me...

Surprisingly i wake up, i'm on the big blue spiders back  
To my amazement in a little squeaky voice the big blue spider asked me if i'm ok. I nodded my head and said im lost.

I was washed away from my family. She asks if there's any way that i could help you out. Could you look out for a sparkly pink waterfall with green gems.

She scuttled along with her eight legs. From where I was sitting I could see a pink waterfall. We quickly marched there. But when we got there it wasn't the waterfall that I was looking for. We went back.

Then I suddenly wake up and I'm thankful it was a dream.



## **The kids are gone** by Sophia Licciardello Grade 4

There was a fish called flippers he loved his family and his kids. He would do anything for them but one day he was going to wake them up but they were gone. Flippers was freaking out he did not know what to do so in a rush he went and woke his wife up. His wife said "honey what is wrong" flippers replied with "the kids the kids are gone" the wife answered with "they are properly just hiding". "NO THEY ARE NOT" flippers yelled he was getting worried. He didn't know what to do he was running around like a mad man. He was yelling " KIDS KIDS KIDS COME HOME PLEASE" .Flippers was getting scared and upset his wife said "it is ok honey" but flippers replied "NO it is not ok. The kids they are gone what if they get hurt" his wife tried to comfort him she knew how much he cared about the kids. She said " honey let's go ask the people next door". He replied with "ok let's go ask them" . As flippers and his wife went next door flippers saw some other kids over the streets and there was a tear coming down his cheek his wife wiped it away and said " we will get them back I promise you" flippers said "I hope we do cause there are no children in the world who can replace my kids. "I know we are as lucky as can be" "we sure are " flippers replied . \*door creaks open\* "what do you want " an old lady replied "we have lost our children have you seen them" " no sorry dear" as the old women. Closed the door they heard a small echo of now where did I put my panties. Flippers was starting to lose hope but as they where walking back to the house they saw through a window there kids. But there knew they could not just baig in there and say put your flippers and fins in the air . So they called the fishy police and they came and barged through the door and the fish kids came running and said "mummy daddy you came and saved us" the parents replied with "of course we did why wouldn't we". The kids said "we thought you wouldn't notice we were gone " " we will never let you out of our site again. THE END 😊





### **Lily Lemon and the Castle of Darkness** by Tannah Lovie Grade 3

T'was an ordinary day in Fegville, Lily Lemon went to have her morning stroll when the sky became black. All the screens went black. A glitched message came through the speakers. "H-h-hey p-people o-of F-Fe-egville. R-recognise m-me?" The sky got darker. "SKY FRAYER?!?!". Lily screamed. "Oh no..." she whispered. She ran back home as fast as she could, packed her stuff and headed up the mountain to the balloon rental centre.

[27 minutes later]

"\*Huff\* do you \*huff\* have any hot \*huff\* air ball- \*weeze\* -oons?" Lily said with exhaust. "Ummm.... Yeah? Why?" the cashier man said with shock. "Well... I wanna go up to defeat Sky Frayer" she whispered. The man saw a spark of regret in her eye. "Take a-any M-m-ma'am!" He said breathing heavily.

"Right" Then Lily Lemon left with the balloon.

Immediately Lily started up the balloon and up she went!

[4 Long Hours Later]

"Ughhh. Am I there yet?" her phone replied "45 minutes until you arrive at your destination". Then, after 45 more minutes of suffering from boredom and stress she had arrived! Lily was so nervous. She needed to do what she couldn't do before. She couldn't let another town down.

Up in the clouds is where the castle of darkness is. Lily had to cross many booby traps to get to the portal of Sky Frayer HQ! "Alright!" Lily said, trying to sound confident. "We step here.. \*Boom\* Ahh.. Uhhh.. then here... Eeek!" After a while.. "Yes! Finally!" She stepped towards the portal...annnd.. \*Woosh!\* She saw Sky Frayer's face. Surprisingly.. Sky Frayer was a girl! And, a human! "O-oh.. hello L-ilac? Lizzy?" "It's Lily" "Oh.. why hello Lily! Hello best friend!" Sky Frayer said sarcastically. "This. Ends. Now!" Lily said confidentially.

Sky Frayer ran to one side of the room to grab her katana. Lily copied because she didn't know what to do. And they started fighting. Lily was done for until all the citizens of Fegville came to help!

[32 minutes later]

Sky Frayer was defeated! Fegville was saved!



## **The Tooth Fairy Witch** by Addie Manne Grade 4

"Ughhhh filthy children, another rotten tooth." The tooth witch grumbled. The tooth fairy witch takes all the children's rotten teeth and turns them into frogs. She then uses the slimy juice off the skin from the frogs backs and creates a magic formula, but you have to wait to find out more...

"Mum, dad look I lost a tooth!" yelled a young girl in excitement.

"Wow sweetie it looks a bit rotten we will have to take you to the dentist in the morning." exclaimed her dad.

"If you are lucky the tooth fairy is going to come" said her mother tucking her into bed.

(The witch is alerted that there is a tooth she needs to collect.)

"Go broomy" yelled the witch.

"STOP we are here!" The witch opened the old crusty window.

(Heavy Snoring)

"Ewwww she is snoring" mumbled the witch in a disgusted tone.

Creeeeeeekkkkkkkkk!!

"Huh" the girl woke up and began to scream when she saw the witch. The witch quickly grabbed the tooth and ran. "Go broomy go" she cried as she tried to escape. But the girl jumped onto the broom stick.

"Get off" the witch yelled.

"Noooo" the girl said.

"Fine you are coming home with me then" the witch grunted. As they flew to the witches home the girl suddenly changed her mind. She cried "I want to go home!"

The witch said "NO" in an angry tone, but the girl wouldn't take no for an answer and began to beg the witch, she yelled please over and over.

The witch finally snapped and gave into the young girl and turned the broom stick around.

They got to the young girls home and hovered outside her window for a moment before the girl climbed back through the window. She hopped into bed and drifted off to sleep. In the morning she woke up and couldn't tell if meeting the witch was real or all just a dream she then checked under her pillow and saw a shiny beautiful golden coin she knew she was safe for now...



### **Do not feed monkeys vegemite!!** by Khanh Matthews Grade 3

Do not feed monkeys vegemite!! One day at the zoo there was a guy named Joe, he loved the zoo and also feeding people vegemite. One sunny afternoon at the zoo, Joe asked the zookeeper where the monkeys were. "Hey zookeeper, where are the monkeys?" asked Joe "Just follow the map!" replied the zookeeper. Five minutes later, Joe found the monkeys and also a sign that read, DO NOT FEED THE MONKEYS VEGEMITE!! "But what happens when you feed monkeys vegemite?" Joe asked himself, "Well, only one way to find out." "OO-OO-AH-AH!!!!" screamed the monkeys. "Hey! What are you doing!?" shouted a grumpy zookeeper, "If you feed monkeys vegemite they go crazy!!" "Um, yeah I think that I learned that the hard way." exclaimed Joe "You're banned from this zoo!" roared the zookeeper. "Ok, I'll go to a different zoo." replied Joe.  
\*zookeeper face palms\*





**\*Weird day at school** by Bridget McLaren Grade 4 Poowong Consolidated PS

Miss Julia was wearing a red t-shirt with blue shorts these were her favourite colours. As soon as she walked into the classroom everyone started to laugh at her because her clothes didn't match. This made Miss Julia feel worried and upset to why the children are laughing so much.

Miss Julia asked the children to quieten down and sit in their seats to start writing their 6 times tables in their math's book. The children picked up their pencils and started with  $6 \times 1 = 6$ ,  $6 \times 2 = 12$  etc. Then Miss Julia walked closer to her desk, sat in her large brown leather chair and started working on the next task for the children to work on. She was starting to get very frustrated as the children kept laughing and talking to each other. Miss Julia grabbed her pencil, holding with both her hands on either side and snapped it in half CRUNCH!! All the children stopped what they were doing. They all looked at the teacher with shock. Miss Julia's face was all crinkly and red it looked like she was going to blow up. Max, one of the children exited the classroom to tell the principle that the teacher was going to blow up.

The children moved into the grade three classroom so Miss Julia could calm down. I started to sweat so I took off my jacket and then I put it in my bag, I was still very hot so I changed into shorts and then I put my pants into my bag too. I saw some smoke coming from Miss Julia's classroom. I then raced back into the classroom and quickly went to tell the teacher about the smoke. The teacher, Mr Black said, "What do you mean?" Walking closer to the door Mr Black slightly opened the class room door and then five teachers came running down the hallway with buckets of water to extinguish Miss Julia's fire ball of anger.

All of the children heard this weird noise outside the classroom and it sounded like this WONK, WONK, WONK all the children were so frightened they all hid under the black and green cupboard. They waited 10 minutes and the teacher came back to say it was all safe to go back into the classroom.

All the children returned back to the classroom and went to their desks, sat down in their chairs and finished writing their 6 times tables out. The children never said another nasty word to upset miss Julia again, they all leant to be kind to their teachers.



## **Homer and SpongeBob** by Luke Meade Grade 4 Fish Creek Primary School

Pop pop pop goes the transportation machine. Bang! Goes the transportation machine as it stops in Spring filled. But then a Earth quake happened and after the Earth quake the transportation machine fell apart and Homer seen SpongeBob.

With a fish bowl on his head. SpongeBob is devastated that the transportation machine cannot take him home. Homer let SpongeBob know that he can fix the transportation machine. So, Homer went to his thinking place at the, Kristy Berg but Homer cannot think of nothing. So, Homer went back to his house and tried to put the transportation machine to gather Homer made the transportation machine to gather. But then a aftershock happened, after the aftershock a storm happened.

The storm hit the transportation machine and the transportation machine was on fire. You could smell the smoke you could see the fire and you could hear the fire trucks. When the fire was out there was nothing left of the transportation machine it was just ashes. So, Homer hades to find the pieces. For the transportation machine so Homer starts looking for the pieces. [5 hour later] Homer just find the first piece. For the transportation machine so Homer goes home.

To put in his shed and then Homer goes to go and get more pieces but then SpongeBob asked can he come with him Homer said "yes."

[15 hours later] Homer and SpongeBob have 5 more pieces for the transportations machine and Homer start building the transportation machine. After Homer had built the first half. SpongeBob went in the house as well as Homer went out to find more pieces for the transportation machine. [10 hours later] Homer just find one pieced for the transportation machine. Homer goes home to put the pieces in his shed. Once homer done that he went out again [5 hours later] Homer has all the pieced for the transportation machine so homer putters the pieces all together.



### **A secret place** by Zac Meade Grade 3

Once a upon a time in a mansion in a forest, a tornado came by and the mansion got swooshed away. It swooshed the forest away as well. Inside the mansion there were two brothers named Jack and Hunter they ended up in a town called OZ. They met two more kids named Og and West. The kids were scared Og and Wests, mum and dad looked Jack and Hunter. Jack and Hunters dad passed away but their mum was alive. Their mum had diabetes. The next day Jack and Hunter met Glinder who was magic. Jack and Hunter really wanted to go home, Glinder was trying to send them home. Jack lived with Og and his mum and dad. Where as Hunter lived with West for now. That night Jack had a nightmare, it was about there mum and how he missed her so much. The next day Glinder tried and she got the magic spell working. Jack and Hunter jumped inside their mansion. Glinder did the spell and it took the boys up into the sky to go home. Jack and Hunter said "we are going home!" Og and West jumped in the mansion as well but then the spell stopped in the deadly desert. Then they were found by some gnomes. The gnomes took them as prisoners and put them in a dungeon. Inside the dungeon it smelt like a dead mouse, cow and sheep all at once. The gnomes fed them the leftovers and Jack heard one night when we get fat they will eat us. The kids were scared at night and they felt homesick missing their mum and dad. That night the four kids escaped, on the way they met a dog named Toto. Jack got Toto and the gnome king got really mad!

"Get them!!" Said the king

"Don't let them escape!"

The boys and the dog got into the mansion and the spell worked again. They took Og and West home then they went home to their mum. Their mum kissed them and they lived happily ever after.



### **The two sausage dogs** by Cody McCallum Grade 3

One day there was two sausage dogs. Their names were Marlee and Bluey. They were playing outside chasing butterflies in the garden when their owner accidentally left the gate open. So Marlee and bluey took this as an opportunity to explore and ran out of the front yard heading down the street. Bluey and Marlee didn't make it that far until they noticed a van that said pet control was chasing them down the street. The two dogs ran to the park and down a little hole under the slide and hid while they waited for him to leave once they thought the pet control left they hopped out of the hole.

They decided to explore even more of the town barking at every dog they see and chasing the birds and cats. They eventually made it to a paddock where a huge horse named billy lived, billy was a grumpy old horse and did not have patience for two naughty little sausage's he asked them angrily "what are you doing in my paddock" Marlee and bluey were scared they have never seen such a big horse before "I'm sorry but we are on the run from the pet control please can we hide here until he's gone" billy just stared at them and decided that he will help them they must have caught him on a good day. But just when they thought they were safe the pet control looked in the paddock and found them he started chasing them back home, lucky for them their owner Cody was home from work as soon as he saw them he ran over and opened the gate and let them in just in time now on the two dogs never left home except for when they went for walks.

### **The Camping Trip** by Charlie McEwan-Threlfall Grade 4

Ok so you want to go camping today? I said and Tommy said yes very excitedly and then I said ok we can go camping today. And tommy, jumped in air very happily and we started to pick up things and take them with us like, 2 flashlights 2 tents a pack of marshmallows and 2 sleeping bags and we drier to the camp site it took us 1 hour and 34 minutes to get there when we got there we set up, The tents and we made the camp fire it took, 57 minutes to make the tents and the camp fire and when me and Tommy made the camp fire, We got out the marshmallows and cooked them over the camp fire but when we where cooking the marshmallows, Tommy heard a noise and suddenly a green brown wet slimy and soggy monster.

Me and Tommy were scared we sprinted to the car and quickly opened the car door and got in the car started the car zoomed home it took me and Tommy, 1 hour and 29 minutes to get home but when me and Tommy got home the monster, was there we were dead but suddenly the monster stopped walking towards us and said "hi its me your friend Tom". Me and Tommy were shocked, it was Tom! the whole time? "You were the monster" then Tom said yes I said what happened to you? then tom said "I was camping like you two but I fell down a cliff and in to mud and I was looking for help and I found you two and tried to ask you two for help but I must of scared you by accidently whist trying to ask you for help" Tom said. Next, we cleaned up Tom because he had mud on him and we just did random stuff after we cleaned Tom.



### **Shrek's Birthday on the Moon** by Ruby Marcus Grade 4

Once upon a time on the 29th of June it was Shrek's birthday. Shrek happily said, "I want to go to the moon today."

Fiona replied, "All sorted I got a rocket ship last night".

So, he was on the moon in ten hours Shrek was so happy. But he was so annoyed. He couldn't eat cake or drink anything because he had a helmet on.

When Shrek got home he was going to complain about everything. However, when he did get home, "SURPRISE!"

"Ahh," said Shrek.

"Did we scare you?" everyone asked.

"Yes, you did," said Shrek

So, Shrek enjoyed his birthday and forgot about the moon.

### **Rio** by Blue McCormack Grade 3

The big cars of Rio halted to a stop on the main street. Lee and Glim sit in the front of a ute. Honks flood their ears. Lee wears her denim jeans, a stripy top and a blue book and is very smart. Glim wears turquoise dotted pants, a red top with a green diamond in the middle and a rainbow bag and is very sporty they both adore animals.

They are heading to a mountain full of trees and unique animals.

As they drive up the roads they see amazing animals like monkeys, sloths, jaguars and snakes a waterfall appeared as they drove in the entry collapsed "NO" screamed Glim, "luckily we have food, water and other supplies" replied Lee. They see butter-flies and other animals they made camp and ate. a monkey came in through a crack in the entry. "We are never going to get out of here" sighed Glim "I know" said Lee.

"But we could use our supplies". "How about hammers, pliers, scissors" suggested Glim "no not them replied Lee" "ANIMALS AND ROPE"! screamed Glim perfect applauded Lee. Now if we tie the rope on to us then a animal we can get out how about the strongest ... A few hours later tie tie crack keep going YES screamed Glim and Lee at the same time. After a while every-body calmed down they told them what happened.



## **The Astronauts** by Gabrielle Merino Grade 4

There once was a dog and a cat, they were astronauts. The dog was called Bobby and the cat was called Mimi. One day they drove to Astronaut Land. In Astronaut Land there are lots of rockets and a food court which Bobby loved. Bobby and Mimi waited about three hours until they could get their rocket from Astronaut Land. Not long before they got on their rocket, they got their clothes. Bobby dropped his food on his clothes. Lets not worry about that. After that they got on the rocket. Bobby said "Oh no, I forgot my FOOOOOOOOOD!! Bobby started banging on the rocket saying 'Let me out! Mimi was sooo confused. Mimi started controlling the rocket. Oh no Mimi yelled. There's a big meteorite coming. Mimi was able to miss it, but suddenly there were ten more. Mimi did not know what to do. She asked Bobby to help, but Bobby was just eating.

They hit a ginormous meteorite, the rocket went down. Bobby didn't even realize because he was still eating. Mimi yelled at Bobby to stop eating and help her.. Mimi grabbed Bobby's hamburger and threw it in space.Mimi yelled to Bobby to help.. Bobby got up and wiped his mouth. Bobby said We're going down and will land on the ground. If we jump off in time, we can land in the ocean. Mimi said ok.

Mimi said jump on 1. 3 2 1 jump! They jumped off and landed in the ocean, the rescue team came and picked them up. Mimi and Bobby went back to Astronaut Land. Bobby ran as fast as he could to the food court. Mimi went and did a speech to tell people what happened in space. Mimi said that space was beautiful ... . Then it was Bobby's turn to do a speech. Bobby said he was eating food, but then Mimi threw my hamburger in space. After the speech Bobby and Mimi drove home. The whole ride Bobby wouldn't stop talking about different cheeses. Mimi said in a quiet voice help me.





### **The Very Crazy Cat and Dog** by Charleigh Miller-Sparkes Grade 3

Once upon a time there was a cat named Pud. Pud was very crazy but it was weird because he was a cat and he was still very little as he was 7 months old. It was like he thought he was a dog because he was acting like one...

Could he be trying to impress our crazy dog to like him. Our crazy dog's name was Trixie. She loved the water just like our cat Pud. Trixie was being crazy and she loved to be outside but then Pud was acting strange as he wasn't eating his wet and dry food. So we thought if we put Pud and Trixie together then they would stop being so crazy so we did...

We put them together and... they loved each other for a very long time. After a couple of months then we had to move. We had to give Pud and Trixie to our Dad and that made them very upset because dogs weren't allowed inside so Trixie had to stay outside for a couple of weeks. Then we moved to our new house. Then Pud and Trixie could come back from our Dad's house and come to our new house. Once we got them back we put them together again...

It took three hours before they were friends once again and they never split up ever again.

### **Lily's Ghost** by Charlotte Moon Grade 3

There where vines everywhere. The door was cracked. The window was cracked. Even the roof was cracked. Slowly the door creeped opened and the hallway was dark and creepy. Lily tiptoed down the hallway there where skulls on the walls. But what she didn't know was she was being followed by a ghost who died in the house a year ago. The ghost was following Lily. Lily was her daughter. There where dead bodies everywhere. Lily was shivering. Lily dies then she becomes a ghost. Finally, Lily gets to be with her mum. THE END!



### **The Secret Place** by Xavier Mortimer Grade 3

I wandered through the fiery landscape, dodging fireballs fired by weird, flying octopuses every now and then. I was dying of thirst but I had to find that portal I entered through. I think it was dark purple with a black frame, but I found a black stone building with some sus pigs... I'm going in. 1 minute later... "AAAAAHHH!!" "WHEE!!" "oops." I fell in lava. 'CoIDoG979 tried to swim in lava' "oh my @!/?</>\$!" I'm going back. 3 minutes later... "I'm lost again." "DAMMIT!!!" Ooh... I found a black skeleton thing. It looked like it was charred from all that lava. aah! EEH! OOF! ' CoIDoG979 was slain by wither skeleton" "third time's the charm!" When I entered my new portal, I walked into a fancy red brick structure! Just the place I was looking for! I walked around until I found a cube spewing out heads surrounded by floating orange sticks. These were what I had to kill! YES! I ran forward (luckily I brought a good sword) and destroyed the creatures until I got what I needed, some of those rods! Finally!!!

### **Rabbit City** by Aiya Murray Grade 3

I see the wild wind racing over the lush green hill. It smacks me off my feet tumbling down the hill. As I fall down the hill I see rabbits. Lots of rabbits! It's like a packed city but just filled with rabbits! I walk down Rabstar ST. It has little carrot houses filled with little rabbit families. Some are about as dumplings and others are about as big as a A4 piece of paper! The babies are like little fluffy furballs. It's so cute when they play together. "Wait why am shrinking"!!! "AAAARRRRGGGGHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

"Hello" said a really cute voice. (AAAAAWWWW) "My name is Cucumber." "Who are you?" I said confused. "A bunny du!" "Oh of course silly me." "Can you please help me get back to my normal size Cucumber" I say hoping she say yes. (Oh, by the way my name is Aiya.) Cucumber is a very cute little white thirteen-year-old bunny. "We can go to Auntie Fujies house," said Cucumber excitedly, "then you can eat the magic blue carrot!(wow!!!!)" "But you haft-o eat it by sun down" Cucumber said nervously. I screamed to Cucumber "RUN!!!!!!!!!!!! It's almost sun down!!!!!" "We have arrived at Auntie Fujies house." It is like an old antic painting. "Search every cupboard, shelf, nook and cranny." "I found it Aiya!" "Eat it now!" "Yum yum yum." "Hu where is Cucumber. "Oh well I hope to see you again."





**Alien Cow** by Noah Murphy Grade 4 Tucker Road Bentleigh Primary School

Once on planet Moink, there lived a colony of aliens. One day, the commander asked the head captain to, "Go to a planet with life, and take a sample." That captain left Moink, to look for a planet with life. Outside Moink's galaxy, Fernia, he found a planet that looked like it had life, and that planet was Earth. Once he entered Earth's atmosphere, he hovered over a cow pasture. He then picked up a cow from the pasture, and started to rendezvous to the outer layer of Fernia. Once he got to that layer, he did the next rendezvous to Moink. He then entered Moink's atmosphere, and he landed to unload the cow. Meanwhile, the farmer saw that 1 out of the 10 cows was gone. He tried to find the cow, but he angrily gave up. While that was happening, the aliens were doing tests on the cow. The final test, the combination test, the cow turned part alien, and started to walk around the colony. She then stole the head captain's UFO, and flew back to Earth. She unloaded herself, into her pasture, and stayed overnight there. In the morning, the farmer checked his cow pasture, and lying there, was a cow that looked purple, and green. He tried to scare the cow, but it stayed there, not waking up. He then picked up the cow, and carried it into his Ute. The cow suddenly woke up, and jumped out hastily. Turns out the farmer was going to an institute of technology. While that was happening, the cow ran back to the UFO, and flew back to Moink. She asked an alien scientist to make a spacesuit, just for her, to go to a planet with little to no oxygen. The scientist did, and gave the suit to her. She then took the UFO to Mars, and lived there, forever.



### **Farmer Sisters** by Madison Need Grade 3

One Monday morning two sisters were out on the farm with their dog Ruby. Their names were Lilly and Miley. They were out there at six o'clock in the morning.

Something didn't feel so right it was really quiet, normally Ruby's always barking really loudly. And so Lilly told Miley to put down her shovel and start to search for Ruby. At that time it was eight o'clock so they'd been working out on the farm for two hours straight. After thirty minutes Miley started to get worried that they'd never ever find Ruby or see her ever again.

She sparked an idea the best idea she'd ever had in her whole life. Lilly had read her mind and before Miley could say her idea Lilly said it first "How about we call our friends to help us" so they called their six friends and began to split up and search for Ruby and work their eyes out of their eye sockets.

when they find Ruby the people that find her will get an one thousand dollar voucher to go to gumbuya world and each team has a leader one teams leader is Lilly and the other team's leader is Miley. and after around four hours of searching the time was twelve o'clock and they heard a bark it sounded exactly like how Ruby barks all the time at home. And they followed the sound of the barking and saw Ruby at some strangers house sniffing Different spots around the outside of the house and guess who's team had found Ruby it was ...Miley's team had found Ruby before Lilly's team had and now they get to go to gymbya world and have a one thousand dollar voucher to go with it. Lilly and her team were really upset and really wished that they'd found Ruby before Mileys theme did and went to Gumbuya world with a one thousand dollar voucher with all of her best best friends and have fun on her favorite ride the tree swing but she'd lost it all over and she'd lost aw.



**Endangered** by Maya Newton Grade 4 St Joseph's Primary School, Wonthaggi

I look out my window at the giant gum trees swaying in the wind. The crisp green leaves rustling. The beautiful blue sky without a single cloud. I walk around my backyard. I see something different in one of the gum trees. As I approach, it begins to move. It's a koala. I can't believe it. An endangered animal is in my very own backyard. Across the road I see the black trees from the fire that destroyed my old house. Lots of koalas died that week. Now they're back. But we can't let anything else happen to them.

I hear crackling and bangs. It's a familiar sound. I know what's happening, it's happened before. Last time I was scared but now I feel braver. I run outside. The trees have caught fire but I see a baby koala on the ground. I go to the shed and get a box and a blanket. I pick the koala up and put it in the box. The beautiful gum trees are now black and hot, the blue sky is now filled with thick black smoke and the green crisp leaves are now lying on the ground covered in ash. I see my parents on our driveway. I run over and escape to safety.

We aren't very prepared. We're in a camping ground with beautiful trees and grass. But that doesn't make me smile because I know how quickly that can change. All we have is a two person tent, some snacks and the koala I saved. We try to decide on a name. Eventually, we agree on the perfect one. Blaze.

Colourful flowers grow across our green fields. Our beautiful house sits upon a beautiful hill surrounded by a beautiful garden. We have tall gum trees filled with wildlife. I see Blaze. She is with two other koala's. We have three endangered animals in our backyard. I can't believe it. We went from one fire to another. We went from a pile of ash to a house. We went from no koalas to three. We went from disappointed to hopeful.

**Staying up late** by Amy Nieuwerth Grade 4

Hi Amy how are you? Good thanks how are you? alright. Who else is coming to the sleep over? Jade and Madi. There here said Amy. Now can I go and play roblox. Yes you can Sophie said. Can you help me get into roblox. sure. Thanks Sophie. What is the time?10:00 Madi said. The next morning they woke up and they were tired. about 4 hours later they went back to bed because the were so so soooooo tired.



## **INSANE DAY** by Patrick O'Dwyer Grade 3

Ch1: The explosion.

One blazing summer day, Jackson, Jameson and I were playing the video game Minecraft. Suddenly Minecraft glitched and sporn a portal at the front door. We heard a big KABOOM!!!!!!

"Arghhhhhhhhhh", we went WILD!

Nuke? bomb? TNT?

"It's a landmine" Jackson explained (a sort of explosive).

I suggested we should check it out as I peeped through the door.

"NO!!" said Jameson, petrified! "You can't see them, what if you step on one?"

We were nervous and shaking.

"Lets just all go together?" Jackson said.

We looked outside. "Huh?" A War! There were tanks everywhere!

"NO, what if they find us?" I cried.

"Quiet you guys. If you talk, you might get found!" Jameson whispered.

Ch2: Safe place.

"Alright let's find a secure location so we can be safe" said Jameson.

"Oh great, we have a tank on our tail!" I said.

Jackson threw a sharp stick into the tank! It kinked the metal tracks and exploded!

Jackson "well that was easy!". The tank went up in flames.

"RUN!, there's a cave!" said Jackson.

Puffing, "pew, OKAY dude, that was insane" I said.

"Sorry to be a party pooper but were trapped" sighed Jameson. "In the cave".

Scrap metal from the tank had hit the rock formation and it jammed us in!

Ch3: Stuck in the cave.

"Ahhhh, guys, do you see those eyes over there? It looks like a..... MUTATED WORRRRRM!"

"Quick guys, I found a bit of light! Lets dig our way out. We need to distract the worm"

Ch4: The trap



"Lets collect materials to trap it!" I explained.

You'd never know our luck, someone had littered an entire rubbish bag full of perfect food to tempt the slippery ulgy mutated worm! Egg cartons, torn newspapers, crushed eggs shells, tea-bags and vacuum dust! YAHOOOOOOOO. "We're going to get out of here" I yelled!

Jameson and Jackson were digging crazily!

While the mutated worm was having his delicious feast, we escaped out the hole and filled it back in with dirt.

We survived! "There's the portal, jump in!"

We're home.

We are FREE!





## **The War** by Aiden O'Neill Grade 4

BOOM! There went another missile crashing down on the dark, cold grass. While the people of Raile were running for their lives Jacob was trying to put all his belongings into his suitcase. Jacob was a thin, short boy but he had a big heart for a lot of things. When Jacob was eight years old he saw a little rottweiler laying on the damp grass, so he gave it a home. Now at twelve years old he had no family, only his dog Rover. The reason he had no family was because his mum and dad got killed by the Russian army.

Finally he got all his belongings in his suitcase but the Russains were at the front door. So he picked up Rover and ran to the back door. He barged out the door and ran to his treehouse. He most likely could have gone anywhere else but he often came to this place to get away from the loud noises. The men were holding their guns. Jacob was extremely scared of the Russains. He could have sworn that one of the men looked straight at him. Since his parents had passed he lived in his treehouse, no one knew that he lived on his own but they saw him as a little orphan.

The men were now on their way back. This time Jacob had put down a little trap so when they were walking on the ground he made sure that they were going to get trapped in a fishing net, which they did. So he ran to the boat to get all the people back on land. They came rushing down onto the ground and at just 12 years old he was a hero to all people.



## **The Homeless Kitten** by Quilah Car Osborne Grade 4 Koonwarra Village School

Once there was a stray kitten called Midnight, she was fully black with green eyes.

Every day, every night, she slept in a fortunate bush or tree, or stole food from the ground, Midnight had a very miserable life.

One night, Midnight was just falling asleep, when she heard a soft patter of paw steps coming towards her, closer and closer, when suddenly, Midnight was pounced on by a hungry fox!

"Help!" miaowed Midnight. Then, out of the darkness rushed a dog, it growled at the fox and sent it hurrying away.

"Phew!" Said Midnight, thank you dog, "no problem" Replied dog, "my name is Pug," said Pug.

"Can we be friends?" asked Midnight, "of cause!" Replied Pug.

So, from then on, Pug and Midnight became the best of friends!

They did everything together, they went for walks in the park, stole food from the ground, and, most importantly, collect supplies to make a house for their selves!

They worked all day to collect materials, and the next day after a good nights sleep, Pug and Midnight started to build their home!

I took all week to build their house, but the result was fabulous!

It was very strong; Pug and Midnight were absolutely sure that there house could survive even the strongest winds.

But, it turned out that they were wrong.

Because, one windy night, when they were snuggled down in their bed of feathers, the wind suddenly howled even louder around them, and the wild wind took away their home!

"Oh no!" Cried Pug and Midnight.

"Our house wasn't strong after all, said Midnight sadly. "Well, there is nothing we can do!" said Pug.

"Really?" Came a voice out of nowhere, "Who's there?" Said Pug, scared.

Then, out of the darkness came a witch riding a broom stick! "Yay!" shouted Midnight, "I thought I would never see you again! "jump on!" cried the Witch. (The Witch was called Star and was Midnight's old owner) So, Pug and Midnight jumped onto Stars broom stick and flew off to Star's home, and they all lived happily ever after.



## **The Cave of Fair Fortune** by Maya Parker Grade 4

In the mountain villages of Pakistan, there was a girl named Makia. She was a professional hiker and was trained to climb the highest mountains in the country.

One day she was hiking in the mountains of Shangla when she heard the most beautiful birdsong. It was the sweetest thing Makia had ever heard.

She decided to follow the birdsong and found herself facing a waterfall. The water was crystal clear, and the sky was a beautiful turquoise framed with lush green grass.

Makia then jumped across the stepping stones where there was a small platform of rock. Two metres away, the waterfall was pouring down making a relaxing sound.

Makia walked forward a few paces, took a deep breath, and stepped through. The water was surprisingly cool. As she came out onto the other side, Makia noticed that she was dry! Ahead was a long passageway. Then Makia heard the same birdsong that had led her to this magical place.

She broke into a run until she emerged into a circular cave. Its walls were studded with rubies and emeralds. Makia smiled. She knew that if she took a gem she would be cursed.

So, this was the wondrous place her father had visited when he was a boy! 'If you dare take one of those gems you will be cursed forever!' She shook her head. This was not the time for old memories.

As she exited the cave she thought back to when she was a girl and was living a life full of happiness until her family was slaughtered in the middle of the night.

Luckily, she had been away feeding the animals. When she had returned the house was on fire, a sign that someone had been killed.

Ever since the fire she had been working hard to earn some petty money so she could pay for food, clothes and climbing gear like ropes and sandbags to hold down the ropes.

'Someday' She thought 'I can see my family again'





### **The Space Ships** by Sophia Paulston Grade 3

One normal day I was lying in bed watching tv. I was in the middle of the show when I heard a big BANG! Then the lights flickered and went out.

I looked out of my bedroom window and saw space craft with big red lasers coming out from the bottom of the ship. I ran outside really fast. I thought and thought. I finally had an idea.

First, I had to get as much glue as I could. Then I put all the glue on all of the houses. It took a long time but it worked!

The aliens hated glue so they drove the space ship back to their planet.

### **Little Detective and the Magic Apple** by Alexandra Penney Grade 4

"2 years ago, an apple made history," the news reporter announced, "and now it has mysteriously gone missing! Some say it has been stolen from the museum and has been eaten..."

#### Two Years Ago

A man (70 years old) bought an apple but not just any apple, it was a magic apple! The apple had the power to grant 30 wishes, that's right 30 (3 wasn't enough for me). He died before he could make his 1st wish. He did tell scientists, who put it in a museum. It is said that if you take a bite out of the apple you get 300 wishes granted!

#### 2 Days After the News Report

A young girl had always wanted to be a detective so she put herself to the task and solved the case. How, you may ask? This is how. So, Little Detective went to the museum and found little pieces of shattered glass along the ground leading to the toilets and peeked under a stall to find the cleaner eating a glowing apple!

#### 5 Days After

The little girl was everywhere on the news, even in the newspaper! The cleaner was arrested and the police made him use some of his wishes for the apple to go back to its full size, for \$100 to give to the little detective and for the rest of the wishes to be taken off him. Then Little Detective took a little nibble of the magic apple and got 300 wishes granted for her bravery and willingness to put things right and how they should be. Little Detective is still yet to solve some more troubling mysteries.

#### Epilogue

Little Detective solved many more mysteries after that, including the case of the missing magic banana (a banana wearing a bandanna), the case of the tree-swinging, banana-stealing bandit (it was a monkey as you might have guessed) and she even solved the hardest one this year: who started cupcake chaos? (It was the cupcake chaos bandit). Maybe you'll read about those stories sometime soon...



### **The Sad Octopus** by Charlotte Pepper Grade 3

"Please! I just want to be your friend!" cried Ally the Octopus as all the fish on the playground started to chase her away "No! You're so weird with all those legs!" said the fish angrily. So with tears streaming down her face Ally ran into her cave, flopped on her bed and had no plan to get up. The next day Jen the Jellyfish who had seen how mean the fish had been to Ally decided to go over and see if she could help. Knock knock! Leave me alone! I know you've just come to bully me." "No, look I want to help stop the fish bullying you, come on, come out!" Ally came out tear-streaked and gloomy, "How do you, a scrawny little jellyfish, think you can stop a whole army of fish from bullying a big eight legged freak?" "Well, I think I have a plan..." Jen said "Hurry up Ally!" exclaimed Jen but Ally was in no hurry to try Jen's plan. "Come on! I know you're just trying to waste time, I promise everyone will love you!" They had made it to the park, where as usual all the fish were playing. Just as Jen was about to introduce Ally, a shark appeared! And just like that everyone was running, hiding and screaming. All the fish huddled behind a rock, except Ally and Jen, "Ooh this is your chance I know it's not the plan BUT if you save everyone they will ADORE you!" "I don't know about this Jen..." "You'll be fine now go!" The shark moved the rock aside and was about to strike when Ally came out of nowhere, sprayed him with ink and guided the fish to safety! The next morning Ally awoke with lots of banging on her door. She came out to find all the fish that had bullied her outside chanting her name. "ALLY, ALLY, ALLY!!" She came out blushing "Thank you for saving us!" said one fish "We're sorry!" said another, "Well, don't thank me, thank Jen", said Ally. "She's a true friend".

### **Bundjil is an Eagle** by Charlotte Perrett Grade 3

Bundjil is an eagle and he flies in the sky.  
He circles round and round  
in the wurru wurru with his wife and with his babies and friends.  
Bundjil created the biik with boulders and rocks.  
Womindjeka this is Boonwurrung biik.

#### Boonwurrung translations:

Wurru wurru – sky

biik – land

womindjedka - hello



### **The story of Racer Black** by Bodhi Prosser Grade 3 Fish Creek Primary School

My foot went soft each time it hit the marble, the smell of rotting bones filled the air as I walked across the rock. strangely the ground rumbled each time I put my foot down. I almost fell in the acid several times! Each time I fell I the ground grumbled. I wanted to go home, then the seventh time I fell I thought about how now one had ever come out of this level of the race with their life... BOOM! The whole place jumped as if a rat had bitten it but that wasn't the worst I had tripped and was plummeting down the hill, it was then that I noticed that it wasn't a hill at all it was a giant acid turtle. I had read about them in books but now one thought they existed not even Siri so they weren't on the internet, all I knew was that they were huge and fast. They can go up to 70km an hour and they are made of marble and acid. They are extremely dangerous to humans because of their flesh burning acid! I was so scared that I did a little pee, (don't tell anyone about that,) CRASH! Went the turtle's foot as it hit the ground, I jumped onto its foot, clutching the scales on the turtle's foot I climbed up onto its back. Whilst the turtle was stomping around like a maniac, I was on its back thinking of a plan, I would run in get the egg and run out easy as pie. Just then a bug went by I was hungry so I snatched it out of the sky and ate it, suddenly I started glowing and I had super speed I ran down the beast I a split second, I grabbed the egg and SWUSH! I was back home and the egg still hasn't hatched yet (this was 5 weeks ago) CRACK! What was that grrr aw so cute I think ill call you Jerry scratch that it has hatched and his name is Jerry goodbye.

### **The Troll** by Rory Pulham Grade 3

On a warm summers day I was playing soccer with my brother in the back yard. My brother accidentally kicked the ball in the bush. I went to get the ball but there was a big scary hall I couldn't see how deep it was so I just stepped in and fell. There was an under ground tunnel at the end of the tunnel was some light. I did what a ordinary person would do. Run to the light once I reached the light I sore a ladder. I climbed up the ladder I was so close to being home but it wasn't home it was a magical places I don't know how to describe but I know it wasn't home. This wired misters place had a lot of trolls the trolls didn't mind me. I wanted to explore I went down a path way there houses were made of stone and wood there was some toads and river that flowed Frew the hall town. I stared to turned back but I couldn't find were I came from I stared to get worried. Then after running around the village for a few minutes I found the ladder but there was a troll guarding the ladder the troll said you must not leave this village. I yelled at the troll I must leave I have a home now lit me live!! Then the troll sat on the hole I tried to squiz under but it didn't work so I tried a new strategy I tried distracting the troll it worked for a little bit. Then I tried make him laugh I don't know how it will work but I tried it any way why did the chicken cross the road I don't know how grumbled the troll I said to get to the other side silly then the troll ran of to tell his friends I had a chance to escape I climbed down the ladder and home again.



### **The Mysterious Dog!** by Ivy Reidy Grade 3

"Woof, woof " said Rocco . Rocco was running away from scrappy the cool . Rocco went down the alleyway then into a house, the house was underground so no one could see him. But then the next day ... Bang bang went to the gun scrappy was coming Rocco knew we had he had to go to . He hopped into his red Lamborghini and headed and off into the sunset . 20 minutes later he reach the beach , scrappy was there .

"Run" !!! He said. Then scrappy jumped onto the back of the car and, shot Rocco then scrappy realise he did something wrong, Rocco was his brother then he did care. The end.

### **Womby and Donkey** by Orli Richardson Grade 4

It was a cold winters afternoon. The sun was sinking in the sky as Womby and Donkey took their daily afternoon walk.

"Sunny day today!" Womby said, skipping along the path.

"I don't like the sun!" said Donkey, frowning his brow.

"You don't like the sun?! Why not?"

"Well, I don't like MUCH!"

"Oh Donkey. The sun is beautiful, it warms my fur and makes me happy!"

"Hmph" Donkey grumbled.

They moved on. It was getting dark and the stars were slowly creeping into the night sky.

"Just beautiful isn't it?" Womby said.

"You think everything is beautiful don't you?"

'Well, everything is beautiful in its own way."

Donkey and Womby sit in silence for a while.

"Hey Donkey, why don't we go into the forest?"

"WHAT? No way!"

"Why not?"

"It's dark and....and...."

"It will be fine!"

Womby takes Donkey and leads him into the forest.

"Have you actually been into the forest?" Womby asks as a butterfly lands on his nose.

"Well, no. BUT, Aghhhhh, GET IT OFF MEEEEEE!!" Donkey screams as a furry creature climbs up his arm.

"Calm down, it's just a caterpillar." Womby gently takes the caterpillar and places it on the ground.

"This was a mistake coming here!"

"Really? If you close your eyes and relax...."

"NO!"

"Come on Donkey, just try it"

Donkey listens and closes his eyes.

"Let your mind take you to a calm place. If something comes up that makes you upset, just let it pass."

Moments passed. After a while Womby says "Feeling a bit lighter? Relaxed?"



"Yes"

A little while later they were lying under a tree.

"Donkey? Do you know why I moved here?"

"No"

"My family died in an accident. So I moved here to try and distract myself. But it hurts. Like a scar in my heart." A tear slid down Womby's cheek.

"Oh Womby, I thought you were always happy"

"I choose to be happy even though I have pain, and you can too!"

Donkey quietly thinks. Then he says "You're right Womby, I can. Because life IS a gift."





## **The World We Are** by Nicholas Roselt Grade 4 Tucker Road PS Bentleigh

In the early 2020s my family and I came back from a long trip to Europe. We were living our lovely lives back in Melbourne. School and sport on the weekends was great. But when covid-19 started everything started falling apart. Lockdown started back in March 2020. We could not see our family and friends because we were not in the 5k zone. We could only video call family. I was very sad not seeing my friends. The beach was only 6ks so we could not even go. When people went to the shops we had to wear masks, because there were lots of sick people. The world was not at its best, neither were we. I was hoping this will go away one day.

In lockdown kids could not go to school, most parents had to work from home. I did not like remote learning. That's probably the same with most kids too. In the mornings my class and I had meetings. I found it really hard to learn. Sometimes I would stay in my pyjamas. At night the sound of helicopters woke me up. My least favourite thing was no weekend sports. Since we could not play our sports we watched the Australian Open and played on the Playstation. I was worried about what would happen next.

To keep our fitness up in the mornings my family and I would do our exercises in the backyard with online Fitness with Jo, because we could not go to the gym or park. At night my dad would put the fire on and we would all sit near the fire. Sometimes we would have the outside fire on and have roasted marshmallows. At night I prayed for Covid to go away. To be creative my family and I did three 1000 piece puzzles. I also played with LEGOs with my brother. We created lots of cool stuff. I painted some rocks with my brother. That was really fun. Most of the time I would be thinking about what life would be like without covid?



### **The Empress and the Sorcerer** by Willow Rosen Grade 3

The empress looked out the window. She smiled. Purred. She was after all a tortoiseshell cat.

It started as a low grumbling. The earth shook. The empress's smile disappeared. She bounded down the stairs.

She reached the alchemy lab and stared in amazement. In front of her was a volcano. It rumbled and smoke poured out. Beside it was a bottle that contained a potion to birth mountains.

She leapt back through the doorway as the volcano erupted.

The empress was born with magic. As she grew her powers grew. She developed three powers. Knowing, transformation and flight.

The door burst open, lava flowed towards the empress. She flew quickly up to the tower.

"Oh goodness gracious heavens me, that lava looks quiet hot to me. Here and now I use my power to make it not even harm a flower" Her eyes twinkled, the lava turned into water and retreated.

She spotted him. The sorcerer. Running across the courtyard. She sang "Oh socerer you silly chap, you've failed to catch me in your trap. So don't you fret or run away, you'll have to explain yourself today"

Spreading her wings she swooped down. Her claws closed around him and lifted him up, carrying him inside to face her.

"What is the meaning of this?" The empress asked. The sorcerer hesitated, then began his story.

"When I was walking to Nottinghamshire, I met a strange figure in black. She asked me who I was. I told her I'm a socerer from Nottinghamshire. She then said 'I know an empress far away, who's troubled me for many a day. And now I have you in control, and will make you go and take her soul.' In astonishment I felt myself plotting evil against you. I ran to the alchemy lab and poured the potion"

"Your powers turned it into a volcano!" The empress gasped. "It seems that you're a nice fellow in general. Would you like to live here?" The sorcerer smiled. "I would like to very much."

So they lived happily together for many a year



## **Hike the Mountain** by Albert Sammonds Grade 3 Fish Creek Primary School

As I set foot on the roman cobblestone path I looked up at the peak. I tried to spot the cabin were we would sleep, eat and rest for the day. I was stumbling to try and keep up but I knew every step counts so I went on. All the time I had a sent of t-tree and bit by bit my mouth grew dry since we were heading though the wind.

The sun was blazing down, then sweat managed to make it's way trickling down my shirt and dripped off when it came out the other side. I was so exhorted so I collapsed down on a nearby tree. My head was spinning of exertion.

I woke from a nudge on my ribs, I got up to see the trees swaying because a light breees I hoped the breees will pass, but all that was rong and then a stong wind began and got stronger and stronger. The destruction of the last bush fire was extreme, the bark blowing off and the dust flying into my face.

The nature around me was magnificent. I could here the slow waving of the thin green grass and the big thick trees bending up and afterwards coming over the path like a little tunnel. At first I thought the rock over the cavern would break but when I reached the end I looked back over my shoulder and heard a crack so I ran! I was like a flash, my hear blowing behind me. My heart was pumping I looked around for the trail but I found nothing. I had this feeling about were I was and what would happen next.

I thought I was doomed, my head was spinning though my legs ache more.as I was walking along a plateau I looked down at the flowing water that went in the cracks.

I walked on,

Far,

Not even knowing where I was.

It felt confusing for once, since I was walking haply but at the same time lost. The rain started with a drizzle then started pounding.





## **World War** by Frankie Scott Grade 3

During The second world war The Russians said Ukraine would attack Australia and England would attack America when The world war started...

There were tanks, Fighters in The sky, Battleships in The seas, Jets shooting on land soldiers fighting to their Death.

And then America shot an air strike!

A russian jet shooting bombs very fast on an Australian battleship. The jet exploded and american jets shot The jet...

THE STAR ALLIANCE is The best alliance, The best tanks, The best plans, The best battleships. BOOM! The star alliance shot the biggest boomb in The world, The alliance/star alliance shot England?

4 years later The war ended and all the cities in The world were rebuilt.

### CHAPTER 2

The builders built The city more modern than ever but only 1 city was modern, it was New York City. It had floating houses and furniture and mostly blue lights. It was like The future.

New York City is The best city now. Every city fought New York because New York was fighting every city. There was a wall, it broke. New York City was under attack but New York city had better weapons. The army and The FBI had to come to New York City. New York City is destroying The world boom! New york city esploded a bomb esploded on new york city The london army has The best weapons now and The best bombs.

### CHAPTER 3

The London army was The best army in The world. It was so good it had The best attack jeeps, The best air rapters/ jets, The best battleships and The best weapons. The London army was The strongest army in The world. It had The new star alliance and it was stronger.

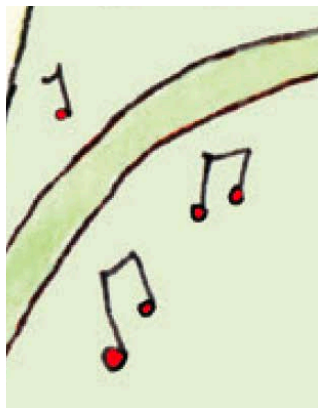
### CHAPTER 4

In Russia, The snow was falling like rain. It was so cold. boom a bomb distrod a bulding more bombs destroying more buldings a tank dirstoring more buldings a jet shoting and dirstoring buldings more and more and more but The russian army dirstrod all of The threats to The land.



## **The Crime** by Tahlia Shute Grade 4

The tree branch groans, I can sense the sad feeling . It's the first day back at school, a nervous look spreads across my face as I enter the hallway. Finally, I see my friends standing in the corridor "Leo over here" my friends call me. "Hey guys", I sighed "Yeah I'm fine". "Do you guys want to go to the creek tonight?" Josh suggested, "Yeah!" We all roared. You see that girl over there she has been staring at me since the minute I entered the school I say quietly as I slowly look at her. "Hi!" "Um hi" Lucas said not knowing who she was. "I'm Holly, nice to meet you all" "She's the girl I'm telling you about" I whisper as if I never spoke. "What do you want?" Alice don't be rude (Silence). "Sorry I just really, really want to hang out with you guys because I have no friends and you people seem really fun," Holly says in one big breath. "NO! Go away" I say. The bell rings "Yes I'm so happy school's finished. I hate Science its just so..... boring" Lucas wailed. We hop on our bikes and head off to the creek. We arrive, after a while we hear some noises. Once we got to the spot we see "Holy" we all yell in concern. As I look next to her with my mouth dropped to the ground I see a hung body. "You did this! Why did you do this?" Josh said looking shocked like all of us. "Me? No, I didn't do this. "This is soo sad" Alice says with tears coming out of her eyes. "So can I hang out with you guys?" Holy says while looking at the ground. Fine, we all agreed. I closely look at the dead body I – I can see blood, lots of blood, but the blood is fresh it couldn't have been there for days and still be fresh. "Hey Leo where are you going" I walk away glum but I'm also wondering how this mysterious crime happened. Until I turn around.





### **Phil's Day Sailing** by Mergie Simnett Grade 4

Philip looked at the weather forecast, and immediately his face light up. Today was the perfect day for a sail.

He drove to his favourite lake and was feeling excited because he got the best weather and the best parking bay.

Philip launched his boat and spent the morning sailing. He began to feel peckish and realised he left his lunch in his car so started to head back.

He was feeling like the luckiest person alive when he realised that the mist was starting to set in.

It was like looking through peas soup, trying to see through the mist.

Phil thought he saw something up ahead, and sailed towards, it thinking it would be a marker. When suddenly he realised it was a.....

"Rock!" Phil yelled.

Instantly Phil pulls the main sheet in. The jib flaps as he tacs so close to the rock he could touch it.

"Phewf!" Phil huffed in relief, "that was too close." Now where on earth am I?" he wondered.

Phil sailed a little longer in search of the shore when he noticed the mist had begun to lift.

Trying to catch his bearings, Phil strained his eyes, hoping they would penetrate through the remaining mist.

At last, he caught sight of a marker that he recognised, and the weight began lifting off his shoulders.

Phil was very relieved and sailed towards the boat ramp. He felt like he was starving by the time he got to his picnic. Phil sat by the lake and thought about the day while enjoying his sandwich. Next time he thought, next time I will make sure to check the weather forecast for the entire day.



### **The Mysterious Place** by Elsa Smolders Grade 4 Fish Creek Primary School

I hopped onto the shiny bike riding as fast as a cheater. Then I wasn't looking and I was heading to the wall of bushes. I went through the wall. And smacked face against sand. Looked around nervously there was a rotten old boat coming towards me running through the water it was clear it was help I was yelling help I couldn't be more wrong. Pirates cornered me. I didn't know what to do. These pirates were disgusting, some of them were covered in blood. Most of them had glass eyeballs and one had an eye patch. I got tied to a pole with an apple in my mouth. I started to scream, my body heated up, my eyes turned red with anger. The rope slipped off me. I leaped over to the water and saw something in there, but I still jumped in. The water was murky, something grabbed my leg, and I was getting pulled down quickly. I looked to see what was happening. A mermaid tugged on my leg, she popped up her head and curiously looked at me. I put out my hand and she grabbed it and pulled me down. She grabbed a shell and blew through it. One pink dolphin came. I was losing my breath then the mermaid smiled at me and slowly went up to the top of the water. The pink dolphin followed her. I climbed up on the dolphins back and it was slippery as an eel, but I hung on until we made it onto shore. Then the mermaid blew through the shell. Lots of mermaids swam in a circle making a massive whirlpool. I could hear the birds squawk and the leaves fell on my face. I looked at what the mermaids were doing. I couldn't believe that the whirlpool turned a portal. I was drenched. I jumped in and I was back inside the hospital. My mum was looking in my eyes saying, "she's alive!". I was confused and I said, "what is happening?" ...

### **The Mountain** by Petra Smolders Grade 3

One summers afternoon with trees waving. Emily was waiting next to her cubby. it was her friend's secret place and hers. finally, her friends were here. they said the mayor was going to cut the top of the mountain off. They were so sad the mountain is there home. Emily said they should just talk to the mayor. they knocked nervously on the door. He came right away. they asked him not to damage the mountain. he said that you have to get 100 signatures. 2 days later..... they had 99 Signature's. it was the day of the mountain getting chopped down. they had asked every on except the old lady who lived on the edge of town. They were so frightened of her but they had to do it they saw her they said do you want to sign this piece of paper surprisingly the lady agreed. They excitingly they handed it in and he didn't chop the mountain down. The end



## **Alien Files** by Lily Snell Grade 3

### Prologue

The howling wind was beating hard at the Parliament house windows. "What are we going to do boss?". "I don't know".

There was a knock at the door.

"We have to do something though and quick" he whispered and went to open the door....

### Part 1

"Wow, today the wind really has a beat!" says Susie. We could hear the wind clearly because we had climbed the frayed ladder up high into our treehouse.

Hello! My name's Freya and Susie's my friend. We are both 13.

As the fierce wind battered the treehouse, I walked over to the stack of paper on the desk. I said to Susie,

"I think we should each have a go at drawing aliens".

"Okay" Susie answered thoughtfully.

"Maybe when I'm in parliament, I can prove that they're real" I stated.

Later that night, Freya was scheming to sneak into her dad's office. He worked in parliament and Freya wanted to. She tiptoed up the blue-carpeted stairs.. For a moment, she thought she was going to wake up her little brother. She opened the cherrywood door and went and sat on her dad's chair. She opened the drawer and took out a stack of old musty files. She started reading... As she pretended to call someone on an old rotary dial up telephone, Freya thought, "what's this?". She saw the file 'Alien Files'. This file was different.

"This document belongs to the United States of America - CLASSIFIED!"

Freyja gasped. She promised to tell Susie tomorrow. That was when she dozed off. She woke up later, quickly crammed all of the papers into the mahogany draw, all except one. She tucked 'Alien Files' in her pocket. She crept back into her room and got dressed to go downstairs. She reached into her pocket and pulled out the crumbled piece of paper.. She quickly wrote a note, 'going to Susie's. be back soon – Freya'. She ran out the door, slamming it behind her.



### **The Mean Teacher That Turns Nice** by Elle Stone Grade 3

'Mwahahaha I'm going to eat you" said the evil teacher. The kids shivered into sacredness. But one kid wasn't scared, her name was Elle. Elle wasn't scared of ANYTHING! She stood up and said "you're a teacher you can't eat us, that's not what teachers do, they teach us" "I know that's why I'm an evil teacher mwahahaha". Everyone gasped, they didn't know what to do. Then Elle stepped up once again and pulled out of her bag a HUGE pot. Elle said "get me green grass with only one pinch, a hair off of Mrs Taylor and a LITTLE tube of Mrs Taylor blood and last of all a PINCH of sand. All the kids went and got everything and mixed it together to make a potion. They put it in a glass bottle and next was trying to get evil Mrs Taylor to drink the potion. Suddenly an idea popped into Elle's mind, Elle walked up to evil Mrs Taylor and said "hay drink this it gets you more evil" Mrs Taylor thought for a bit then she said "fine just so i can become more evil mwahahaha" Mrs Taylor drunk the potion and she tossed and turned and then... she said "Do you want a cup of tea" and do you want a cookie?" Everyone started to get creeped out because she had a HUGE smile painted on her face. Everyone didn't like that so they asked Elle if she could fix this, Elle said "yes i can" she asked for a cup of orange juice a tiny tube of Mrs Taylor's blood and two blocks of ice, then she mixed it and ran carefully back to Mrs Taylor, Mrs Taylor jumped out of a closet and said "Want a cookie?" Elle said "No" and she said "can you please drink this?" Mrs Taylor said "yes" and then drank the potion, and tossed and turned. And turned evil and started saying creepy things again. Mrs Taylor's students were relieved because they liked their freaky teacher after all.



## **The Deal** by Alexander Talbot 9yo Home Education

'Meow' screamed George. Alexander looked up, there was George, trapped in the claws of a giant eagle that commonly circled the green hills of Fish Creek. Alexander was playing soccer and George was nearby hunting for mice. Quick as a flash Alexander ran to grab the eagle's feet and wrestled to free his big tabby cat George. George arrived 2 years ago on Alexander's 7th birthday, from a dairy farm, they'd been best mates since.

Suddenly Alexander realised he was in the air too. Higher and higher, the house yard was below them and they could see the village nearby, the footy oval where the locals were and the city folk and lycra clad old blokes sipping latte's at the cafe's. Where was the eagle taking them?

Whoa the giant eagle dropped Alexander and George - hurtling towards the earth - this was the end..... They thought.... Swoosh the eagle dived and the boys found themselves on the eagle's back. "Where are you taking us?" asked Alexander

High up on top of Mount Nichol they were plopped into a nest.

The eagle was about to peck Alexander and George's faces. 'Stop' said Alexander. George told Alexander that he could tell the eagle where all the mice breed, if he didn't kill them. Alexander's secret superpower was that he can translate from any language, human or animalkind into another language so he told the eagle what George had said.

"Why would I want to know where the mice are?" said the hangry eagle, "when I could just eat you now?"

Alexander petrified but brave said "because if you eat us now you will be full for a few days, but if you take us home George can show you where the mice breed and you will never be hungry again"

"How do I know you are telling the truth?" said the eagle

"Here is the one I caught earlier, when you caught me" said George and Alexander translated.

The eagle took the boys home to their worried family and they showed the eagle the mice. Now a trio of mates.



### **The Animals** by Stella Tay Grade 3

Once upon a time there was a girl called Lilly. She lived in Toora. When Lilly turned 18 she decided to take her canoe to the Dingo Creek Bushland.

She had put some food, water and a tent in her bag. When Lilly saw Dingo Creek she walked over immediately. She set up her tent and fell asleep.

In the morning she heard something. Just near her tent... were ten KOALAS!!!!!! 🐨 The koala's soft fur brushed on Lilly's legs.

After that she went for a hike. Lilly saw three platypuses. The platypuses shyly waddled over to Lilly.

The animals played together. The koalas and platypuses liked each other. They followed Lilly everywhere.

In the morning Lilly wanted to see Dingo Creek. She found it and relaxed under a tree. She also found two DINGOES and one KANGAROO.

The kangaroo had a joey in her pouch. Lilly soon decided to go back home and the animals followed her too! They must have known she was an animal-lover and would take care of them. While Lilly was packing up she saw some broken sticks. She was frightened! There was a short shadow behind a tree! She cautiously walked behind the tree, THERE WAS A TROLL, QUITE SURPRISED! It was about to get her... then something bit the troll, it was...THE DINGOES! While the dingoes attacked, Lilly caught the troll and let it calm down. She smiled at the troll and said "I'm going to call you Cozmic'.

When Lilly got back home she noticed the troll and the other animals had followed her. Lilly opened an animal shelter. She got married and had 3 kids.

The kids loved all the animals. Lilly told her children about how she found the troll. There was lots of space for the animals in Toora.





### **The Pound** by Violet Tay Grade 3

Once upon a time there was an Animal-Lover called Emily. She had three dogs, two deer, three rabbits and two mice. She loved spending time with them. One day when she woke up to go check on them they were GONE!!!! She freaked out and rang her friend Lila. "Oh no," Lila reacted. "You should call the pound." Great idea! Emily said. "I will check around town and you can go to the pound."

"You are a great friend," she said. Emily grabbed her purse and rushed to her car as fast as she could. Lila rang Emily and said only her puppies were in town. She calmed down a bit, but she was still scared. "I'm glad she found my puppies," she thought. But I want to know that the others are safe.

Lila brought the pups home to safety. By now Emily was at the pound.

"Hello," said the lady "How can I be of assistance?" "I've lost my two mice, two deer and my three rabbits." Emily answered.

"What do they look like?" The lady questioned. Emily explained to the lady what they looked like.

The lady said she had all of the pets, but then she explained very sadly. " We have to close down and don't know where to take them all." " OMG" Emily said.

"I will take them all, I have a lot of room." she added

" Really???" the lady exclaimed. All of them???" "Yeah," Emily yelled.

"Tell me about all the animal breeds and I will adopt them."

" Come over here and take a look."

"Poor animals" she thought.

As Emily entered the room she saw all the animals. They all whined.

The lady opened the cages. She gave Emily a list of food (the list was way too long to read) ." How cute!"

Emily ran up to ALL of the animals and gave them a big hug.

Even though it took her nine trips to get them home AND cost her thousands of dollars and ONLY she thought it was worth it.



## **THE CABIN OF THE MYSTERIOUS CREATURE** by Lucas Taylor Grade 3 Fish Creek PS

"Boom!" went the dark clouds. "Screech" went the brakes on the car sending wet sticky mud zooming everywhere, the car was covered in wet mud. I couldn't bare to look at the mud. "Click" went the cars door opening. I hopped out of the wet and warm car. It was as cold as Antarctica. We walked slowly towards the small wooden cabin.7 hours later "bam" went lightning smashing the ground so hard I felt the ground vibrate. I turned around to get back into bed but when I turned around I saw a really old candle floating in the air with a little light on top. I had no idea what was happening, a shiver went down my spine. I could feel freezing cold air hitting my body, I was terrified, I couldn't believe my eyes. The candle slowly disappeared into the long narrow hallway, I turned back around and saw a handprint on my window, everything went black, next thing I knew I was in my bed. It was just a nightmare. I slowly peeked through the small, dusty window and there was a message saying go to the attic at mid night!!!"boom" went more thunder striking the soft ground. 12 hours later, I woke up and saw the old candle floating in the misty air. The candle slowly hovered towards the entrance of the attic so I followed the mysterious candle all the way to the attic. I opened the dark dusty door and saw a steep dark staircase heading to the attic with the old candle. "Click," went the dusty lights turning on I turned around and saw a horrifying sight. Two arm's, one leg, no head and chains around its body. "Boom" went another lightning strike smashing the ground. I ran to the other side of the attic, I found a stone and threw it at the creature and it went straight through. The creature disappeared into the dust...



### **Space Adventure** by Djaran Thorpe-Edwards Grade 3 Fish Creek Primary School

As I'm walking through the space-station  
I can feel a tiny shiver up my spine  
And my gear is jumping up and down  
Like an angry grasshopper. A minute later, I'm waiting for everyone to get aboard the  
Armadillo (space ship's name).  
An hour later I.V.A.N say's "launch off  
in 5.4.3.2.1... BOOM!!! "ARRRRR!" screams  
the rookie as I furiously try to control the  
armadillo... BEEP! BEEP! Oh no a meteorite or an asteroid must have hit the armadillo. I take  
a look out through the window I gasped. WOW! I must have pressed the hyper-speed  
button. Quickly press the button off OH NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
We've already travelled one million light year's in space. Beep! Beep! Oh no  
the ship has detected a U.P (which is like a undetected planet). I suit up and go out  
the Armadillo "Hmmm?" "this looks like an alien amazon" I wonder to myself. CRUNCH! "w...  
what was .. that?" then something touches me on the shoulder.  
"ARRR!" I look back it's just Izzy "umm you ok?" "yes" I reply then she shows  
me a blue print of the ship "oh no" were  
marooned... TO BE CONTINUED.

The amazing crime of stealing the Mona Lisa by Ari Threadgold Grade 4  
One particular morning, the French prime minister Dennis Flancham woke up with a strange,  
peculiar feeling. It had something to do with the Mona Lisa and Ireland. But Dennis didn't  
believe in feelings and went to work.

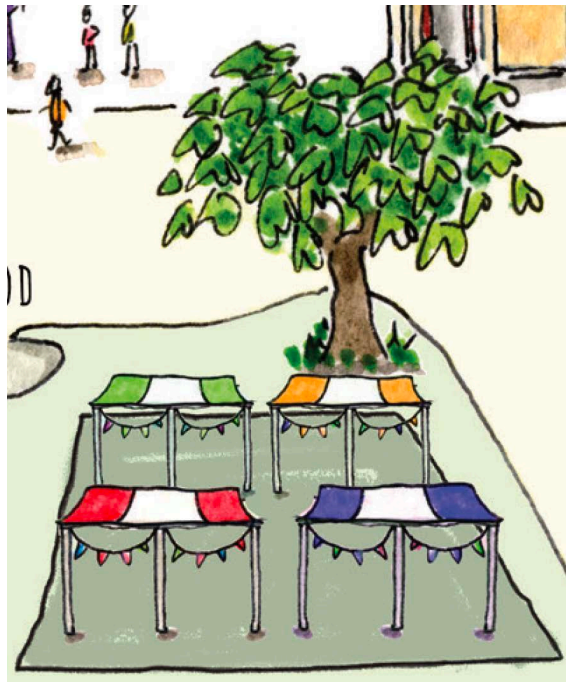
A long way away north-west of France...  
The Irish prime minister Desmond Murphy was talking to the chief health officer Melissa  
Edgley. " But we can't steal a rocket"! said Melissa. " I'm not talking about stealing a rocket,"  
Desmond piped. "I'm going to steal the Mona Lisa". " Would you like to know the plan? said  
Desmond. Melissa was silent.

At work, Dennis was worried. Apparently, everyone in France had the same feeling Dennis  
had had. Dennis was at the Louvre telling everyone to leave because they were putting the  
Mona Lisa in isolation inside the Vault of Paris. The Vault of Paris was the most secure vault  
with 3000 padlocks and only Dennis knew how to unlock it. The vault was bulletproof and  
made of stainless steel. The vault was proven unbreakable and no one could get through (   
except Dennis).

Meanwhile in Ireland the Irish military were getting on a plane. Dennis had gone on a  
helicopter and was in the skies of Paris scouting around the top of the Louvre looking for the  
Mona Lisa when suddenly he saw Dennis coming out of the Louvre going over to the Vault  
of Paris. He decided that he was going to be the one to destroy the Vault of Paris. He told  
the military to fly their plane into the vault and the explosion of the plane will destroy the  
vault. After they stopped crying because they knew they were going to die, they arrived at  
Paris and flew down and braced themselves before impact and just before impact the vault  
blew up and they drove through the fire. Dennis was lying dead and next to him was the



Mona Lisa. They picked it up and flew it home to Ireland to celebrate. Apparently, the Mona Lisa's power was so strong, it destroyed the vault the moment it was put inside.





### **The nightmare** by Sienna Trevena Grade 4

I wake up to my own heartbeat. I was so shocked I felt like I was about to vomit. I have never been so scared in my life. I got out of bed and tries to calm down, After a nightmare that felt like it would never end. It was the scariest thing is ever seen. I rushed to the bathroom and I meant over the toilet to vomit, at 3am. Where my the door closed shut. I stared in horror. Was it really happening?? Was my nightmare coming to life?? I hoped it was all a dream. I woke up, 'phew' that was what i t hought. I gor up to fees my rabbit. Halfway there I hear a door creak shit. I was shocked. I ran outside to find my neighbour, of course, she was not there. I ran to the other neighbours house. I ran inside and sat on the couch. She had never seen me so shocked. She asked me what was wrong? I was speechless. She quickly went to make me a hot coco to calm me down. After the hot coco I was not speechless anymore. "It's happening, it's really happening" I say "what's happening?" My neighbour said " the NIGHTMARE!"





### **Dragon Land** by Tessa Trotman Grade 3

Once there was a child named Emma. She had brown hair that was tied up in a bun with brown eyes and she always wore the same clothes—a blue-hooded jumper and grey pants. She was very nice.

Emma was walking along the footpath out the front of the bakery at 9:00 A.M. She walked in with some money ready in her hands—she knew exactly what she was going to buy.

As she walked in, she was thinking about how quiet it was when she suddenly realized she wasn't in the bakery anymore, and she definitely wasn't in Meeniyon (the town she lived in) but in a land full of... well, Emma didn't exactly know what they were. They were flying too fast and beating their wings so much. All they were to Emma was a blur.

BOOM! BOOM!

Emma turned around and stared at what was standing in front of her. Emma wanted to scream, but she couldn't. Emma wanted to run, but she couldn't. Emma couldn't do anything except breathe and blink. She was frozen.

"Hello!" said the dragon. It was very loud to Emma, but to the dragon it must've been like a whisper.

"Welcome to Dragon land!" It said cheerfully.

Emma was shocked for two reasons. 1. An actual dragon was standing in front of her, and 2. A dragon was talking... to her!

"Um, hi," Emma replied.

"I have a job for you, Emma,"

"Well, firstly, what is your name, and what is the job?"

"My name is Zoe, and to answer your second question, the job is quite simple. We just want to see if you can join The Dragon Spy Agency."

Emma nodded slowly. Joining that did sound cool.

"Your job is to guess where this plastic water bottle has been hiding every day."

"Oh, that's easy. In the ocean," Emma answered.

"Exactly," said Zoe.

Zoe began digging around in the sand. Then she stopped and gave Emma a badge.

All of a sudden, she was back in the bakery, now a member of The Dragon Spy Agency.

### **The Fragile Snow** by Patrick Trudgen Grade 3

The Gentle soft Snow It falls on my nose so soft The soul of Winter



## **The Cat who did Everything** by Eva Tumino Grade 4 Koonwarra Village School

In a land far away lived a cat called Kitty, she dumped school!

Because it was so boring Kitty loved to fish so she went to the pond but forgot her fishing rod!

So..... Kitty went to meet queen Sunlight who was very pretty. This time Kitty remembered to get her fishing rod for catching delicious fish, Kitty decided to go camping but.... She was too busy trying to catch a butterfly to notice her tail catch on fire!

Ahhh my tail is on fire screamed Kitty as she darted for the pond. Ow that hurt as she got out of the water, Kitty wanted to be brave after the being laughed at by the other campers she was going after a kookaburra yum!

Kitty decided after all that exercise to peacefully play in the long soft grass as Kitty played, she heard a movement in the grass but didn't need to worry it was a harmless dog called summer and that day on they were best friends.

The next day Summer was digging and found a strange box Kitty opened it inside there was money!!!!

The money the other day they found in the hole Summer and Kitty they spent it on a fancy restaurant.

The very next day, kitty invited Summer to her party.

At kitty's party they had a blast.

But, after her party kitty got very sick.

It lasted about 1 week, and then when kitty thought she was better, she started to get cancer.

"oh dear" said Summer, it was going to be her last time to spend with kitty. The next day very sad news, kitty passed away.

Poor Summer, summer is not happy, sorry for the sad ending!



### **Cheetah and the Horse** by Cleo Vanderzalm Grade 3 Yinnar PS

"Swish!" Yelled the rude cheetah. "You can't beat me!"

In the basketball game the scores were 56 to 0. The cheetah was too good to be beaten by anyone! The brown horse (who was desperate to win) galloped along the clean basketball court, but the rude cheetah was way too quick! The horse just had a great idea! He could run in front of the cheetah and then 'accidentally' step on the cheetah's foot! Then get a goal. So, he did just that.

But the cheetah somehow knew his plan and tripped him over... then broke the horse's leg! The horse had to go to the vet but luckily there were little kids there to cheer him up. He ended up safely back in his lush green paddock and never played basketball with that rude cheetah ever again.

### **Marika's Journey** by Reaghan Van Dillen Grade 4

As the snow got heavier Marika grew colder. The snow was piercingly cold on her naked hands and feet. She found a cold nook outside of a church, below a stained glass window. She lit a candle hoping for her teeth to stop chattering "t-t-t-t" her teeth went. She listened to the chorus from the church and sang along softly to the music. The snow was getting heavier now, Marika lifted her red gown over her head. She felt her feet grow numb like the arctic ocean. The wind blew frozen icicles of snow onto her face. The snow was racing along the crisp ground like a greyhound. She was now aware of the circumstances around her. Marika was in shock, the snow raging on colder and colder. She started walking along the streets covered in a thick blanket of snow. Finally she found a hut and she lay down and draped her gown over her. She felt more lost than ever before, continuously second guessing what to do. "I wish I had a nice warm place to stay" Marika whispered to herself. She shut her eyes to relax, but she didn't realise that a group of attackers were creeping up on her. Suddenly they dragged her along the snow and tied her up to a pole and left her there in shock. Luckily for Marika the church had ended and a nice woman offered Marika a place to stay the night. Marika woke up to breakfast in bed! After that she felt like she had been loved because she was looked after for the night. After a long day Marika wandered off back down the icy street. Marika was feeling so thankful that a woman helped her. The woman wrote Marika a note; it read: Number 12 Renshaw Road my home address come and visit, whenever you need a place to stay or to feel safe.

"Hope you feel better Marika."





### **The New Planet** by Archie Webb Grade 3

From being in a rocket, a strange glimmer came to my eye. Me and my astronaut friends found a new planet. Our rocket crashed on the planet. The nature was really strange. The trees were bushes and animals were 5 centimetres big. One of the creatures I saw was like a turtle, it was red that had legs that were as skinny as twigs. The head was so round like a bowling ball. And the body was weirdest part of all. The body was REALLY wide as a picture frame. Before we crashed into the planet, the planet was square and the water was red and the land was brown. Later on, my friends found a really crooked bridge. The bridge had a really loose rope. And bits of wood were not where they were supposed to be. We walked across the bridge very slowly. Then when I got almost across, a piece of rope SNAPPED! I started to fall! Then, a hand grabbed me by the finger. My friend saved me!

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"We need to get out of here!" I said "or we will be stuck here forever!"

"But how will we get out?" said a friend of mine.

"Maybe an animal could help!" said a voice out of nowhere.

"What was that?" I asked.

"I'm the king of the mini beasts" the voice said then appeared. We screamed. It was a runny yellow muck and it was as big as a truck.

"What do you want?" the muck king asked.

"To go home" I said.

"OK" the monster said. Then it transformed into a portal! The portal was pink with mini swirls in it. "Hop in" it said. So we did. Going through the portal was amazing! We did front flips and back flips. Pink swirled around us! Then a blinding flash filled our eyes.... Then we were back home!

The end!

### **The Mighty Burn** by Maddie Welsh Grade 4

Crash, bang, boom... Eliza heard sirens, as she yelled help please someone please ! As she screamed in horror the building started to burn, she smelt petrol. she screamed so much more than ever. She thought it was going to blow up. She noticed that a fighter fighter was coming and she got scared. She didn't know why.

Eliza thought she needed to find the fighter to thank him for saving her life . She was going to try the hardest she ever had in her intiyer life because she was determined to find him even though he was a stranger but she said to herself that she would find him because saved her. She is going to get really frustrated because she would have to walk all over the city if she didn't have a car .

Eliza got really dehydrated and passed out then a stranger walked past her and woke Eliza up. What do you do for a living? she said fighter she said were you at the huge car crash he said yes eliza said did you rescue me? She was in the building and he said yes. She thanked him, and then we became best friends somehow ?



### **Lost in the Forest** by Jordyn West Grade 3

One day there was 2 siblings, there was a girl and there was a boy, the girls name was Lilly and the boys name was jack. One day they asked there mum Krissy to go to the forest. Krissy said yes but she couldn't hear well because her husband Brian was mowing the lawns. They lived on the farm so they had to yell all the time to be able to hear each other. The kids waited for 5 mins before they went off to the forest, one hour later when they got there they were building a cubby house so they can have a bit of shelter from the weather. After a few hours they forget the directions for the way home, they got so scared, so the decided to stay in the cubby house as it was getting very dark outside every quickly. The kids were so scared and cold they had no blankets to keep them warm and no pillow to be able to lay down, there were lots of creepy crawlies around along with strange sounds. They were so scared the keep shouting out for there mum and dad for them to come and find them, little did they know the mum and dad already had followed them following the footprints the kids had left behind in the mud.. so the mum and dad finally found them the kids' where so happy that they cried and said we have missed you and they all went b and when they where done the brushed there teeth go in there pjs and went to bed the END

### **The Jewelled Dragon** by Harriet White Grade 3

SNAP!! I hear a stick snap under my feet. One the giant claws almost gets me! I run into a cave and crouch in a corner. Oh no! I think. What if it eats me!!!

Now I bet you're wondering how I got here, well I'm October and I live in a jungle near a city called Boshu. I wear green leggings, a green t-shirt with a tree on it and have brown hair. I sleep in a hammock tied between two trees. That dragon is a dragon called a Jewelled dragon. She was hurt and I wanted to help her but she didn't want it. She is supposed to be in the Dark Forest.

So anyway I'm in the cave, suddenly the dragon lets out a gigantic yell. YELP!!!!!!!! I rush out of the cave and grab a vine and wind it around her leg, the dragon flinches a couple of times but nothing else. I look into her eyes and say " Hello I'm going to call you Jewel" " We need to get you back to the Dark Forest, so lets get some sleep" Jewel nods. The next day we go to the edge of the jungle and creep into the city. We go through alleyways, until we reach an abandoned park and settle down to sleep in a bush. AARGH!!! I wake up with a jump because a lady is screaming at us and then runs to a telephone box and calls Mr Buckshot!!! I jump on Jewel's blue back and we take to the skys! We fly most of the way when I feel a wind above us, Mr Buckshot in a helicopter!!! Jewel tries to shake him off and suddenly we see the Dark Forest!!! Jewel swoops into the trees and finally Mr Buckshot goes away, we find Jewel's mum and dad and as for me, I spend my days in the Dark Forest as well as the jungle!!!



**\*Living on Bunurong land** by Hayden White Grade 3, Kongwak PS

Land and water give me energy to run free  
out into the night.  
Under the stars and the moon  
I watch the owl take flight.  
Watch the owl glide across the sea.  
We are on Bunurong land.

**Unicorn Impact** by Alice Wicks Grade 4

I awoken to the sound of something hitting the earth, I hadn't prepared for impact so I fell out of bed. I didn't know what it was. There was too much thick dark dust and smoke swirling outside to be able to see out of the window. I got dressed and went outside to see what it was. There was still a lot of dust and smoke, but I could make out a big, no, HUGE black asteroid! It was taller and bigger than my house! Then all of a sudden, the dust and smoke disappeared, and there it was right in front of me, a sparkly rainbow unicorn!

"Hi there," said the unicorn in a cheerful voice. I was speechless, but at the same time had a million questions. I started by saying...

"Hi, my name is Alice and your transportation device woke me up on a Sunday morning. It's only 9:30 couldn't you at least have woken me up at 10:00!"

"Sorry Alice," the unicorn said, "I get up at 4:00 so for me it is like morning tea time."

"Who gets up that early?" I asked.

"Me silly I just told you that."

"Anyway," I said getting a little confused, "what's your name?"

"My name is... what is my name?"

"Maybe it's..." I started to say.

"Fiona!" Interrupted the unicorn, "My name is Fiona."

So, after getting to know each other we became good friends. Fiona fixed the damage the asteroid made as well as getting up at 7:00 instead of 4:00. I made room for Fiona in the house so we could live together as well. After living and going everywhere together we found out there was a Universe Got Talent in the area! Fiona thought we needed to go and compete but I had other thoughts.

"Alice, we need to go to Universe Got Talent."

"NO!!!!!" I Yelled.

"WHY!" Wined Fiona.

"Because. Well, I'll let you in with a secret." I started slowly speeding up, "I get stage fright but I guess we can go."

"Let's go to Universe Got Talent!"

-To Be Continued-



**Inks and The Phrogs** by Abigail Winarta Grade 4 Tucker Road Bentleigh Primary School

Inks sighed. It was a boring day and the clock was ticking slower than ever. Suddenly, she saw a onesie hung on the wall, glowing radioactively.

Inks took a moment to consider the frog onesie and after a while, she decided to wash and wear it. So, she did just that. When she was about to flip on the hood, though, the green hue around it glowed more vigorously. "Eek-!" Inks yelped in surprise. The girl had turned into a frog!!

Inks pondered until she figured out what had happened. I'm going to live with the frogs! She thought. The girl attempted to walk, but it turned into a fall, then a tumble, to a splat onto the floor. Then she remembered that frogs don't walk- they hop! So, she tried again. It had worked! She hopped and hopped until she had found herself at a swamp.

There, staring at her with bulging, slimy eyes, was a toad. Or was it a frog? She wasn't quite sure, but that didn't matter. KEROP. It croaked. KEROP. Inks had no idea how, but she thought she understood the frog. "Hello," it seemed to say. "I am Kerilo the phrog." Inks paused. "Don't you mean Frog?" "That is what I said. Phrog," Kerilo replied defensively, "Now, hyoomen, come with me."

If you wish to live with the phrogs and I, you must beat me in a battle," The phrog explained, "That is why I have brought you here, hyoomen." Before she knew what was happening, Inks and what seemed like the whole world rose up and floated in the air. KEROP. Went the phrog audience. The battle had begun.

Kerilo lunged forward when Inks pulled out her glorious, plastic SNAKE!!! SNEK!!! The audience yelped in fear and fled, while the all mighty Kerilo hopped away in despair leaving his crown behind.

Huh. Maybe I'm not cut out for phrogs. She thought to herself as she gathered up Kerilo's crown and strode away to home.



**Birthday on the Moon** by Daisy Windsor Grade 3

"AHH"! It is my birthday on the moon, "  
the pig said. "I'm going to invite one  
person. It will be Ham. I'm going to the  
Moon right now."

"Hi Ham I am setting up the birthday party. I have a mud pit, food and a big cake"

"WAIT!" yelled Ham. "The food is floating away and our tails are going away."

"Wait!" I got an idea we can use some sticky tape."

"Great idea!" So, they got to work and in 7 hours they finished. Now they know they won't  
have a birthday on the moon again.





## Fishy Stories Writing Challenge Grade 5 and 6 Stories, alphabetical by surname

**\*Lemon and Lime** by Skye Anderson Grade 6 St Laurence O'Toole PS Leongatha

Rustle, rustle. Wiggle, wiggle. I feel so...stiff, yet alive. I open my eyes very slightly, a bright glaring light in my face. Slowly, I stand up and look around me.

"Whaaat?!?" I say, shocked to find... I'm alive! "How?! Why?!" I scream. Then, I hear a strange moaning sound. I look to my right. A.. Lime bottle?

"He-hello?" I whisper, still unsure what was happening.

"Who are you? Who am I? Where am I?!" the Lime bottle replies, quickly.

"Um.. I think I'm a lemon bottle, you're a lime bottle and I believe we're on a store shelf." The Lime bottle still looks puzzled.

"Do you have a name? Or will you just go by Lime?" I ask curiously. "I'll go by Lime, for now anyway." Lime replies. "And you are..?" "Lemon.." I told him.

"Should we stick together until we figure this thing out?" I ask, hopefully. Suddenly we hear giant footsteps. We look around the corner to see a short, old woman waddling over to us.

"Quick! Hide!" Lime shouts. We both dive behind a big box with an orange plastered on the label. The little old woman takes her time coming over, but once she does, I look at Lime and see the fear in his eyes. Being very slow and still, I peer around the box and watch the little old lady stick her hand out and say to herself, "Now where on earth is that Olive Oil?..". Lime and I both sigh in relief, forgetting the old lady was still there. All of a sudden, two hands whack over Lime and my mouths.

"Stay quiet, or else she'll choose you!" A deep and mysterious voice says. Lime looked over at me, so scared he had a tear in his eye. Bringing our attention back to the little old lady, she was walking off to the next aisle, looking rather pleased. We turn around to see a tall, dark figure towering over us.

"Hello, my name is Barbecue, and it seems we are in a similar situation, but I can help."



## **Granny's Visit** by Ella Bacon Grade 5

Toot toot! "She's here!" I yell. As I run into the house my younger brother Luke charges out and crashes into Granny's legs. "You're strong" she teases. "Yeah I'm four now!" he declares proudly. Ruby dashes from the house, smothering Granny with a GIGANTIC hug. "Hey dahl" Granny exclaimed. Then she points to me "come here and give your granny a hug." A parrot flies onto her shoulder and says, "Yeah, give your granny a hug! How could I forget about the parrots?!"

"GO AWAY JEROLD" I hiss. "Don't be mean to Jerold!" she booms. Dad walks out of the house "be quiet" he complains "we're right here" I add. I say goodnight to everyone, as I walk back into the house. "HEY" screams Granny. I stop and turn around "yes Granny?" I mumble "say goodnight to the parrots" she called. "Agggh FINE, goodnight Jerold, Jeffry, Jessica, Jonathan, Jane, Johnny and Little Timmy" I say trying to sound enthusiastic but TOTALLY failing.

I walk with haste, seeking refuge in my room. Finally, peace and quiet as I flop down onto my bed. Suddenly Granny bursts in "GOODNIGHT!" she yells throwing confetti onto my bed. Agggh, HOW DARE SHE. "GRANNY that is NOT how you say goodnight to someone!" I complained. "Fine" she grumbles. She leaves and eventually I fall asleep.

"Ahhhh" I groan. I open my eyes, there's a red blur. My vision clears and I realise it's Jerold. "Wake up, wake up!" he squawks. I shove him off me and thump into the kitchen. "Why was Jerold in my room?" I question. "because Jerold is staying here with you, he's your present" she declared. "THANKS" I grumble. Jerold is so annoying that he might have no head by the time Granny leaves.



## **Cats in Space** by William Bailey Grade 5

On a planet, lightyears from earth, lived a colony of Space Cats. One day three Astrocats decided to explore an unexplored planet in the Dogtra system. The leader of the expedition was a Siamese cat named Sally, the scientist was a Tuxedo named Tim and finally the weapons officer was a Tabby named Toris.

The counter started. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, blast off! "Captains log, we've just taken off for the planet Woofta in hopes of taking it for the Cat Empire." Sally reported into her log. "Ma'am, radars have picked up fleet of Dogtra ships heading towards Woofta!" Toris said urgently. "Prepare for an intergalactic cat fight!" Ordered Sally as the Dogtra fleet charged their cannons. Pew! Pew! Pew! Boom! A Dogtra ship floated away harmlessly. As it floated away an escape paw flew out. "Send all power to engines and let's jet!" Sally quickly ordered. A dog missile hit the second engine. "Engine two at 0% power!" Tim said. "Send all power to engine one." Sally said. Vroom!

The Catastrophie landed on Woofta. "I'm sending Meow-bot 7000 to sample the air". Meow-bot got out a bottle and sampled the air. "All good." Tim reported. Sally stepped out, holding their Empires flag. "I wouldn't do that if I were you." A sly voice said from behind them. It was captain Bark of the Dogtra empire. "How can you stop us? It's three versus one." Sally said factually. "Oh, really?" Captain Bark said as a platoon of dogs came from behind the Catastrophie. "Run!" Screamed Sally. As they ran, she stuck the flag into the ground. Captain Bark blasted at their engine and destroyed it. "Both engines down! What do we do?" Asked Toris nervously. "Send it to the back up engine." Sally responded. "Ok, the power is sending to the back up engine. Vroom!"

Once they got back to the cat empire the Catastrophie was taken in for repairs and the team was led into the commander's office. "Well done you three!" He said. He then offered the team to be the cat empires exploration team. They accepted!





## **Silence of Bombs** by Abbey Best Grade 6

Two years ago England was fighting not just fighting but war, a war that killed. Not only killing hundreds of men but putting my hearing to rest for a long time, over several months I didn't hear the sound of good things, bad things and dangerous things.

It was just my Mum at home when the first bombs hit. My father died when I was young, in the last war. We had been expecting the explosions but not this close to our home, they landed in a nearby farm. It didn't leave much damage to our house but the noise was intense and then there was nothing. I have always had sensitive hearing ever since my first train ride when I let my Mum know that it was bothering me. I screamed with the agony holding my ears and kicking my legs making a big scene, Mum dragged me off the train at the next stop. I saw a doctor and I was diagnosed with a disease causing deafness from loud noises. Not good when you live in a country prone to gunshots and bombs.

As the invasion grew bigger we became stronger fighting back with some of our own soldiers. But they came back damaged, weak and close to death. During that weak stage, I became useful helping the wounded, being deaf was hard for my safety but gun shots and bombs being close I learnt to feel the vibrations..

When my mother screamed, it was the best and worst time of my life, I heard her again. But the worst time was when I saw my Mum lying under a fallen cabinet when I ran down the hall. I was able to help her get the cabinet off with her crying and screaming. The thought of her dying shocked me and the picture was stuck in my mind. but I was left to think what would have happened if she hadn't screamed loud enough...



**\*Paper Boats** by Ruby Blundell Grade 6 Tucker Road Bentleigh Primary School

The wind is stiff yet auspicious as it flings my long hair beside my face. The trees around me are tall and stern but their leaves dance through the wind with joyful spirits. I stand at the edge of the river, the water slowly flowing along as I stare long into it. I can see myself. My eyes look melancholy and dark. They match my somber black dress. I remembered her smile and her happy joyful spirit that shone through and spread to everyone she met. I felt my face go red and tears trickle down my cheeks, as I relive her memory. She wouldn't want me to be sad but I can't help it. Behind me I hear people whispering and crying. They find comfort in each other, but by the river I stand alone. Alone with my tears, my fear, my worries, my emotions and my wishes. The memory of when I found out, the sadness and the anger still haunts me at night. I wish I could go back and tell her how much she means to me all over again but it's too late. She's gone. In my hands I hold a paper boat, the folds are precise and neat yet filled with so much love. It's the reason I'm here at the edge of the river. It's ready to leap into the water but I'm not. I hold it tightly. My heart aches, my eyes fill with tears as I kneel down in the sand, my spirit low. I worry if I keep crying I will drown in my tears, but part of me doesn't care. She would want me to keep fighting, but I can't. I'm about to give up. When I see another reflection looking back at me. There she is smiling at me, suddenly I feel warmth, her memory is the light in the darkness I need. I can't change the past but I can change myself. I lean forward placing my paper boat in the river. I cry but for once tears of hope as I watch it start its next journey like my mother.



## **Life of Frog** by Henry Brick Grade 6 Koonwarra Village School

Once there was a frog, this frog was quiet a small frog. He was a poison dart frog that had a big green dot on his back. His friend, the red-eyed tree frog, was chilling with him when a strange man that was carrying a long-polished stone with spikes on it.

Then, it made a big noise that scared them both and they bounced off. The came back after a couple of hours just to find their preferred tree was chopped down. They saw the strange man drive of in a big truck filled with loges on that back of it. They waited a long time to see if they would retune there tree back.

They enter a state of torpor at the pond in the rain forest. When winter came to an end, they left the pond and went to go see if their tree was there, but instead it was a group of people planting bushes that were dressed in overalls and singlets.

One of the people saw the frogs and came and picked them up in his gloved hands and placed them in a bush. This made them very happy. Then the people brought out a big spade that made a big hole, then they filled it with water.

They emptied a box of insects and spiders for them, and they fed like a pack of tigers that just caught a gazelle, slurping up every insect in sight. They were so tied that the fell asleep.

The next morning when they awoke, the people left, except for one, he was quiet young and looked full of energy. He had a big black box with him that had a weird glass lens on it that flashed in the light like a shard if metal in the desert. When the man left, he closed a mysteries gate that they hadn't seen until now.

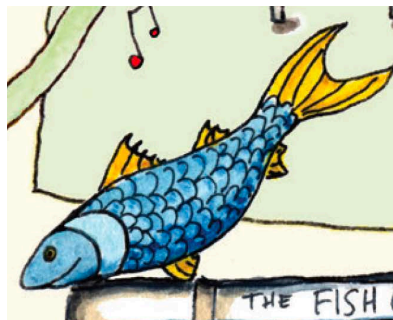
It was labelled with some words that said, "endangered species, stay out" for the rest of their happy life.



## **The Shrivelled Forest** by Alistair Buckland, Grade 6 Fish Creek Primary School

The day was Tuesday and Felix was pumped to go hiking and plus who wouldn't want to go hiking on such a bright day like this. So, Felix packed his bag and set off to the woods. Once Felix arrived he put his hiking backpack on and marched into the woods. After what seemed like an hour he stopped to look at the map and he gasped, "I'm lost, how?". So he had to go further and further into the forest to find some shelter but then it started to pour so he searched faster and found a wooden cabin and surprisingly it wasn't locked. There was an old dusty map on the wall and Felix decided to stay the night in the cabin.

In the morning Felix memorised the map as best as he could and set off to try and get out of this massive forest. As Felix trudged through the wet crunchy leaves there was a shriek from what sounded like a crow. Then Felix decided to investigate the crow. Felix found the crow that was shrieking and he went up to the crow. The crow had silky smooth black feathers with a big beak and was perched on top of a dead tree. Felix approached the crow but the crow had other plans and decided to start chasing down Felix like a magpie in mating season. But Felix slipped and fell into a hole and got knocked out and everything went black. When Felix woke up he could see the crow peering down from the ledge of the hole. Felix looked at his arm that was hurting much more than before and figured that he must've broken his arm with the fall. Rugged rock surrounded Felix, the hole was deep just like his chances of escaping his demise but his arm was far too broken. Felix screamed out help for what seemed like an hour. When Felix stopped his throat was like a fireball. "Tsssss!" Felix heard a sound that sounded like a snake. It was a brown snake! And then it dashed at him!





**\*The Aphids' 'Legend of the Infinity Tree'** by Carmine Burslem, Grade 6, Fish Creek and District Primary School

Leafling rested on the ground next to the flickering fire.

Is it worth a boring life for an alliance with the ants?

He thought as the elder aphid came.

"Tell us about the infinity tree!" said one of the aphids.

"Ahh yes!" said the elder. "That's a good story! They say that, on a full moon, if you go to the tallest flower in the pond, and say the Latin words: ostende mihi lignum, you will be transported to the infinity tree! A tree that will live forever! As well as all of those who are lucky enough to find it!"

The elder's stories were the only interesting thing in Leafling's life, even the story of the ant that did nothing for an ant century! Actually the ant supposedly still stands still! Leafling knew the infinity tree was just an old legend, but he could've sworn he heard someone talking about how their friend went looking for the tree and either succeeded or died trying. Leafling was willing to take the chance! If the tree was real, it would be much better than eating plants while ants get honeydew off you! He packed his bags (or felt like he did even though he had no belongings to pack) and dashed through the bug tribes. When he reached the end of the ant tribe, there was an ant standing still on a rock.

"What's the rush?" asked the ant.

"I'm going to the infinity tree!"

"Ahh!" said the ant. "I've been standing still here for centuries, you're in luck! I know it's a full moon tonight! Now go to the tree little aphid!"

Leafling rushed to the pond and swam to the pond-moon-flower. He climbed to the top: 'twas the moment of truth...

"Ostende mihi lignum!"

The reflection of the moon in the water of the flower changed to show a lush green cave with a great lively tree in the centre of it. Leafling jumped in and was in the paradise of the infinity tree.

"Ostende mihi lignum!" (Latin) / "Show me the tree!" (English).



## **The Birthday on the Moon** by Cooper Campbell Grade 6

It's strange and scary being in a rocket. It was my and my friends birthday. I travelled to the moon. I'm having my birthday party on the moon!

I am Perry. I have no hair therefore, my friends call me baldy. I have a shiny gold head with funny purple eyes.

Tessa, she has straight orange hair. She is tall and thin and a yellow face. Peter, my best friend, has a big brown beard. Also he has blue spikey hair. He is a little bit chunky and average height. Emily she is tall and has purple short hair.

When we finally landed on the moon it was night time and felt cold. It looks mystical having pink dust with big giant craters.

We play pass the parcel when all of a sudden 5 spooky aliens with green glowing eyes, wrinkly grey skin and giant pointy teeth flew in to crash the party. They wanted to eat the chocolate cake but, Tessa gets taken to the aliens home instead.

Peter, Emily and I were feeling a little sad and scared that Tessa was taken. We decided to make a plan on how to get her back.

The aliens and Tessa returned with a present for me. We all became friends and finished the party off with a yummy piece of chocolate birthday cake.



## **The Scary Woods** by Karlroy Daming Grade 6

Today was a normal day for Dwayne, he was feeling like it was going to be the best day of his life for some reason. When Dwayne got up he made breakfast in a happy mood, he made butter on toast. After Dwayne was done making his butter on toast, he ate the hot toast it was delicious and yummy. Dwayne was feeling in the right mood and wanted to have a jog, Dwayne is a 21 year old living without his parents, he's not really that tall, Dwayne is 5 foot 7. Dwayne went to the bathroom and started brushing his teeth, when he was finished brushing his teeth he started putting on his running shoes, and tying them up.

Dwayne opened up the front door and smelled the nice fresh air, that's when Dwayne started his jog. He started following the footpath that was in front of his house, and wondering where he might end up. Dwayne lived in a big neighbourhood but not much people in the neighbourhood knew who Dwayne was. Then the footpath started going towards the creepy woods, Dwayne just walked into the woods like it was nothing.

The woods gave you a creepy feeling when you walked inside of it. But then Dwayne suddenly saw a weird looking creature ahead of him, so Dwayne walked closer to the creature and looked at it closely and the creature looked like it was a tall figure. But Dwayne just walked past the creature, but it kept following Dwayne everywhere he went. So Dwayne started running faster and faster so Dwayne started going random directions to try lose the weird looking creature. He saw sunlight in front of him so he just sprinted as fast as he could, Dwayne didn't stop until he got there. The creature grabbed Dwayne's shirt and tried to get him, but the gas station worker came towards the creature and kicked the creature in the knee. Then the creature teleported away, Dwayne thanked the worker for saving his life! Dwayne went home safely and never worried about the creature ever again.



## **Indigenous heart** by Rachel Denbrok Grade 6

As I open my eyes, all I see is my sisters perfect face smiling down at me, her smile is as bright as the sun, I don't know how she got her, Long, blonde hair and bright, blue eyes, she didn't get them from Dad. I know that because I look like him, I have brown hair that's always a mess, I can't get it to sit flat, mine eyes are the oddest green you can find and not in a good way. After I stop comparing my elf to my sister, I finally got a whiff of what sis has been cooking. Are you going to get up or can I have your breakfast? Ask sis. No!! Get out of it. I yell back. Dad heard and got really mad, at me. Sorry. I replied quickly.

As I walk to school after the best breakfast ever. I started to have memories of my missing Mother. Only minutes way from school I could already see and hear the kids run around and playing games. I heard a rustling in the bushes. I stumble into a massive cave. I walk through a hodgepodge of tracks, I was very disoriented. I wouldn't be surprised if I went back on the same trail. Who knows how long it been until I run into a large open space. A lady looking figure came out of the wall, started to give me a recognize look. I know this person. I seen her in a picture in my Dad room. But I wasn't sure who she was. I decided to sing a boonwurrung song. She recognize it and join in, because it's your native language. Who are you ? and do you know my Dad ? I asked. She replied in a soft voice, I am your mother Rick. You can't be she died years ago. I said. Yes, I did die, but I am a sprit now, I've been watching you for years, I miss you and your sister. Mum said. I've missed you too I replied.

As she lead me out she gave me a necklace.





## **The Journey of a Strawberry - ballad** by Mila Dinsbergs Grade 6

The soft leaves of new life  
Rising up to the sky  
This seed just burst open  
It knows life is no lie.

The plant now fully grown  
A small fruit starts to form  
But it can't get its hopes up...  
Because here comes the storm.

That poor little strawberry  
By the weather worn and torn  
It's so hard growing up  
In this never ending storm.

But that little fruit  
Has hope in its soul  
IT WILL NOT END UP  
In the gardener's fruit bowl.

But then he sees freedom-  
Way over the hills  
But the thought of long travel,  
It gives him the chills.

So he breaks free of his stem  
And says his goodbyes  
But he will miss his friends;  
Even those he despise.

But then he was captured!  
Stuffed into a crate!  
The ride was so bumpy  
As he rode to his fate.

At last he saw sunlight!  
But it's not what he thinks  
He's being sold in a market!  
And someone's walking toward him...

He blacked out from the stress  
But when he awakes  
He's being put in the oven...  
In some sort of cake!



But with extraordinary luck  
He slipped out of the way!  
(A much nicer choice  
Than being baked on a tray)

But where do I belong?  
Thought our tired little Mr.  
Back home- he realised  
With his brothers and sisters.

So he hopped on a bus  
And rode far away  
Over the hills,  
Back the way he came.

So that little strawberry realised  
On that fateful day  
That the stem is his safe place  
And it's where he will stay.

Mr Strawberry says HOORAY!!!





## **Anywhere** by Scarlett Dubignon Grade 5

I squint, as the morning light streams through my window. I glance over to my alarm clock, 8:13am. Luna, my little sister should've woken me by now, even if it was Saturday. I stand up and grab my clothes from the top of my dresser. After I'm dressed, I snatch my hairbrush and walk over to my mirror. My long, fiery red hair hangs over my shoulders. I braid it into two, long plaits, and then shuffle out into the hall. The house is quiet, I thought. The kitchen and living room are empty, so are the bedrooms. So I go outside to try and find my family, but something strange happens. When I get outside everything has a different colour and there is something odd about the people too. The trees are purple, and so is the grass. The sky is a vivid pink colour, and all the people are peculiar looking, I swear I saw a cow with human legs disappear behind an alleyway as I came out. I pinched myself to see if it was real, "OUCH!". A short, plump woman waddled over to me. "You must be the test, don't worry lovey, you'll be all right. I can help ya. Tell ya how to get out." She cries. "Great, thank you", I said. "My name's Barbara, I'll give ya me clue, then you go to Steve over there. Once my head was red but now it's black what am I?" "A match? So one of the things I need is in a matchbox?" A cows head pops out from behind a house and says "I'm Steve the cow dude." "O-okay...?" Then Steve, proceeds to say: "I shave all day, but my hair stays the same, what am I?" "A... Barber!" I run into my house and find the matchbox, inside is a pristine blue crystal which I shove into my pocket. There is a hair dressers right across the road, which I run to. And on the bench is a pink crystal. "Press them together!" shouts Barbara from afar. And then BANG!



## **Jimmy Banana and the Slime Catastrophe** by Lucas Duncan Grade 5

This is Jimmy Banana. "Hi," he just said hi. He has a cat. The cat's name is Dog and it's blue with small pink stripes, it's also quite big.

"What's that sound? I think it's coming from outside. I should probably go check it out," Jimmy thought. So, he went outside and found a weird slimy creature. We'll call it JimBob. "This'll be fun," Jimmy thought.

Sorry, but it's not going to be as fun as you think it will be. "Is it... getting larger?" Jimmy wondered. It definitely is getting bigger. "Good to know, probably shouldn't let it get too big," Jimmy inquired. JimBob went into Jimmy's house, and can you guess what it did next? Wrong answer. It didn't get slime everywhere. What happened is, that JimBob fell through the floor, and don't worry, I have no idea how it happened.

"Guess what? I was right! This is going to be fun!" Jimmy exclaimed. It's not. You're being impatient. "We'll see about that," Jimmy said.

Time to dig for 1 hour, 27 minutes and 10 seconds. "He was right, this isn't fun," Jimmy thought. After a while, Jimmy made it to the slime. Wait, how's JimBob going to get up to the top? Ah, I see. By throwing it up there at 72.984kph, it should be able to get up to the top.

Now we can fast forward 10 hours and Jimmy is out of that pit. "Dog, cut it in half!" Jimmy shouted. So, the cat cut it and made a copy of JimBob, they have one eye each. I think we'll call them Jim and Bob. "Welp, that didn't work, we should probably try something else," Jimmy thought.

"What if we put Jim and Bob in a box and then they explode, that would work," Jimmy asked. Yeah, that would work, although it won't be much fun. So, Jimmy put them in a box, they exploded, and so did the box.

"Now I have to clean the house, yay," Jimmy whispered. So, Jimmy cleaned the house because he had to.



## **Hayley's Quest** by Hayley Dutton-Parke Grade 5 Wilcannia School

I put on my blue swimmers covered in bright flowers, and I put on my clothes over the top. I get my helmet. Its yellow, black, and red, like the Aboriginal flag. It has a kangaroo, an emu, a wallaby, a frilled neck lizard, a snake and a bogey on it. I get my water bottle and my egg sandwich and I put them in my pink backpack. Now I am ready to go on my adventure to the pool.

I wheel my bike to the front gate and pull out my map. I am on a quest to cool down at the pool. I plan which way I'll go on the map.

I ride fast like a car, my legs spinning in circles. I feel the wind in my hair. My little dogs Minnie and Max run along either side of me, zigzagging in front of me, barking at me, so I tell them to go home.

I dive into the pool, pushing the water away from me as I go under. I am like the diving ducks on the river. They jump in the water and swim so fast you can't even see them. I swim fast like the diving ducks.

I pretend I am in a race. I am versing people even though I am the only one there. I imagine there are people standing next to me. I say to myself, Get ready... get set... go! I dive off. They try hard to beat me, but they can't. I am too fast for them.

When I've been in the pool for too long, I get wrinkly, like my Pop Gordon. That's when I get out of the pool.

I put my clothes over my wet swimmers, put on my backpack and get back on my bike. As I pull in the front gate Minnie and Max run out barking. I think they are shouting "Yay Hayley! You're home!"

When it gets dark I go to bed, and dream about my next adventure.



## Lost by Rafferty Dwyer Grade 6

It was a rainy day. They were approximately 2km above the Amazon rainforest. There were all sorts of strange noises coming from the leafy green sea.

'Satisfying... Isn't it?' said the Pilot.

Arnold thought he must be talking about the wet green leaves brushing against each other in the wind. It was a calm flight besides the violent rain and wind. Arnold knew they would be safe (**Or are we?**)

'Are you sure this is completely safe?' Arnold blurted out without thinking twice.

'Sure it is!' replied the Pilot with a grin 'I'm the best flyer around!'

'Ok.'

Arnold didn't want to say that but he couldn't complain. Suddenly lightning cracked through the sky. Arnold could see his life flashing before him. The plane started descending... It was going down fast. Straight down. Arnold tried shaking the pilot and shouting in his ear. But there was no response. Ahead of them Arnold could see the jungle approaching ever so fast. He braced himself and held his hands to his head.

CRASH!!!

There was complete silence. Then Arnold slowly got up. He was bleeding a lot but was sure he would be alright. Arnold slowly climbed out of the plane. It was in the midst of the green sea he was just looking overhead at. The plane was a mess of tangled vines, flames and metal sticking out. He finally touched down to the ground, feet first. He extended his hands to the dirt. It was coarse and rough. Never had Arnold felt so happy to feel dirt.

'What now?' Arnold said wryly to himself.

He decided to head off on foot with a spear he had carved and a backpack with basic survival needs. The rain was pounding on his back furiously. But he had to keep going. He came across an orchid. It was a beautiful scarlet orchid. Arnold had studied botany for many years. He reached out to grab the flower.

'STOP!'

Arnold went white with fear. He turned around to see another human.

'You must come with me outsider!' the man said.



## **Mexican Medic** by Edie Edgelow, Grade 5 Fish Creek and District Primary School

Wednesday, 21st of August, 2022

I looked at the time, 5:32, we were going to be there on time. Mami was asleep, while Papá was driving, and I was reading some book from Valeria Luisell. "Want some totopos?" Mami said, gesturing for me to take some. "No thanks." "More for me then," Papa commented, taking some from the bag.

Thursday, 22nd of August, 2022

We arrived at the hotel, the reception guy handed us our keys and we found room 274. I dashed into the room as soon as the door opened, and I dialled Adria's number, because I promised her I would call her when I got there. I told her how I was so excited to have this new life, but in reality, I already missed Mexico already. "Morning Querida!" "Mamiii!" I yawned. "First day of school!" "5 more minutes!" "No, you don't want to be late for your first day, now come on, get up." I walked down the stairs only to trip and fall face flat on the ground. , Wwe didn't have stairs back in our old house in Mexico. But I guess there's no excuse for tripping on stairs. I got changed, had breakfast then packed my bag. "You're ready" Mami said to me, as I walked out the door. Was I? I definitely didn't feel ready?

Friday, 23rd of August, 2022

"How was school?"

"Good, what's for dinner Papi?"

"Enchiladas!"

"Again?" I sighed

"Yeah, don't you like my cooking?"

"Yes, but not the same thing over and over again."

"Come on, your padre proud of his work" Mami said, serving herself.

After dinner, I got into my new pyjamas, that still had that shop smell and I reluctantly said goodnight to Isabella, my older sister.

"Goodnight Querida."

"Goodnight Mami"

Tuesday, 16th of September, 2034

"Are you sure she's a doctor?"

"No, she wants to BECOME a doctor."

I heard two old women talking about me after I just come out of my job interview.

Time traveller by Lily Egan Grade 6

If you need a story that is happy but sad then this is the story for you. Sorry I forgot my name I am lola and this is how I got magic powers.

It all started somewhere in time because I am a timetravler well not yet. I was in the future of lily this is where it gets interesting. Hi lola spoken paige

Hi today is the day where I finally become a time traveller I just know itttttttt!

Falls into a trap door

HELP WHERE AM !!

your here already well time has seriously gone fast



Who are you?

I am twinker the world famous time traveller I can control time on my planet time I know everything

Really I don't believe that tell me what my name is?

Lola you do know that you don't know about who you are

I know I am a girl with hair

Very funny your a time traveller but to own it you need to complete something for me

What is that?

You need to fine out who you really are ,sends to the past, good luck

Wow the parst is very little there is my parts self

Hahahahahaha again again Hahahahahaha lola what are you doing at the park, that is my mum I never knew I had a mum!, I just whated to play no you know the rules your not aloud to play anything. Why? Because your a nobody. Crys I am someone and I can prove it! How can you prove it. I will become a time traveller and I will not stop intill I do, omg I am bad, dig to far into the past and the future will make you suffer. Future past present combine

I was the worst back then crys

No I can fix my mistake I can become who I want to become turns into a time traveller I will make everyone see I am the best and you can't beet me !

After that day she did nothing but revenge and I had to stop her and I turned her into me and that is the story of twinker and lola the end of the world

The Wardrobe by William Talbot Home Education 11YO

When I opened the door I wasn't expecting to be standing in the doorway of a mansion. To my right, a staircase lined the side of the hallway. A couple of bookshelves stood out on my left, some of the books I recognized. Under the staircase I noticed a small wardrobe under it, glowing with a ray of spectral colours.

Down the hall was an opening; here another staircase spiralled up several floors. But something else caught my attention. A piano sat in the middle of the opening, where sunlight blasted from the window. Then the piano keys began to press down, giving me away. I knew I would have to hide.

Thud,clip. Thud,clip. Thud,clip. Footsteps vibrated from another floor, echoing throughout the mansion.

This wasn't the only thing that sent shivers up my spine.





The piano played, was more high-pitched than I thought. As the footsteps came closer to the ground floor, I ran back to the glowing wardrobe, just as a pair of shoes and a black cloak came into sight. The man was only metres from me. Hoping it would be a better hiding place, I ran inside the wardrobe. This mysterious wardrobe glowed brightly but was otherwise fairly ordinary. However, on the inside, it was anything but ordinary. Even after this excitement, I just had to stand in awe. Inside the wardrobe was a long hallway, filled with doors, each labelled.

I realised I was walking through time  
and space. I read a few of the doors;  
1752, Electricity Discovered, America  
1816, Camera Invented, France  
1903, Aeroplane Invented, America

It seemed to be that these doors each took you to a different event that changed history. The footsteps from the cloaked man came closer again, so I found a door that didn't lead me too far from the mansion and ran through.

Now on the footpath a few streets away. I stared back at the mansion, only to see the cloaked man come out of the door and stare right back at me.

Uhh, what a weirdo.

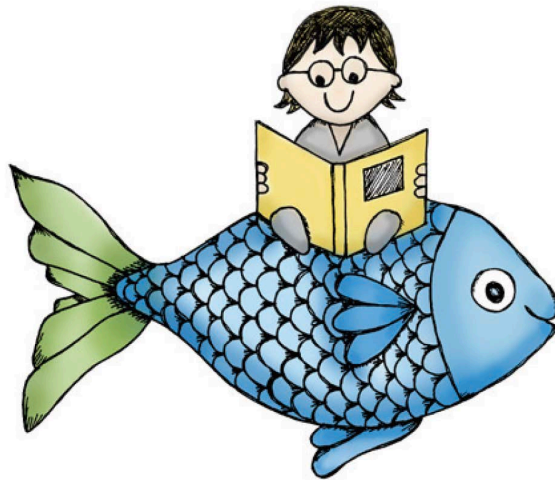


**That football game** by Liyana El-Cheickh Ibrahim Grade 6 Glenroy Central PS

BOOM! All everybody could see was our star player on the ground. Nobody knew what had happened, was it an accident? Or was it on purpose?

Michaels dad was standing in the crowd in shock he had no idea what to do or how to help. All he could think of was losing his son which brought him to tears. He thought that this was all his fault but he rushed to the hospital. He waited and waited for a nurse to come and tell him Michaels room. But he was waiting for hours and hours until a nurse finally come.

Michaels dad couldn't be any happier to hear the news that Michael is alright. All the nurse said is that he has a broken leg but it was still alright. It has been 5 days of Michael being in hospital but, with amazing news the nurse said that he can leave with a cast and a cast only. Michael was amazed and so was his dad. Michaels dad wanted to spend every moment of every second with Michael. He never knew how much Michael had meant to him.





## **The Drift** by Rowan Fairlie Grade 6

They were a very adventurous group of animals, all wanting to explore wonders of the world. This curious bunch of animals all jumped onto a floating plank and floated off into the sunset. They went for days without seeing anything.

The water slowly turning a dark blue, darker than the night sky. It had been beautiful, but it started to get lumpy and bumpy like a ride on a mechanical bull. The rain dribbled down onto the rolling waves, like water drops in your sink. The sky got dark and gloomy with thunder cracking. It was so lumpy and bumpy that the long-nosed bandicoot fell off. He floated for a minute before he sank down, deep down to the bottom of the ocean like a stone in a pool.

The thunder stopped and the rain kept dripping down slowly and sadly. Everyone was sad but they still had hope. They pushed on through the wishy-washy waves, they believed that they would arrive in a new place better than their old home.

As the long summer days drag on the mood slowly got sadder and sadder, until there was no hope left. They all thought bandicoot was dead, gone to the bottom of the ocean. After many days they started seeing land. Each day getting closer and closer. They also started to see mountains, bays, big rocks towering over like a skyscraper in a city skyline. It was so close that they could see the waves crash down onto the sandy beach.

Things started to get slower and slower, until the plank stopped moving and started to move in a new direction. Everything slowly got smaller and smaller, and started disappearing into the misty blue fog. They were back in the middle of the ocean again and the Ocean was flat, flatter than a perfect plan. It was so calm that they saw dolphins and they saw long nose bandicoot fly out the water riding a dolphin. Now the group was back together everyone was so happy. They also saw land and this time they were going straight for it.



## **Dreaming of Ghosts** by Patrick Francis Grade 5

"Ahh," screamed joe as he woke the others.

"What was that about," asked June, josh, joseph, Jinn and jane all at the same time.

"I heard something it sounded like a ghost," replied joe shakily.

Josh joe and joseph were triplets with brown hair and green eyes. June, Jinn and jane triplets they had blond hair and blue eyes. They were sisters of josh joe joseph.

"Where did the noise come from?" asked Jinn

"The basement," replied Joe.

Everybody gasped except for Jinn then she said "Its twelve am we should go to sleep."

So, everybody went back to sleep.

Ahh screamed everybody as they heard the ghost.

"Let's go into the basement," said joseph

So, everyone except for June and josh (who were playing the iPad) went to the basement then joe realised it was probably just the wind.

So, everyone went back to their room and fell asleep. Then joe and everybody else noticed there were no windows in the basement. They woke to see a ghost.

"Ahh," everyone screamed.

"hi I'm Jack a friendly ghost," said Jack.

Suddenly Jennifer and jade walked in the room. Jennifer was the mum and jade was the father of the children.

"You kids should be asleep its one o'clock" said Jennifer before she saw the ghost.

"Ahh a ghost," said jade

"hi I'm jack a really friendly ghost," said jack while laughing awkward.

"oh, and this is my friend her name is Joanne she is always wanting to scare somebody anyway we were going to leave anyway," said jack as he started to realise jinn was getting suspicious about them being there.

Then Jinn realised what Joan was holding.

"guys run." said Jinn.

Suddenly Joanne pulled out a weapon but it was only affective against ghosts so Jinn snatched it out of her hands and used it to suck up Joanne.

"ahhhhh." Said jack as he ran I mean flew away.

Everyone cheered then she woke up.

"was that a dream, "then she saw jack the ghost.

"Hi I'm a really friendly ghost."



## **Fishing with Grandpa** by Cassie Gardner Grade 5

I went fishing with my Grandpa one day, he said to me "do you think you'll catch anything?" my reply was "yes of course, duh" "aha" said grandpa.

1 fish, 2 fish, 3 fish, 4, don't worry we caught much more. I got 2 Grandpa got 4.

What did we get in total? If you said 6 your correct, how many do you think you'd get?

That doesn't really matter at least not to me, I'd just say hop in the boat and have some fun. Go home for dinner and yummy, yum, yum!

**Autism - noun unable to communicate with people or respond to surroundings** by Annie-Jean, based on Taliah's story. Grade 5 Fish Creek and District Primary School.

I pace into the room, lights are flickering. -NAPLAN . The seat assigned to me somehow is irritating it's scratchy and I have a stone in my dark blue shoe. The test is directly in front of me. The butterflies in my tummy won't go away and my hand is shaking. Somebody starts speaking yet all I can hear in the silence in my head. Time flies , then the timer starts.

My name's Taliah. I'm a non-binary year 5 student at Fish Creek Primary School .I enjoy maths and art.The time is 11:00am. I hear a bell ring and its recess. I quickly eat, then run up to the cubby. Today Is NAPLAN. My best friend is right behind me comforting me saying "it will be alright". He knows how I feel about writing. We get to the cubby and I forget all about NAPLAN, but then the bell goes...

I hear pens scribbling on paper. I hear a voice in my head telling me I can't do this, I'll fail. I walk out of the room and a teacher comes after me. I look down at the ground. Tears roll down my face.

A day has passed. I'm in the same room on the same scratchy chair and I still have a rock in my shoe, but this time the test in front of me is different. It's a maths test. I have loved maths for a very long time. With maths there is only one answer but with writing there's infinite possibilities. The same timer goes but this time I feel confident instead of worried. I fly through the test. The questions go by in a flash. I am done. I have 9 minutes and 36 seconds left. I check my answers with 4 minutes and 25 seconds left. I look around the room and I see people working hard on their test. I have already finished and I am super proud of my work. The timer goes off and the test is over. I did it. Yes.

Autism is my superpower.

Based on true events.



## **The Sea** by Ruby Grainger Grade 6

One blazing Saturday afternoon Niki went for a surf at the beach. Then she got swept in by a rip and she got stranded out at sea. She had no food or water, only her surfboard to survive on. Then a storm hit BANG! Lightning hit her surfboard, cracking it in half. Niki fell into the freezing cold water panicking until a hand grabbed her arm and pulled her out of the freezing water. A boy had pulled her onto his raft he had food water he told her to help herself. Then after that they went to bed hoping that the storm would end in the morning. They woke up and the storm was still going on banging and splashing water. Niki and the boy started to paddle hoping to get back to the beach that they disappeared from in the first place. Their arms got tired and they ate and drank so they could get more energy to paddle again. The storm finally stopped Niki and the boy started to paddle again with the same goal as before. He finally told her his name and the boy's name was Mike. Mike and Niki kept paddling for hours and hoped they were going the right way. Then night came once again and they fell asleep to eat, drink and paddle in the morning. Niki and Mike woke up, ate, drank and went straight to paddling for the rest of the day. Of course night time came and they had to sleep. They woke up and it was the same cycle as the past two days. Niki and Mike were running out of water do drink so they paddled faster and got tired quicker, but kept going and eventually they made it to the beach they came from. Niki got off went home made food drank some water got changed and watched TV. While Mike went home and changed made food drank water and watched TV and called a friend and they played games all day till like one in the morning. Then Mike fell asleep.



## **Saving Each Other** by Alannah H Grade 5

One sunny morning, a little girl called Cara, woke her big sister by jumping on her to wake her up because it was Cara`s first day of school. They`d always been together ever since the first time their eyes met they just knew that they were going to love each other.. They do everything together no matter what.

"Okay, okay I'm up" yawned Charlotte. Cara excitedly got dressed into her new school uniform and ran downstairs to say good morning to her parents. Charlotte put on her school uniform and then went downstairs to say good morning to her family. Then when she finished eating her breakfast, she did her sister`s hair in a ponytail to match her own. . When they were ready they walked to school together. On their way they saw a girl about Cara's age. As soon as their eyes met they knew that they were going to be best friends. When they got to school, Cara found out they were in the same class. Then school started. sat next to each other after the bell rang. When the Recess bell rang she and her new best friend ran out into the playground and played tiggy with some of the other boys and girls in the playgound. Cara noticed that her best friend was actually mean. After recess Cara was feeling very sad because her best friend just dropped her and left her out. At the end of the day Charlotte and Cara decided to walk home together and on their way Cara told her one and only favourite big sister about her day. When they got home Charlotte distracted Cara after she said hi to her Mum and Dad. So that her Mum and dad could make her a celebration party with balloons and cake and party streamers and presents and pretty other party things. When Cara came downstairs and saw all of the party things and called out "this the best celebration in my whole entire life." Then she ran and gave her family a big, tight, warm, squishy group hug.



**Wolf** by Fynley Hamlett Grade 6 Fish Creek P.S.

"Toby!" Gran screams. "When I find you, I'll kill you!" I keep running for what feels like days until I fall and hit my head on a rock. I wake at night to see the stars shining like diamonds. I hear a rustle in the bushes and freeze, trying not to breathe as a creature hovers overhead. Yellow eyes stare at my face like it's never seen a human before. I move my aching leg from its awkward position and the animal for the cover of bushland.

My head is throbbing, some time passes before I catch my breath and realise I am lost. The moon is my only light and it's when I see those eyes again. They come out from the shadows, the wolf seems interested in me, when I see its face it makes me cry for my dog, then I feel the wolf's fluffy fur, I look up and he licks my face with his rough tongue, he makes me laugh. I try standing up but I don't think I can walk my legs are too sore so we find a place to lie, its night time, the sun has set and I'm closing my eyes when I see him go into the bushes he looks like he's going to a light and a noise...music, I want to come but I can't walk the wolf sees that and comes back to offer me a ride, now we're riding to the light.

I feel like I'm flying when suddenly he stops, I go flying off and land in front of a magnificent tree. I wince my eyes but it's not a dream. There are animals walking, fairy's fluttering everywhere, we start to climb the tree when I realise I don't want to go back, this place is amazing. We keep climbing until we reach a parade . A lady throws over two orange necklaces for me and the wolf, my heart is pounding. I say to the wolf (yes that is his name): we're never going back, this is our home, and this is our happy ever after.





## **Netball** by Emma Hannigan Grade 5 Fish creek and District Primary School

Through Yanakie, Fishy, and to Leongatha, we drive.  
When we get there we dive  
Straight in to warm ups  
Parents have coffee in a cup.  
As soon as we get there  
Umpires probably want to swear.  
I am WD, GD, GK, WA... usually  
We run, sidestep and dodge quickly.  
Our netball dresses are red and white  
The red is kind of nice and bright.  
Now the game is about to start  
I hope afterwards I get a tart.  
I am WD  
Are you picking on WD? Just let it be.  
The other team's centre starts with the ball  
And then someone on their team has a fall.  
At the moment we are winning  
And those losers are losing.  
Every time we shoot a goal  
After quarter time, GK is my role.  
We're about to get another point  
We get closer to a win (not that we weren't anyway) but I don't want anyone to hurt a joint.  
When I play GA, the ball makes it to the ring  
But it doesn't go in.  
The other team is catching up  
Like the height of a parents coffee cup  
Maybe it will be a draw?  
In that case, splitting the points is the law.  
I know we could be wrong  
But it's nearly the end of the game.

Someone passes down the wrong line  
And that made the ball mine!  
And we give a ginormous throw  
We're still winning, don't you know?  
Someone did contact by stabbing me in the back  
But that's not going to happen to us down the track.  
I check and of course they're losing still of course they're losing  
In between the quarters we eat oranges  
Sadly for breakfast we don't eat porridge.  
We are now at  $\frac{3}{4}$  time  
And we have to win, losing is a crime.  
We win  
And we smile with a gigantic grin.  
Ava and I get the chocolate



I got a crunchie (the ultimate).

We are happy we won and I'm even happier than usual because I won the chocolate and we won again.





## **Memory** by Lara Harris Grade 5

I lightly walked across a moss-covered log that would get me to the other side of the river. I usually used this route when I was out collecting berries, but this time I had to be extra quiet because I knew a deer was nearby and I didn't want it to get away. My Dad had taught me how to hunt a few years back, and I would always go out to the woods to practice. But this time it was 100% necessary that I hit the target because my family was counting on me to bring something back for dinner.

As I gripped my bow and tightened my quiver, a memory came coming back. It was the first time I had ever used a bow. I was only seven or eight at the time, my school had asked someone to teach us archery and I was so excited. Even knowing nothing about it, I could tell that the bows were good quality. The wood had been polished until it shone, the handle was made of leather and foam and the string was thick and elastic. When my turn came I loaded the bow and pulled it back until the arrow brushed the side of my cheek. Then I let go and watched the arrow fly through the air and hit the target dead on the bullseye.

You see, this was before the enemies came and invaded our country, driving us out of our homes and into the forest. Ever since then we have had to survive in the wild eating whatever we could find. But the whole village was starving and it was hard to find a decent meal.

I licked my finger then put it up to make sure I was down wind. The deer was within ten metres, it was now or never. I quietly pulled an arrow from my quiver then attached it to my bow. Closing one eye to aim, I let go of the string. It hit the target where I was hoping it would. Finally, a full meal.



### **Fishing for Fresh Water Spiny Cray Fish** by Rylan Hayman Grade 6

It was a warm summers evening and I decided to go cray fishing in the Tarra River. I used a turkey carcass for bait, I zipped tied it to the cray pot. Then I hopped in the ute and started driving over to an old bridge on the river. I walked onto the bridge and put some Waylon Jennings on my phone. I dropped in the cray pots in the river then went for a walk up the bush for about an hour.

I then came back to the old bridge and started pulling up the cray fish pots and couldn't believe it, I had got four cray fish in one pot. They were big ones too! I then picked them up and put them in the bucket and started driving home. While I was driving I looked at the cray fish and one got out of the bucket and started climbing on the seat I just laughed and kept driving.

When I got home I got a pot and boiled the water I then put 2 cray fish in the hot water they screamed when I put them in the the water. I waited 10 minutes and put the other 2 cray fish in. I started getting all the meat out of the shell and I then put garlic and butter in the fry pan and that was the sauce done. Then I then started eating the cray fish it tasted so good! I put the cray fish shells outside on the concrete and let the ants eat the little bits inside the shell so I could keep the shell.

### **The Rain Dance** by Phoebe Helps Grade 6 Koonwarra Village School

Once in a small town where it would rain once a week there was a tin shed. The rain would pitter patter on the roof ,in that shed there lived a family,John Lucy and little Elly. The rain would water their crops then they would havest them to feed there cows chickens and pigs then they would use the milk and eggs to sell at the market.Their whole town relied on the rain to keep it alive.

"DAD," Elly shouted ealrly on a Thursday morning "The tanks are emty," she shouted again when there was no response. "What do you mean Elly they cant be empty it rained last night,"John humphed from down the hall. When they went out side to see what was wrong there was cracks shooting out from under the house, all the plants where sagging. "Lucy your gonna want to see this," John shouted down the hall. " what is it darling," lucy huffed and puffed running down the hall. She looked out the door and her face looked like she saw a ghost.

"People we need to do something , we need to get the rain back," John boomed on the loud mic later that afternoon. "We need to do something, or all are cattle will die," he finished. "I've heard about a dance that brings the rain," little Elly squeaked from the side of the stage. "I could try to learn it," she exclaimed her voice growing louder.

So, Elly practised and practised day and night to get the dance just right. It started with a wibble then a wobble then a wiggle then a woggle before long it became a wonderful dance. After a week of practising most of the chicken's and cows were dead.

The sun was setting in the distance. John clambered onto the stage to address his fellow people. "Elly here to dance the rain back to us. So as the sky began to darken, she started dancing, she didn't even notice when the rain started. now she dances every day to make sure the rain never leaves ever again.



**The Five Pines** by Archie Henning, Grade 6, Fish Creek PS

One Friday afternoon it was a perfect day. The warm breeze drifted through the dry grass. The sun cooked the leaves on the trees.

Some friends came over and we wanted to build a hut in the dunes so we went down the street . When we got there we looked up at the towering sand dunes. We didn't really want to go into the sharp tea tree so we went up a beach track behind someone's house. At the top we looked around over at the sparkling blue water. Someone said it looked like a good spot to build a cubby. Then I looked over to my right and saw a big gap about 500 metres long and 10 metres wide between the sand dunes and a farm. So we went after we had some lunch.

When we got to the gap behind some houses we jumped the fence and started walking. After ten minutes our legs were getting cut by sword grass and were getting stabbed by the dead grey tee tree and a few of us wanted to go back. So we started heading back but then we realised that we were so close it would be easier to go there and then just cut through the sand dunes to go home.

A little while later we started talking and said we should never tell anyone about this place, then all of a sudden, we heard barking from behind us and saw about five kelpies sprinting across the paddocks on our right. so we started to run. Suddenly we came across a shed and saw a few more dogs but they looked a bit older so we didn't care. Then we saw what looked like a big bush. We ran up to it and went under the dark green branches. It was all open underneath the pines. five pines. so we climbed up and looked at the purple sun setting over the bushy dunes. We definitely will be back here tomorrow.



## **The New Girl** by Tess Hollier Grade 6

Slouched shoulders, white knuckles, squeezing my books tight to my chest, walking tentatively down the hallway. The bell rings, not that I care. Finally I get to my classroom. I loathe having to be the new girl again.

Noise spills from the classroom. Chaos. Total disregard for the teacher. Sheepishly, I slide a late slip onto the teacher's desk. I'm met with a death stare. Sliding her tinted gold glasses, she looks up at me from the bridge of her nose to make sure I don't have any dress code violations.

Miss. Neatherall hands me an old looking book from like the 1800s, pointing to an empty seat at the back of the classroom. Completely oblivious, a foot juts into my path. I crash into a nearby cupboard. Blood drips from a fresh knee wound. It's a blur, but there is laughter and jeering coming from all around me. Scrambling, I grab my books and bolt for the door. So many emotions. Embarrassed. Hurt. Angry. In the quiet of the bathroom, unwanted tears run uncontrollably down my face.

A cubicle door swings open, a girl emerges from the stall. I'm cautious, she looks like one of those snobby, mean girls you see in the movies, but in a split second I regret having that thought. She stares into my eyes, seeing that tears are still rolling down my face, a look of concern on her face "I don't know what's wrong but I'm sorry for whatever it is" the girl says in a very gentle voice. She reaches deep into her pocket and pulls out a shiny bracelet. "This is my favourite bracelet and I want you to have it. It brings good luck". I stare in disbelief at the sparkling piece sitting in my hand and before I have the chance to say thank you – the girl vanishes. An unforeseen kind gesture brings hope. I smile.



## **The Adventures of Steve and the Lost Chicken** by Isaac Hope Grade 6

One time in the boundless lands of Minecraft, Alex and Steve went to find some fire wood as they went to find some wood Steve found a Cave. Steve yelled out "HEY ALEX WANNA EXPLORE THIS CAVE", Alex felt a bit worried for Steve so she went back home. Steve found this as an opportunity to find some Redstone for his SUPER ELECTRIC TECHNICAL ENTITY BASE. Also known as "Steve" Steve went down to the cave and to his surprise he didn't have any torches to place down on the way so he knew the way back. So, Steve Bolted home to grab some torches and bolted back to the cave with full speed.

Steve was excited to explore this cave, but Alex had second thoughts on the little adventure Steve was going on. "STEVE BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU EXPLORE THE CAVE AND TAKE SOME COOKED STAKE I MADE" but Steve was too busy Running up a hill that he couldn't hear Alex, while running towards the cave. Steve saw the cave from a distance. He Entered the cave, but as soon as he could walk into the cave, as Steve entered cave the entrance collapsed so there was no possible way for Steve to get out of the cave but he couldn't see one and HE FORGOT HIS CLOTHES "NOT MY CLOTHES, HOPE ALEX DOESN'T BREAK MY CYAN TSHIRTS AND MY BLUE PANTS NOOOOOO" but as Steve panicked he remembered his lucky pants. As Steve settled down he saw a chicken with him.

Steve and the chicken walked down the cave but then he realized that he had a stone sword that could help him and the chicken survive down there in the deep dark cave, "wait a minute I have torches in my inventory. Steve then put two and two together to realize that there is a exit right in front of him but it was only the size of a chicken but Steve luckily had a iron pickaxe and he parkoured over the molten lava using dirt and soon reached the exit and bolted home to alex.



## **The Discovery** by Bohdi Horton Grade 5 Koonwarra Village School

I was in a submarine when there it was the last of the species the incredible Rainbow Whale. It was beautiful with so many different colours. It had pink an orange mixing together to look like a sunrise on an icy morning, green and yellow looking like Daisy's

on a big grassy field. Its eye's were a warm gold like a toasty fire. The whale saw the submarine and was instantly frightened it thrashed its tale hitting the submarine and sending it into the depths of the water. Eventually the submarine reached the bottom, when I looked around it was dark like a cloudy night. I turned on the submarines light to see a whole pod of around 50 rainbow whales. They were hesitant at first but soon they were nudging and smelling the submarine curiously, half of them had never seen a submarine because they grew up in the trench hiding from humans. The humans use to think they were big heartless beast's and hunted them for their beautiful rainbow skin. I thought about my situation wondering if I would be down there for days and possibly die with the mysteries of this trench. Suddenly the submarine started to shake and creak like an old door then the submarine lifted off the cold hard bottom. I was riding a whale! A rainbow whale and it was taking me to the surface. When I reached the surface there was 5 rescue boats looking for me, they saw me surface in the submarine on the whale. They pulled out weapons ready to fight, "don't shoot" I said they looked at me like I was crazy these whales saved me they're not beasts they're warm hearted animals. They didn't believe and fired hitting the whale making it slam it's tail into the boat when the boat flipped over all the men on the boat fell into the water, the whale noticed and quickly swam under them and surfaced saving all the men they couldn't believe it and said thankyou to the whale changing what the world believed in these animals.





## **The Beast** by Luke Humphreys Grade 6 Inspired Learners

Nervously, Luke opened the front door. He froze as the door creaked. His heart was beating as fast as a jet. He stood still listening for a sign that his adventure was to be cut short, but thankfully the house was silent.

One hour later, Luke entered the enchanted forest. He carefully walked down the narrow and overgrown track. The full moon was his only source of light. He came to a stop in front of a huge tree. With trepidation, Luke began climbing its expanse, one branch at a time. Before long, he had reached the top, his body sore and aching. The wait had now begun.

Warily, Luke perched on the tallest branch. He was sure that it was about here that he had first noticed it. Looking around he spotted something in the neighbouring tree and started moving towards it for a closer look. It looked to be a giant nest. Uneasily, he scaled the side of the nest and peered in. To his horror, the moonlight revealed thousands of crunched up bones. Was that a human's skull? Luke saw a blur as he caught a flash of movement in the corner of his eye. What was that? He whipped round to try and get a better look. A colossal shadow moved through the sky towards him.

The massive creature landed in the nest. Its wings beat forcefully. The push of air sent Luke flying, plummeting towards the ground at what felt like 100 miles per hour. He screamed while he desperately tried to grab each branch as they snapped and sped by. Catching a branch, he finally managed to slow his descent with only 2 metres to spare. Although he had pain in every part of his body, he climbed down the remaining branches of the tree. His feet now on the ground and his body aching, he ran towards home thinking- next time, next time I will get you, you scaly, winged beast.



## **Sky** by Holly Hurst Grade 6

Look up at the sky they say,  
Which farewells the light and welcomes the day,  
But what happens when we glance above?  
The world comes crashing, ending those we love  
Full of fear, detachment and exhilaration,  
We turn and sprint for our nation  
With targets on our backs we run,  
Fearing this war has just begun  
Behind, bombs whizz through the air  
Missing us all by a frightful hair,  
A thump on the sand makes all stop short,  
And with a heavy heart I think of what we've fought,  
At the very start with an anxious grin,  
Ready to unleash the beast within,  
But tanks and grenades were too great for us,  
Backing away, the timer ticks to zero, thus  
CRASH BANG BOOM!  
The tree's that ooze opulence looms  
Consciousness seems far away...  
Look up at the sky they say

He used to say, before he left  
Thinking he was so very deft,  
The world is your oyster, and I am your pearl  
Before I embraced him with a skip and a twirl  
But now that he's gone my world has turned dark  
The candlelight flickers before I can make my mark  
He is just another nameless victim of the war  
Forgotten, alone, unfairly taken, and what for?  
For malice, greed and bragging rights  
That should be settled at a table, not ending in fights,  
But as soon as the doorbell rang that fateful noon  
With the newspaper boy whistling his happy tune,  
He handed me a slip of paper and bowed his head  
I accepted it without a word, slammed the door and fled  
Grief filtered through every pore in my being  
Was he scared when he died? Was he crying, was he fleeing?  
And to this day I cannot look past  
The doorway to his bedroom, an area so impossibly vast  
I spend my days mourning in silence  
A quiet contrast to the raging violence  
That is the war firing on inside my mind  
Rendering me powerless and blind  
Was this what he felt, and is making me pay?  
Look up at the sky they say



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**The Runaways** by Alice Hutchison Grade 6 Koonwarra Village School

Suddenly my house was not a home, and my country was not whole.

The next thing I knew was my dad grabbing my wrist and pulling me to safety underground with the others.

Luckily my town had an underground bomb proof shelter 'is it going to be ok.' I said to my big sister May 'it will be fine she said.' In a shaky voice.

The shelter was dark and there was no electricity there faces were sad and dirty.

Despite all the carnage I felt safe in the shelter underground with my family, there was allot of familiar faces in the shelter.

We stayed there for days I was so Hungary.

We have to leave, leave this place said my mum it sounded as if she was about to cry.

When we heard the bombing and distraction stop we peered out of the shelter to see what was left of our small town.

There was nothing.....

My mum broke down in tears crying whilst the rest of us were in shock standing there, I felt like a gray cloud was hovering over me.

We started to climb through the rubble of fallen buildings and lives I had cuts all over me. We were hoping the railway station was unharmed although it was far to walk.

We walked miles to get there through wet lands and dry

When we arrived at the railway station there was panic and masses of people young and olde all wanting to leave this place.

We waited for hours losing track of time, all you could here was cries and screams. We spent our last pennies to get a train ticket.

We traveled half way around the country to get to beautiful country side where we would call it our home.



## **The Fishy Friendship** by Billee James Grade 5 Fish Creek and District PS

The beach at Wilson's Promontory was Mia's favourite place in the world. When they arrived there Mia was sweating, she ran down to the water where she saw a green shiny fish. She slid and nearly fell but luckily caught herself. She went over to the fish, it was alive! "Yes!" shouted Mia and she slowly picked it up. The thought "don't stuff up, don't stuff up" raced through Mia's head. There was one ... more ... step until she could release the fish and ... "I did it! Bye little fishy!" "Mum, I saved a fishy! Its name is Max." Mia exclaimed. "Great darling." Mum replied. Soon Mia and her Mum had left and gone home. Mia had dinner and went to her room while her mum was busy working and filling out documents.

### The Next Day

Mia woke up thinking about saving the little fishy. "I wonder if Mum will let me go to the beach again. Maybe my reason can be .....that if I left something behind then I can see the little cute fish." "Mum, can we go to the beach?" shouts Mia. "No, I'm busy and we went yesterday" she groaned. "But I forgot something" Mia said deceptively. "Okay" she agreed reluctantly. They headed down to the beach. Mia was shocked to find the green little fishy was dead! She fell from her feet onto the sandy beach. Her mum walked over and asked why she was crying over a dumb fish. "He was my friend!" Mia yelled. "Don't you have an animal friend? Seriously! No one will care about any animals soon enough." Mia got up and they left. Mia's Mum said she would show that she loved animals but Mia knew she was lying. The next morning Mia sat on the couch and watched sad movies. Then, after lunch her Mum asked if she wanted to go to the pet shop. "Yes I would love to!" Mia's mum bought her a cute little fish. Mia named it Max, just like the other little fishy who will remain her friend forever.



## **The Haunting** by Eleanor Jobe Grade 6

"How did this happen; how did he die?"  
"He died on the toilet, drinking soy chai",  
"in this house?"  
"yes, which other?"  
"I don't know? The one of his mother?"

"WE'RE MOVING IN THERE?"  
"Uhhh, yeah?"  
"IT'S WHERE SOMEONE'S DIED!?"  
"I know it's scary, just take it in your stride."

"House is deserted, no one lives there".  
Where his family went, no one knows where.  
"IT'S fine, the house isn't haunted.  
I remember, it's 149 DOLLARS?" you flaunted.

"IT'S ONLY BEEN A DAY,  
THINGS ALREADY GETTING HAIRY!"  
"Something fell on the piano. Oh, so scary!"

A thud, a tumble  
the thunder went RUMBLE.  
The piano plays, a secret tune.  
I think I see, some words, in rune.

"What was that!?" It sounded lik-  
RAT-A-TAT-TAT  
"Go upstairs, better be quick!"  
"Maybe hit it, with a stic-"

They see a cat, getting up to blunder  
ready to make a noise, as loud as thunder!  
You may think, what's wrong with that?  
There was something weird, about that cat.

It was walking on its two front legs,  
clickety-clack as if it was walking on pegs.



**Finding my way back. (based partly on a true story) by Sage Jobling Grade 6**

BOOM! The train was hit by a bomb we all ran out running for our life and watching others go, I ran and ran until I was far enough away. My heart drummed like thunder, I felt like I couldn't breathe. I felt the tears and sweat that ran down my cheek I missed my parents I missed it all they could be gone now for all I know. I need to find shelter food or water and I knew it but, my body wouldn't budge I felt weak I felt hopeless.

The sun started to settled. Finally, I got up and started to look around in the distance and I heard bombing. My stomach growled at the thought of food, my lips were dry but, somehow at the thought of food my mouth dribbled. I grew aware that a war was forming I walked through the bush hidden beneath the branches, they were sharp and dug into my skin so, I just had to ignore the pain.

My legs grew weaker and weaker and the sky went darker and darker. I knew I needed rest so I settled down on the hard dirt.

When my eyes were open, I started to wonder what time it was. The adrenaline rushed through my body I was stressed, sad, and most of all scared. I kept telling myself it would be ok.

The days went by now being on my third day by myself. I was starving not having any food or water to drink or eat, so I knew I needed to keep walking pushing myself to take one step after another. In the distance I saw a structure maybe a house? When I walked a little closer up, I could see a farm. My mouth watered at the sight of food. I ran pushing myself to the limit. I fainted.

I woke up in a small cozy bed. I was so confused a man came over and checked I was ok I nodded and then I saw my family walk through the door.



## **Don't go outside** by Casey Johnson Grade 6 Fish Creek PS

On the news this morning they were saying there's a murderer on the loose, in a place called Charleville and that's where I live. The reporter had informed everyone that this is a code red violation and that everyone should stay indoors. It all started when a 47 year old man, a snake catcher, was removing the snake from an elderly lady's house. Now he is not to be found but the elderly lady was found with 3 stab wounds in her chest and stomach and a kitchen knife next to her. We were told to hide all outdoors equipment such as shovels, axes and pickaxes in a safe place in case he tries to attack with them and to also lock all doors and windows and go stay inside. My heart beat was becoming faster and my palms started sweating.

Mum and dad started panicking and locking the doors and windows and as I sat there eating my corn flakes that had gone soggy. The news flicked on again saying the man had just been seen at Stockman's Drive and two people have been found with cuts to their neck and have lost 50% of their blood and have now sadly gone to god and also mentioning that the man is moving fast and to get indoors right now. Stockman's drive is only the road down from us. I looked out the window watchfully, by this stage mum had gotten a call from my school to say it's been closed due to obvious reasons.

Still watching out the window I see a tall man in a work uniform walking down our driveway and with no facial expression just glaring with black beady eyes. I glance at his hands splattered in blood I yell hesitantly out to dad, I thought I felt safe and ok but now the fear kicks in and my hands start shaking at this point my parents have contacted the news and mum's face has gone really pale and she is sweating like crazy dad's trying to stay calm and trying to support mum but I can see fear in his eyes. The man is getting closer now and is peering through the window. He sees me and I freeze to scared to move to scared to breathe. I've never felt this scared before like when I was little and I was scared of monsters under the bed but this is a new level. Suddenly I hear cops on their way. I feel a breath of relief wash over me, the man turns to face the cops and turns back to me and all the sudden starts sprinting towards the bush.

It said on the news the next day he was not to be found and they will continue the search but please stay cautious.





### **Pelican Town** by Violet Jolly Grade 5

"Wake up!" I peered out of my window and I saw Sam yelling at me! "Woah chill" I said. Running as fast as I could, I grabbed some food and rushed out. "Wait!" yelled Sam. I came to a halt and stared from my door step. A giant hole was in my way so I piled up some books to make a bridge.

"What are you doing?" said Sam "trying to get across!" I yelled back at him. The books tumbled down. Hmmm "Let's try this". I dragged my bed out but it didn't fit so I moved it back. "Wow good job" Sam giggled, sarcastically.

I knew something was up so I looked out my back window and Sam was still there.... but wait!

He was standing on the hole?! Then I realised he drew a fake hole to scare me. I ran out and said "Oh no I'm going to fall into the hole!"

As quick as a flash I zoomed past the hole to Sam and I said "Sam that wasn't funny please don't do that again"

We rolled down laughing!  
The End.

### **Utopia** by Ayla Jones Grade 6

Utopia Where grass is green and sky is blue  
Where they live, in perfect little houses in perfect little harmony.  
Where you wake in the morning and go about your day, never a worry in the world.  
Everyone content, happy, perfect. Not a single tear to be shed; for there is nothing to cry about.  
No-one leaves no-one dies no-one cries.  
You'd like, to think that Utopia is perfect, the land of your dreams,  
red roses grow in every garden, babies born dont cry. But the biggest flaw in the world of Utopia is, the perfect.  
No room for different, no room for change, no room for moving on, no room for us...



## **The Boy on The Beach** by Arlia Kiely Grade 6

Little Liam sat on the beach, his soft-blue curious eyes stared out to the horizon. His hazel-nut brown hair was gently swaying in the wind. Liam wondered, would he ever see a whale? Whales were his favourite animal. He hoped a whale may one day wash up on the beach so he could see one.

As Liam continued to wonder, he heard a familiar voice. It was his mum, she was calling him. Liam rose from the soft, crunchy sand, skipped over to his mum's car and flopped into the passenger seat.

Later that same night, when Liam was all snug in bed, he wished upon the brightest star in the night sky, that soon one day, he would see a whale.

The next day when Liam's mum dropped him at the beach, he decided to go for a walk. On his walk, Liam saw a huge thing on the beach. "It's a-a-A.... WHALE!!" Liam hesitated. He ran like he had never run before, but... it was dying. Liam called for help, hours of yelling... but no one answered. Finally, he heard his mum's voice. Liam ran to show her the whale. His mum immediately called for help. When they came, they all tried to get as much water on the whale as possible.

With half an hour of pushing, struggling and helping, they all got the whale back safely into the water. Liam was so grateful.

Liam saw a white van barely through the trees. He squinted to make out the writing. It said "7 News". Turns out one of the people Mum rang called 7 news! Now the news was going to interview him.

Liam got ready to talk to the people and then a man pushed in front! "How stressed were you when you saw the whale?" they asked the man. "HEY!" Liam angrily shouted. "I was the one who found it," he explained. "Is this true?" the news asked. "Uh yes," the man shamefully muttered. So, the news interviewed Liam. Now he is known as the 'The Boy on The Beach'.



## **Alien World** by Serena Korybutiak Grade 6 Glenroy Central Primary School

Boom!! A big mysterious explosion on mars which could be seen from Earth set off Nasa's sensors which had never gone off before went off. Nadri the new recruit who was told to monitor the sensors was now in panic he wasn't told what to do if it ever went off ran to his bosses. "boss!" he screeched " stop your yapping the TVs stopped working I was watching the football you better fix it at any cost I know it has something to do with mars so you better take the new rocket and not wreck it" got it boss he ran down and met with his crew to take on his mission come on he shouted as he climbed aboard a tiny ship Gregory followed so did Fatimah and Nari.

They started zooming across space they were really scared and didn't know what they would encounter so they set up the ships forcefields boom!!!! An attack they were being attacked a saucer full of what looked to be green Martians who were flying to mars they had destroyed the ships forcefield and didn't look very friendly they were then beamed up by what looked to be their mother ship and held captive. A few minutes later they were being told by an Alien to put on a gas mask but it worked differently it let them breath in space then they were brought out to mars were they went to the mountain shaped like a face which turned out to be an Alien temple and were brought to the Aliens leader who held a translator up to his face "hello experiments" he crocked "yes you did hear me correctly you are experiments made by us rogers yes a very human like name but that's because you are created by us now state why you're here " there was a big explosion which destroyed their satellites please help us" Nadri pleaded and they did and Nadri was upgraded to Nasa's boss he was so happy.



## **The Person in the Hospital Bed** by Kiarnah Kranen Grade 6

As I slowly opened my eyes, I saw three familiar faces looking down at me, Sydney, Zoe and Olivia. But where was I? Why was I here? How long have I been here?

It all came flooding back to me when I saw the person in the hospital bed next to me.

I had been shopping with Zoe and Jess, we were walking across the street and suddenly there was a car... and now I'm here, lying paralysed, in hospital. But who was that person in the bed next to me?

Weeks passed and the mystery person in the bed next to me had left at least a week ago. All I wanted to do was go home, but no matter how much I begged and tried to convince the doctor I was fine, he wouldn't let me leave.

Finally they let me go home, but when I got there, things were different. Everything was in a new place, my room had changed, nothing was the same. My walls were pink, there were unicorns and stuffed toys everywhere and why was there a picture of the person from the hospital bed on the dresser? Who was that person? Why did they keep showing up everywhere? How long had I been in a coma?

Finally, an hour after being there mum and dad arrived home with a baby!

Whose baby was this?

My parents explained to me that they thought I was dead and that the baby was my little sister. They said I had been in a coma for almost a year and assuming that I was... well... dead, they turned my room into a nursery.

The next week I returned to school and the mysterious boy from the hospital was in my home room. I found out his name was Zac. Later that week Zac invited me to come over. That's when it all came back to me.

Zac was driving the car that almost killed me. He was coming to pick Zoe, Sydney and I up because he was my cousin. That's why my little sister Jess had a picture of him. He was trying to swerve out the way of a dog when he hit me and that's how it all happened.



### **Jealousy** by Charlotte Lawler Grade 6

Jealousy

The green eyed monster some people call it.

A green slimy swamp monster that takes over your body.

You don't know when it's coming or how it's coming and why it's coming,

You just know it's coming.

It's a sudden thing.

Like a flash of lightning,

A sudden thud like a heartbeat.

It feels like your wearing a disguise,

Because you don't feel like your.....

You.

It creeps into your body.

Your feet then all the way into your head.

You close your eyes and wish the feeling away,

Gone.

### **Alone** by Mia Mahomed Grade 6

I always thought I was lost, abandoned, unloved and forgotten. That I had been kidnapped and when they realised how small I was, they deserted me. Luckily Helen discovered me. She cared for me whilst I was too young to survive on my own ;when I turned six she left me where she'd found me : in an alleyway on a quiet back lane between an old bank and loopy Mrs Wilkins' shop. When Helen left me, I shrieked for days until I fell asleep on the mattress she'd given me. Soon I had to leave the alleyway to find food, clothes and more importantly (in my mind) ;toys, and a friend. First I went to Mrs Wilkins' shop , she provided everything I needed. Then I realised the last thing Helen had left with me; I hadn't noticed it before, a gold bracelet with my name, my birth date and an address engraved on it.

Before long I had turned eight, Mrs Wilkins had fed me, and provided clothes, but I was lonely and didn't have a friend. So I went in search of my parents, trying to find the address engraved on my bracelet: 35 Acacia Road, Barnelder. Thanks to the directions of strangers along the way, I found the address. I was bewildered. I thought that it would be much more complicated to find the address. It was a pretty house, small but neat, formal but welcoming. Nervously I tip-toed up the steps which groaned with indignation and age. As I knocked on the door, my hand shaking with anticipation, I heard footsteps plodding towards the door stopping, before the silver door handle turned and the stained- wood door opened. Standing in the doorway was a girl around the age of 17. "If you're one of Millie's friends she's already at the park waiting for you." "I'm not one of Millie's friends." I say with caution. "I'm here for your parents." She beckoned me inside nervously , "they died years ago; who are you?" "I'm Eva" ... I gingerly handed her my bracelet; her mouth fell open in shock.



## **The Figure** by Finn Mahoney Grade 6

The Figure Bob was a technical engineer. Bob lives in the USA. He moved to Germany because of the Russian-American war. People were dying on the spot from chemicals. It was terrible in America, while Germany isn't in the war. So, lots of people have moved to Germany. Bob was trying to find a place to live. While he was searching for a place to live, he felt as if someone was watching him. Bob turned around and saw no one except for a grumpy couple because they couldn't move to England instead. Bob shrugged and returned to looking for a place to live. It was night so Bob was forced to search for a cheap place for the night. He found a hotel that looked nice. As he was walking towards it he heard someone running at him. He quickly turned and held his fist out for self-defence. No one was there. Bob ran inside fearing that something was haunting him. When Bob was 12 he thought there was a closet monster because something threw a pillow at him. It was his brother but he never knew. Inside the hotel, he saw a dark figure. The figure disappeared. Bob was startled. He quickly bought a room and ran up the stair to it. He felt someone staring at him again. Bob didn't look behind him. He ran into the apartment and double-locked the door. After Bob set up his stuff he heard a knock on the door. He walked to the door, unlocked it, and opened it slowly. He saw the dark figure so he slammed the door. The figure started scratching the door. Bob ran to the window and closed it. Bob shut every door. He went to sleep anxious. Bob woke up to the sound of scratching pipes. Bob ran out of bed. He opened the door and ran into the open. It was midnight so no one was out. Everywhere he went he saw the figure. The figure lunged at him. Bob was never seen again.



## **Girls Can Play Sports!!** by Isla Manne Grade 5 Fish Creek District PS

"Emma!" yelled Abriel.

"Hi guess what?" , voiced Emma.

"What Emma?" sighed Abriel, thinking it was girl stuff.

"I'm signing up for baseball!" Emma said excitedly.

"Cool" mumbled Abriel

Abriel played baseball for a local team named Web Gems. Emma remembered when she used to play baseball with her father. Unfortunately he passed away a few months ago. Emma is still upset but she never shows it to her mother. Sometimes, Emma writes in her diary to keep her happy. Maybe baseball could be a way to help her deal with her grief.

"Bye mum I'm going to the baseball tryouts." Emma yelled

"Bye break a leg,," her mum replied

Emma's mum was always using funny quotes for example "time is money, " or "Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet to see who they really are." Emma seems happy on the outside, but inside she is upset.

Emma arrived at the baseball pitch.

"Hi I'm Emma." She said, introducing herself.

"Wait you're a girl?" the coach disrupted

"Umm.. yes." Emma hesitated.

"Well you can't play." Disrupted the coach

"Why" questioned Emma. "Just look at my swing," Emma exclaimed. The coach threw the ball and she swung the bat and the ball went flying to the other side of the ground.

"Wow!" said the coach, looking surprised.

"I wasn't joking." said Emma, acting like it was nothing.

"You're on the team!" he announced.

Emma was really happy she started practising and practising. However the next week Emma unexpectedly was told she couldn't play because she was a girl. In response to this Emma decided to cut her hair off so that she could look like a boy. Slowly all her hair was gone. When her mum found out she was worried that Emma could get bullied for how she looked. Emma wore a cap so she would hide her face and her new hairstyle, Emma was last to bat but she pitched first. The announcer started talking on the loudspeaker.

"Last bat! If Web Gems get the last home run they win" yelled the announcer over the loudspeaker. "Here we go!" he yelled

Emma's heart was pounding. She was scared, but she swung the bat and the ball landed at the other end of the field. Emma ran as fast as she could and made it! Home run!

"And the web gems win!" yelled the announcer over the loudspeaker.

That's why girls can do anything!



## **Inverloch V.S Phillip Island** by South McCormack Grade 6, Fish Creek PS

The whistle blows and Inverloch kicks off. T runs with the ball, and passes to Cooper but Phillip Island steals the ball off him. Riley, one of the Phillip Island players, dribbles the ball down the field. He tries to score but the goalie catches it. He throws it out to South, she passes to T, who dribbles up and passes to Cooper who passes back to him and T scores! 1-0!

Phillip island kicks off, Jack runs with the ball and passes to Riley. He dribbles up but Maya tackles him and passes the ball to South, who runs up the field and shoots but the goalie knocks it out to Riley. Riley passes to Jack who accidentally kicks it out. Amelie throws it to South who dribbles the ball up then passes it to T but Jack steals it off him and taps it in. 1-1

Cooper kicks off, he passes to South who does a step over and tricks the defender. She passes to T but the defender boots it to the other side of the field. Jack passes it to Riley, who shoots at the corner and scores. 1-2

The whistle goes and it's HALF TIME: Inverloch is losing by a goal. If they don't win then they don't get into the finals! Coach brings them over to talk. They are sweating and their faces are red. We go to our spots and Phillip Island kicks off, Riley passes off to Jack but T steals it from him, he passes to South. South smashes it up the field and runs after it, she swerves around the last defender then she chips it in and scores! 2-2.

Riley passes to Jack who dribbles up the line and passes to Riley but Maya intercepts and passes to South. A player from the other team blocks the ball and kicks it out. It's a corner for Inverloch! South takes the corner and boots it to T who headers it! The goalie dives at the ball but it slips past. They did it, Inverloch got into the finals!!





**illusionist** by Ashlyn McRae Grade 6

It was a Monday morning, I felt...out of it. Like nothing was real. I stood up as my vision went blurry and I grabbed onto the rail next to my bed hoping not to fall. I instantly felt a sickening feeling in my throat and sprinted over to the bathroom, lent over the toilet and vomited.

As I pulled my hair out of the way. I couldn't help but noticed a bug on the floor, something I had never seen before. I swatted the bug but my hand went right through it, almost as if it was an illusion. My heart started to flutter as if it was a cage of birds.

I panicked as the lights flickered.

My feet pitter patted on the ice-cold tiles, I ran to open the crooked door handle of the bathroom door. But my hand went right through it. I suddenly couldn't breathe and crawled up into a ball without hesitation. I thought it was the end. Until, I had a sudden memory of me placing my phone in my jean pocket. As I went to turn my flashlight on, my phone vibrated and it startled me so bad that I dropped it and it broke into smithereens. I went to go pick it up, but my hand went through it...again.

I tried to scream; I woke up. I was relieved.

As my heart went back to its normal pace, I remembered that I needed to brush my teeth. I walked in, no monsters, no bugs, no nothing. It was a miracle, but just as the thought crossed my mind, everything went eerily quiet.

The door slammed shut and the lights blew.

I dropped to the ground in a panic.

My heart sped up.

A hair Rasing shadow emerged from behind the cabinet. My teeth started to chatter. "Who-who are you?" I said as my voice choked painfully.

"I am the illusionist" and eerie voice replied. I grabbed my phone but it pixilated and went static, then everything went silent...



## **The Dark Angel** by Lara Mellor Grade 5

Ring ring! I go down stairs and my parents have ears and tails and they say that you are going to transform at school today. I am confused they say when you are in grade 6 you will transform at school. I am so excited. A few hours later our teacher says "Welcome class, today we are going to transform Mia. It was Mia's turn first. Then this happened - I have wings and wolf ears. OMG and you are a dark angel and you are the lost princess. What, so my parents are not my real parents?

But what about my fake parents? They'll have to go with you so they can go to prison for stealing you when you were younger. Then I set off to my real home. I stop. I feel like I am forgetting something. I need to go and pick up my parents, but I really don't want to.

"Hi Mum and Dad I am home where you?" I asked. "WE ARE IN YOUR ROOM" Mum yelled. I go to my room. "What are you doing?" "It does not matter. Where is Dad, Mum?" I asked "Dead". "Did you kill him?" "Yes and I kidnapped you when you were you a baby. You are coming with me." A guardian angel broke the door open. "Mum, that is what you deserve for kidnapping. "You will never get me! Hahaha you thought you can put me in prison. Let's go!" When we have arrived at the castle MUM AND DAD my real parents you are the queen I said yes in happiness. I miss you my Mum. what are we going to do with her I ask we are going to kill her yes please that what she deserved for kidnapping me do you what to kill her yes I said here is the sword she is dead now. There live happy ever after.



## **How to Control the Weather** by Arfa Memon Grade 6 Glenroy Central Primary School

In 1958, in the nation of Nowherenearhere was a city called Maryland. In Maryland, there was a town known by the name of Maryville where a girl named Mary lived. Mary was an extraordinary 9 year old because she had the ability to control the weather. But she didn't do it with her emotions. Instead, she had a huge weather controlling machine in her bedroom. Mary often changed the weather according to what activity she was doing that day. For example; when she was going to the beach, she would change the weather to make it sunny. Or if she was going to the park, she would change the weather to make it partly cloudy. She would even use the machine for mischievous reasons like getting out of a test at school by making it snow.

Whenever Mary changed the weather, the weather of the entire region would have changed. Mary was only a child, so she didn't realise that. Even when she couldn't be happier about the weather, a lot of other citizens of Maryland were upset because they had to cancel their plans most of the time. That wasn't entirely it either. People would pack and dress for their outings according to the weather forecast, but Mary would just change the weather to something unpredictable. A lot of Mary's friends had also experienced this, too. When Mary's friends told her about this, she thought she could fix this by changing the weather to what her friends told her they wished the weather would be that day. Though, that just made her other friends sad. She decided that she had to tell her parents about this. Her parents were very shocked because they had no idea. They were just often confused when the weather instantly changed.

Her parents didn't tell Mary to stop this, they simply chose to guide her. They told her to only change the weather on special occasions where it would be suitable, like making it snow on Christmas, or making it windy on Halloween. Mary did exactly that and everyone in Maryland lived gleefully.





vision dissolved into blackness.

As she opened her eyes, she found herself in a dark metal cage. A cacophony of bangs resonated from the walls. "She is no threat to the empire" a distant voice muttered. "Do not insult the captain's orders or face the consequences of the empire." Muttered another. As the one of them left, a lean man shuffled into the cage through the only exit and placed a tray on the ground with a sandwich and a glass of water on it. She guessed that the man was the one that was arguing with the soldier. Before he could leave, she asked "why am I here?" when the man did not reply she asked "what's your name?" "Harry." he whispered as he left and slammed the bars behind him.

As she drifted to sleep, she dreamt that she was standing out the front of the huge tent that she performed in, but it was on ... fire. Hidden in the shadow, was a man. He had an ugly smirk plastered across his face and expensive looking shoes. As the dream faded, he yelled "FIND HER!!"





## **Mariana Trench** by Samuel Monk Grade 6

One day atop the Mariana trench John went to the boss and said "ok I'm ready" then the sub lowered into the submarine.

John was mining the trench rock and then he heard a mysterious noise outside he looked outside and saw a creature. Then he shot an electric trap on the monster from the submarine, so he retreated in deep dark black fog.

After the trap ran out the creature attacked the submarine, so they had to pull the submarine back up to the surface.

2 days later... John went back down more geared in the sub, and he got more of the trench rock, and he ran into the creature, then the creature was about to throw rocks but then fishes started to protect the sub due to the sub, having a call for help feature.

The creature didn't throw any rocks because of the fishes.

The next day John and his friend Samuel went down in their new suits and the creature wasn't there Samuel said "hey john where's the creature" said Samuel john replied with idk so they went outside and saw the creature, so they rushed back inside and turned on the lights to keep it away because they saw that it is scared of lights.

Then the creature attacked the sub so much they had to go to the surface.

3 Days later...

John and Samuel went back down and talked to the creature through a microphone translator they put on the sub and their suits, the creature said "stop getting my trench rock so Samuel said we only have 3 more pieces, so the creature agreed.

The next week

The creature was mad at them because they grabbed four and the creature was about to shoot acidic water, but John put the shield up in time. So, the creature became enraged in fury and broke the shield down.

After the shield was down it attacked with fury over and over but eventually it gave up because the submarine material was too strong for it. After Samuel made a truce. The end

## **A Place** by Lewey Murray-White Grade 5

Leaves strewn across the floor.

Find a walkway to see the great sky.

Find a gate where no one enters no one leaves.

But share your experience.

For this is untouched nature.



## **Tsunami** by Georgia Norman Grade 6

Tsunami The Ocean roared with fury as a ginormous Tidal Wave came crashing down onto the people on the Beach.

Screams rang from far below as I ran through the apartment, the water won't reach the top floor for a while and there was no other way out than the roof. The Buildings smashed like glass, then crashed down. All of a sudden the world started to tilt . The tables and chairs came rushing towards me, only then I realised the building was crashing down! I jumped out of the way just in time as the table and chairs came crashing into the kitchen bench. Then with a smash, a crash, our Apartment is crashing down, the Coastline is eaten by the Tsunami. At that moment, I instantly knew it was the end.

## **YAKUZA & TAXIS: The Sergei Velendovich story** by Noah Nudelman Grade 5 Foster PS

Before we start this story there are some things I need to set straight : I did not rob the National Bank of Serbia, nor did I play any part in the demise of Sanka Bladovic. Now time for some facts about me :

My name is Sergei Velendovich, I am 28 years old, I fled from my home country of Serbia two years ago, as I am one of the most wanted people in the country. I now reside in Japan and I work as a taxi driver. I have had several crazy incidents with the Yakuza, and the law. Here is the craziest.

August 14, 2020, Yokohama. I pull out of the parking lot hoping today will be normal, but it never is. I get a call from the taxi company saying that there is someone waiting to be picked up in Nagano. As I drive through the town I notice a black Mercedes S-Class following me. Another thing I need to tell you is I own several guns, an Uzi, a pump-action shotgun and an AK-47. Anyway, back to the story. As I cruise down the highway I notice that the black Mercedes is now tailgating me. I have now realised that he is chasing me. I turn sharply off the exit ramp and I get the tail out, I check the rear view mirror and the Mercedes has sped up significantly so I open up the glovebox and pull out my shotgun and shatter the windscreen on the Merc. I see four people inside the Merc and one of them pulls out a gun and starts shooting at me! So I pull out my Uzi and blow his head off. I brake sharply and turn to the right to get alongside the Mercedes and swerve into the back of it. The Mercedes smashed through the guardrail and rolled several times before bursting into flames. I fled and escaped the scene at 200 kph. I drove to Nagano and I picked up the customer, because after all I am just a taxi driver.



**You're Going To Be Ok** by Lexie Ogden Grade 6 Koonwarra Village School

The car ride from Haling Cove to Lockwood Village always feels like forever it's only an eleven-minute drive.  
I go to Lockwood Village for monthly check-ups we got another bad result this month.  
I look in the mirror to see no hair on my head Mumma looks at me and says "you're going to be ok" I don't believe her.  
Month after month we get another bad results.  
Mumma acts strong around me but when she thinks I'm asleep I hear her cry.  
I wear a wig to school every day.  
Every day after school I hear Mumma on the phone with Dr. Miller...  
Today it looks like more bad news.  
Another month came around.  
This month Dr. Miller told us I will be lucky to live for the rest of the month.  
We got to the car Mumma burst into tears I tell her to stop crying she can't.  
In my head I think I am going to die the same way my pappa did.  
I start to cry I can't stop soon my face is soaked.  
The world around me forms into a big black cloud raining on me.  
I see nothing except myself it feels like everything around me slows down.  
I am getting swallowed I can't breath.  
Another month comes and I'm still alive.  
We go to my check-up we get a good result for once I'm overjoyed flooded in happy thoughts.  
We celebrate with ice-cream at the beach Mumma hugs me I smile knowing I might live.  
I start to think of the future I might have a family a life my own house a full education.  
Suddenly the cloud disappears I feel like myself again I feel happy and complete.  
Suddenly 3 months fly bye two of bad resaults one with good.  
And then, this month, there were no more results to give.





## **The Time Machine** by Jaida Omar Grade 6

"BOOM" The time machine was finally done. I had been working on this for years and now I've done it. My partner who helped me, Dr. Rose has been a big help of course, But she was sick so i had to do it by myself.

I called her and told her the big news. We were both so excited. 4 days later, we were ready to go into the time machine. we slowly walked in being so nervous. We both decided to go to the time when dinosaurs were alive, because we both have quite a interest in dinosaurs. It took ages, but we finally got there. We saw so many dinosaurs. After adventuring, we decided to go to another time so we got into the Time Machine but when we pressed the button it started shaking. Dr.rose and me ran out and then the time machine suddenly stopped.

Me and Dr Rose decided to look around some more. We found shelter and got sticks to make a fire for the night and then we would try find some materials to fix the time machine. When we woke up, we started looking for materials. We found metals, wood and other materials to help. We went back to the time machine, and after some testing, we realised Dr. Rose forgot two things to do with it. Connecting wires and adding something to the back. We already had all the materials we needed but we knew this would be a BIG risk because we couldn't test it at all while here. We did everything we needed and were ready to go. We got in and the time machine started shaking again. We stayed in this time because we knew it had to happen. The time machine was working it was kind of annoying that it was shaking so much but if we wanted to get home we had to deal with it. We were finally home and so excited. After this day we told our story to everyone and still travelled back in time or to the future, but we limited it.



## **Jingle Jungle** by Miley Oxley Grade 6

It starts on an untouched island. Swish, went tropical trees on an island. This island is hiding something, something big. Look, it's Freddy! Freddy the last of his type. You won't believe that Freddy is the last rainbow-colored monkey left in the world. But the island is hiding something else and a lot more of them...

"Ribbit, ribbit!" Oh, Yuck, it's 100 green slimy Frogs. The frogs are Freddy's security guards or you could say protectors. But the bravest of them all is the Frog named Felisha.

Meanwhile in another part of the world....

"Reporting live: A rainbow monkey is roaming around a deserted island. The first person to find it gets a 200 MILLION dollar prize," exclaimed the news reporter.

Whilst sitting on an old fashioned couch, an elderly grumpy man named Herald was sipping his hot cup of coffee. Then out of nowhere, Herald spat out his coffee all over the TV turning it black. Herald got so impatient to find THAT rainbow monkey. So off he went, packed his bags and straight onto a plane.

High up in the air, the plane suddenly went out of control. It had to make an emergency landing on an island in the middle of the sea. An island called Jingle Jungle Island.

So Herald decided to go for a wander around the tropical island. Something Herald didn't know is that this island is where Freddy lives. Herald was walking down a path and in the distance he saw something rainbow.

As he got closer he couldn't believe his eyes. "IT'S THE RAINBOW MONKEY!" Squawked Herald, awakening Freddy. Freddy ran as fast as he could, swinging from vine to vine and right behind him was Herald running fast for a 50 year old man.

Herald caught Freddy without knowing that there were 100 green slimy frogs ready to lunge at him. Herald screamed so loud that anyone at Mars could hear him. Herald sprinted back to the sand, found a boat and paddled away. Who knows if Herald will ever return?



### **Up the Rabbit Hole** by Rosalie Pearce Grade 6

Agatha ran through the thick layer of lavender. As she got further away from the cottage, pollen swayed in the whistling wind. Bees were buzzing around the trees, some males dead at the bottom of the hive. Agatha admired female bees because when times get tough the males die instead of the woman! She longed for a society like that. She now saw the cottage but it had turned to a speck on the horizon, as she came closer to her destination. In the long grass there lay a bench surrounded by a thick layer of hedges. The gazing butterfly slowly lowered on the tip of a petal as it fluttered its beautiful wings. It complemented the daisies colour, the light hit its antennae as it flashed and disappeared into the peonies lined on the sides of the path. Agatha wondered if one day she would be in her own Alice in Wonderland, but she knew life was never like that.

### **The Penguin** by Fergus Plozza Grade 6

After hours of trying to organize the walk and swim, finally the parents were ready. We left first at about 4 :30, and we walked down the steep hill. It was hard as usual when finally made it down to the main beach of Walkerville south. We walked across the golden sand then I noticed a cluster of people near the shallows. we walked towards the people mum stayed back with Oscar our dog. When we got there, we realised there was an injured fairy penguin on the sand it was missing one of its back flippers this was the first time I had ever seen a fairy penguin.

I could hear its panting from where I was standing Its little beak was opening and closing continuously. A man was standing next to it on the phone talking to an animal rescuer. When our best friends arrived at the beach, we showed them the penguin and then went for a walk and a swim. On the swim I almost crashed into a stingray thinking it was seaweed. The next day our best friends mum got a phone call from the animal rescuer saying that the penguin survived the night and was doing well.



## **Forrest Chase** by Braydon Poletti Grade 6

"CRACK!" I gasp in stress as I turn around to see nothing but trees and bushes. I keep on jogging. "CRACK, CRACK, CRACK!" I turn around to see someone or something running through the forest. "BANG!" I gasp and start sprinting along bridges, over stumps, over logs and through bushes and trees. Then I get home and sprint through the front door and locked it and went to hide in my underground bunker that only I know about. So, I went down two stories underground and hid. I thought, I didn't lock the back door!! Then suddenly I heard something going down the stairs into the first underground bunker. "THUMP, THUMP, THUMP!" I hold my breath as what sounds like a person walking down the stairs leading in to the second underground Bunker. "THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP!" It suddenly went silent. I popped my head out of the corner to see if, whatever it was, was gone. Then I hear a voice saying, "you can run but you can't hide!" so I turn back to stay hidden. "RUN!" I ran as fast as I could to get away from whoever it was. I sprinted up the first lot of stairs. Then up the next set of stairs, but before I went up the stair's I looked behind to see if the person was coming. Luckily, he was not coming so then I sprinted up the stairs then I tripped on the stairs and fell down to the bottom where the, PERSON WAS STANDING! So, I ran up the stairs into the house. While I was running, I thought "if I should get the car to drive somewhere, maybe to one of my friends' places." So, I did. On the way there I called my friend to see if she was home. She was home, so I drove to her place. Whilst I was turning down her street the person FOUND ME! So, I called her up and said I "I can't go to your place!" So, I sped up to get away from the person. "CRASH."



## **The First Step** by Alice Prusa Grade 6

They call me Daisy-cat. I'm an 'indoor cat', which means I never go outside. In this story, it's a big deal, because I've always been afraid of what may lurk beyond the back door. Not only am I afraid, but curious too. I'm happy and secure with my owner, Alice. Everything around me is comforting. But I've decided I need to know what is beyond the door, why am I afraid, if it's unknown? My opportunity arrives that afternoon. The door's left ajar, so I leap out, my whiskers tingling with nervous excitement. I stop abruptly and look around. There are so many new smells and sights out here. The wind rushes behind me and ruffles my fur. I'm enjoying the fresh air, but suddenly, a shock of fear ripples through me. What if I get lost? I long for the comforting cuddles of my indoor world. I weave through the long grass, reaching a dark shelter under a bush and I take a breath. "Wrakishhhh!" I spit. I'm not alone: two yellow eyes glow in front of me. I freeze in fear. The fox seems to grin as his fixed glare glues me to the spot. I'm a goner, I think. The fox growls and prepares to pounce, but I am reminded of my beloved Alice. I can't let her down, she loves me! The fox pounces, but I dart out of the way just in time. Warmth spreads through me as I see the familiar shape of my back door. It looks quite different from outside. I race forwards and hurl myself to scratch wildly at the door. Sure enough, there appears my long trusted Alice. She smiles and kisses me on the head. Wow, that feels good. I stroll into the lounge room and I look around my home. Everything's just the same; but not me. I'm filled with desire to experience the excitement of exploration again. Maybe I can prove to my humans that I'm actually an outdoor cat. I should give that a try. That little adventure was just the first step.



## **The Scary Story of World War Two** by Emelyn Pye Grade 5

Bang bang. I hide under my bed and I look up at my window. I see nothing so I go back to bed. The next day I wake up in pitch black A minute later I see a light and realise that I'm in a cave. I hear growling and I run towards the light not knowing what's under me. I trip. I fall. I don't know what to do. A few seconds later I black out.

I wake up in a hospital and I see my mum. "Was this all a dream?" I asked". "No said mum". I noticed that you weren't home so I called the police they found you knocked out and you had blood rushing out of your hand." Ahhhhhh", Mum the light's turned off! Mum where are you! I hear nothing except for sirens.

"Help! Help!" I keep screaming out" Help" I wait an hour, no one comes. I get scared and hide under the blanket I hear footsteps, they get louder and louder until the door swings open and for a moment I wonder where my brother is." Lily" said Jack. Jack where are you?" I'm next to you, said Jack. I turn on my torch and I see Jack, my brother. "Jack, I'm so happy to see you".

The lights turn back on." Quick hide in the closet"." Why", I said". Doesn't matter. I'll tell you after we escape this town. Just hide now. I just need to lock the door." Click. We hide for about half an hour. Then we tip toe out of the building. We run through the town and find a car." We can escape with this car it has a full tank" said Jack. We drive for about an hour and arrive in a town and find out we were in World War Two and end up staying in the town and finding new people who escaped World War Two.



**CRY** by Hanna Reesink Grade 6

CRY-Dog P.O.V-

I shiver. I am freezing. I whimper, laying down on the pavement beside the dark, gloomy restaurant. The city streetlights are dim and flickering. There is a howl of wolves. I am scared. I cry.

Cars drive past slowly. A boy shouts, "Look, a puppy!" But then someone else says, "So? Our house is full enough. Dogs are messy and horrible." My heart tears apart- why are they so mean? They do not understand anything! I cry.

My heart races. Around the corner of the street I see a shadow.

It is a wolf.

My heart goes THUMP THUMP THUMP.

I need to escape!

I stand up and even though I have not had anything to eat or drink in days and I am cold and exhausted, I try.

I stand up on my short, fluffy legs and sprint, my body aching from pain. I whimper and run behind the restaurant. I find a spot behind a dumpster. I am safe. But I cry.

Suddenly, my heart beats faster and faster. There is a screechy noise. A car drives past on the road so I climb up the dumpster. There is just enough light to see that it is bright orange with cosy gold lights. And it is driving slowly..... towards me.

My blood runs cold. Should I stay? Or should I leave? It is a RISK. Finally, I decide. I will stay but I must be brave. The car drives towards me and stops. I shudder nervously.

"Be quiet, you don't want to startle her!" A lady's voice warns quietly.

"Ok mum." Another voice replies. They walk towards me.

"Hello honey!" The smaller girl smiles, gently scooping me up.

"Aaaaw, mum it's a pomeranian!"

My heart pounds. I hold my breath.

"Poor thing, it must be freezing and hungry!" The mum exclaims, stroking my tan-coloured fur.

They sit and pat me .... silently.

"I know exactly what we're doing..." The mum says smiling, "We're taking her home."



I cry. But I cry HAPPY.







## **The Curse** by Logan Richards Grade 5

One boring afternoon, I was walking down the side walk then some uncanny old man bumped into me and muttered something. It sounded like he was casting a spell on me. I didn't think much of it so I continued walking ten creepy minutes later I passed out on the side walk.

The minute I woke up it was murky so I strolled home, as soon as I got in the household I collapsed onto my bed and fell asleep. The next morning I went to pull my doona off me then I felt it get heavier so I looked down and there were two doonas on me. As I struggled to get out of bed I was really confused about what happened.

Then I tried to grab my red shirt and black jeans but they duplicated! I through everything in the air, in shock then it piled on top of me and duplicated again! I was so petrified I tried to run out of my room but ran into my door. "Ouch" I shrieked!

After I calmed down I quickly grabbed my clothes and then another pair of clothes appeared. I sighed heavily. I tried to open my door but every time I tried to pull it open there would be another door behind it.

I was in a loop then I remembered that my window was open. So, I tried to climb out of it without my hands I tripped when I was half way out and faceplanted into the dirt. Then I saw the same old man that gave me the stupid curse, I ran after him and tackled him to the ground then he duplicated then they mixed themselves up and it turned into a guessing game. They said that I only have one guess. If I got it right they would end the curse but if I guess wrong they will make the curse permanent! I couldn't choose so I did eeny meany miny moe then I got it right! So, they said it was a fair game and took the curse off. I was in such relief because I could finally live a normal life.



### **Lost Everything** by Luhanna Richards Grade 5

Bonk !! MacKenzie falls back head first on the field during the game and the Referee comes rushing over signing, "check the footage" !

A penalty is called and instead of just Mac Kenzie coming off, also number 54 from Melbourne City got a red card. !

When Melbourne Victory scores as MacKenzie gets taken to the hospital.

Four hours later MacKenzie is questioning everything. "Where am I " ? "Who are you" ? Miss Richards, your daughter seems to have lost her memory. The nurse whispers seriously. 6 hours later back at home MacKenzie can only remember her Melbourne Victory soccer team. Later the coach calls and has some very bad news.

"We have found a better player, than you so that means you are FIRED ! "Bye" he says calmly and happy and hangs up immediately leaving MacKenzie in tears.

"Huh phew!" I'm still a part of Melbourne Victory, McKenzie exhales.

### **Kongwak Bubups** by Luhanna Richards Grade 5

As we sit around the fire  
And tell our stories  
Teaching new generations  
It s a starry night  
We enjoy the stars  
We are welcomed on the land of the Boonwurrung  
With a smoking ceremony  
To jojn us here.  
Turt- stars  
Wiihy-fire  
Burrun- night.



## **A Fishy Tale** by Piper Richards Grade 5

August woke to sunshine streaming through a crack in her broken blinds. She covered her head with her pillow. Ahhh, she thought, Friday! The school swimming carnival was on today. She had been dreading it ever since Mrs. Lamount had announced it a week ago.

August dragged herself out of bed, and stomped her way to the bathroom. The last thing August wanted to do today was swim. She hated swimming, she was terrible. Everyone was going to laugh at her. Even Mrs. Lamount. After her shower, she opened up the bathroom cabinet looking for her hairbrush. There, sitting on a shelf was a little bottle she'd never seen before it read 'chill pills'. Hmm she thought. I wonder if these will help me relax? Apprehensively she took one. Nothing. She still felt the exact same, nervous and worried. But now with a revolting fish taste lingering in her mouth.

She pockets the bottle and dashes down the stairs, bumping into the rail on the way. She takes a gulp of her porridge, grabs her bag and stumbles into the chair before grabbing her glasses from the kitchen table. Then darts out the door to catch the bus that's pulling into her street. When she gets on the bus everybody starts staring at her. One kid calls out, "Smelly August!" Everyone starts to laugh. August climbs into a bus seat and buries her face into her hands.

As she arrives at the swimming carnival she still feels the same, nervous. She tucks her hand sneakily into her pocket, unscrews the lid and grabs out five more chill pills, and swallows them whole without anyone noticing. Hopefully this makes me feel better, she thought.

She sits down on the grass, with her loyal best friend Savannah and looks at her worried face in the reflection of the clear pool. Her race is next, her heart is pumping, fast. All of a sudden she feels different, but it's not nervousness that has gone away, it's her feet! Her dollar store slides fall to the floor. Savannah looks at her in horror and runs away. So much for a loyal friend. "What is happening to me!" she shrieks.

While she still can, she frantically reaches into her pocket, "What have these chill pills done to me!" she screams. Everyone at the carnival turns and stares.

She reads the label clearly for the first time today. KRILL PILLS! She turns the bottle around, CAUTION: This may or may not turn you into a fish!

"I knew there was something fishy about this!" she yelled.

On a positive note August won all her races that day, taking out all the school records and winning the age group champion. However she wasn't able to hold the trophy because, well... she was a fish.

## **In the deep** by Mabel Richardson, Year 6, Fish Creek Primary School

Far down in the dragon world, there is a still island by the sea. A spec of rock compared to the lush coast around fifty meters off. The oceans calm waves gently tugging at the island's



rocks. A slim tunnel running through the middle of the island connects the open ocean to a bay the island borders. There is a ledge by the channel through the island where a dragon sits. His scales a dark ocean blue with cerulean accents. Sea birds chirp as they fly from the water to their nests upon the island. The dragon looks down into the current swirling through the channel, a kyanite gem lies at the bottom, his gem.

A sunny day. Dragons were flying about and playing in the waves. Seaspray a dragon with scales cerulean and dark navy-blue, swooped down to an island that looked like a ring half submerged into the waves. Seaspray's friend dared him to fly through the centre, the tunnel merely the length of his tail wide. Seaspray reluctantly started to fly high to get enough momentum to soar through. The tunnel wasn't too long but was low to the sea, meaning he would have to tuck in his wings and hope he wouldn't hit the water. The wind started to blast by Seaspray's scales, as the island rushed toward him. He could see through the tunnel to the coast about fifty meters away. When he got closer and closer he tucked in his wings. But yet too early, the end of the tunnel an arm's length away from his snout. He plunged into the water, the cold embrace was numbing. Sudden hot streaks along his claws woke him up, looking down they were cut from the rocks. Everything fell away as the world went black, the last thing he saw was the kyanite necklace he wore.

Seaspray reached into the water but the tide grabbed his talons striking him on the rocks, opening the all too familiar scars along his arm. He was not strong enough to battle the tide, so he had to leave his gem.



## **The Heist** by Jakarn Roberts Grade 5 Fish Creek Primary School

### Prologue

He climbs and he leaps, he jumps and he skips. His name is Mikey, but that's not all. He is a smart, young athletic kid. That's great! He must be lucky, you might think. But his family has a debt they can't pay. They cannot afford food or school, and the pedestrians give them nothing but sadness. But, on one unsuspecting night, Mikey got his revenge...

I wait until the clock strikes midnight, the perfect time for a heist. Everyone is either watching the footy or drunk. I slowly sneak behind the Fishy Pub and climb onto the roof. I put a small homemade bomb just in case anything goes wrong. I set another one just below the massive fish, staring into the night.

I get out a little remote control, and blow a small hole under the scaly creature. This becomes my access point to enter the building. My plan is to cut the power and as everyone wonders what is happening, I will take the goods. I fiddle around with some cords and after hearing some gasps, I'm convinced I've done a good job.

Then, quickly and quietly, I sneak down to the cash register, using some old toothpicks to pick the small, fiddly lock. The cash register opens. I'm satisfied with myself, but the job isn't done yet. I still need to exit the building without getting caught. Sneaking out of the bar, I see the police coming to check out what's wrong. I blend into the darkness, praying they won't see me. As they pass, I breathe a sigh of relief, and run off into the gloom of the night.

A month later...

Ever since my family and I had the money to move away and live in an actual warm house, life has been unbelievably different. Especially when you live on the beachfront in Walkerville. It makes you think about how lucky people are compared to others. But right now I am just going to relax and sip a well earned Ribena.

## **It's Fine...** by Lola Rocksmith Grade 6

It's Fine... Today I like myself, In  
the situation I could be anyone else but me It's Fine You'll be out  
and all right And on any other day you can look back on this time. They  
say I will be out soon enough but please. It's Fine, you'll see your  
friends in time. I can't believe you could really be this blind. Why  
do you do this to me? Why don't you just leave me be? Why with the  
lie? Just go away and let me die...



### **Far Lands** by Levi Sacaram Grade 6

It's been twelve years now, not much from my past that I recall. I hope soon I'll see who, it's hard to imagine what's been and gone but it's been an odyssey out here, living on my own. Today, marks twelve years and the vault never changes the same people- in and out. Many things have happened apart from when they explore the outsides of the undergrounds. It's hard to find out what happened outside. They say that the world's different now. Some say they remember what it used to be like.

Well today I'm leaving it all behind. I sneak out with what they call outside hunters, they look and smell terrible especially one who's missing an arm. As I leave there's a bright light blinding me. It looks like the world is on fire my eyes stare in shock. Everything. Destroyed. Ruins. An unimaginable waste land of ruins.

As I stroll around I see stray creatures roaming the scorched and wrecked buildings, I ponder on what had happen, large bits of abandoned machinery pop up in the grassy fields, weird planks of wood stuck in the shape of crosses, red plants scattered around as dew clings to my ragged shoes. I spot a place of interest, of some rotted wood houses in arrays surround by a tall metal fence, black holes dug up with a rotten smell that lingers.

Hiking up a steep hill, I peer out to a valley as a broken bridge glints afar, with curiosity getting the best of me, I daringly explore, with caution as the ground sinks into a ditch, creaking sounds began to fill the air. I drop in the thick undergrowth before the wind blowing down on me, reveals a derailed train.

Darkness sieges the sky, I began traversing the fields until a burned barn creeps into view. It's not much but its home, or really used to be a home, investigating for a bit I spied a picture of chickens with two kids Zelda and Filex.

### **The Footy Boy** by Su'ad Salim Grade 5 Glenroy Central PS

There was a boy named Leo with ice blue eyes and wavy straight brown hair. Leo loved Footy, gaming and space, his parents did not like Leo playing Footy because he could get severely injured. He also

At Leo's School there was a Footy club where you go to other schools and challenge them. Leo was very thrilled to join the club but there was a slight problem Leo's parents didn't like Leo playing Footy so he decided to keep it as a Secret. Leo did not worry about it and just wrote his name on the piece of paper. The next day was practice the coach was a male named Michael, Leo was the only one who had no parents there. Coach Michael stared approaching Leo when he arrived he asked Leo where are your parents?

Leo cried "they don't let me play Football because they think I will get hurt"!

Then the coach knew what he had to do he called the parents and told them about how he will not let Leo get hurt. 10 minutes later Leo's parents arrived and hugged him Leo was speechless, he saw Coach Michael wink at him and he new it was him. After that day Leo started to follow his career of being a football player.



## **The War of Life or Death** by Jack Sammonds Grade 5

### Prologue

The Necromancer's voice echoed through the dark room.

"Go attack the elves my trolls, Go, attack, now!"

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"This stone will give anyone who has it power over everyone." muttered Warloe the Wize-wizard.

"Now I will show this to everyone. I will call it the stone of Glory."

But as he was walking along the narrow bridge, an ugly ogre jumped down onto the bridge. Warloe blasted it with a twitch of his wand but before the ogre fell down he grabbed the strong wizard and pulled him down with the stone.

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"Leglar," puffed Arson, "I worked out Necro's Plan, He is going to try and find the stone of glory!"

"What!" said Leglar, but I thought that was just a legend!"

"Apparently not," replied Arson. "They are going to try to find The Stone in Warloe's hideout."

"Then we will need to get there first," said Leglar. "Prepare a troop of soldiers, we leave at first light."

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The sneaky elves marched towards Warloe's hideout from the Forestry Northeast, while the strong elves marched in from the Dark Southern Plains. When the elves got to Warloes hideout, The Trolls were already there. They attacked but the elves fought back. Leglar and The Necromancer slipped out of the battle and continued searching. 5 minutes later, they both came face to face next to a burning hot lava pool under the bridge. And there was the stone. The Necromancer grabbed it but before he could get away someone jumped out of the shadows and pushed it into the bubbling lava pool.

"Wait!" shouted Leglar, "Your Warloe!"

"Yes" whispered Warloe, as he cast a spell on The Necromancer that crumpled on the floor. As Leglar walked home he thought of what had happened and decided to write a book on it and you are reading it right now.



## **The Broken Wing** by Bella Sanders Grade 6

"Hugh these stupid coffee cups should be banned. People always leave them everywhere. I can fly down the street and see 899,892. Okay that might be a bit extreme, but you get the point. They are everywhere and I hate them."

I am always trying to tell people to pick up their rubbish when they litter, but they don't understand because I am a cute little bird just chirping away. Whenever I see an open rubbish bin, I and other birds drop coffee cups and other bits of rubbish in the bin. Close the lid and fly away.

"There was one time that... Ahhh help please, somebody help me, I'm stuck!" A family rush out the door to find me in a fishing net by their house, they help me out of the net. Once they get me out of the net I attempt to fly then quickly I fall.

The family run to me, gently pick me up and place me in a box with some towels that I saw the kids drop in. I can feel the bumping of the people walking along the foot path to the car. I chirp and chirp and scream. In the box I can feel we're moving but I don't feel the bump of feet along the ground.

When the moving stops I finally figure out that we were in a car. I can tell we're inside now from the chemical smell. I don't know where. Then I get taken from the box and put on a cold metal counter. Strange people are taking something from a small box. A syringe. They gently put it in my neck. I pass out.

I wake up to a heavy feeling on my wing. I look. What is this thing? My wing is bandaged heavily. I stay here for weeks. Day after day the same people come and check on me and feed me. A month passes, they put me in a box and set me free. Now it was time to return to my role as a litter warner.





## **The Nippers Adventure** by Lucia Savage Grade 6

'OK WRAP IT UP KIDS!' This was Dillan's first time doing Nippers and he was determined to be the best. As the kids went to get changed, Dillan looked back to make sure the equipment was packed and he saw fishermen casting their line and wondered if they would catch anything. Dillan was staying at the Woodside caravan park. He watched the fishermen catching many fish, wondering what they would do with them.

Day 2 went by quickly, Dillan found out what happened to the fish, they got killed and eaten. He wanted to stop that as most of the fish they caught were quite small so he assumed they were young. After Nippers, he and his mum stayed at the beach, only this time his mum was distracted reading her 'True Life' magazine. He saw the fishermen's bucket and hatched a plan. The fishermen were heading off for lunch leaving the fish in their buckets. Dillan ran, grabbed the buckets and freed all the fish into the sea. He saw the fishermen coming back so he ran. When he found his Mum he said he 'LET'S GO RIGHT AWAY!'

Dillan wasn't good at handling guilt, the next day he saw the fishermen talking to the police, his guilt grew from a grape to a melon. He tried to ignore it, then he started thinking about the fish. Did they make it? Were they happy? Was it worth the guilt? Cara, Dillan's friend, noticed that he was acting strangely. She asked 'WHAT'S WRONG', he had no response. It was the final day and Dillan would find out if he had done well enough for the Hero award. He flushed his guilt away. Sure enough Dillan got called up to collect his shiny trophy. Later he explained to Cara what he'd done and he built up the courage to tell the fishermen. With Cara by his side he told them what he'd done and why. The fishermen understood, they said they would start measuring their fish and releasing the young ones. Dillan was very happy with what they agreed on.



## **Lost** by Taylah Savage Grade 5

As the fog starts to rise on a very dark and gloomy day, I get out of bed extremely slow. I went out into the kitchen and hear a weird noise coming from outside, I don't pay too much attention to it because I was insatiable, too busy eating my breakfast. I go and grab the dog lead, but as I go to grab it I hear my phone going off. Buzz! I look at it and it's my friends asking me if I want to go sky diving! Cleary, I say YES! My friends came to pick me up. We got to the plane and I start to feel sick. I say "Are you sure you want to do this?" "Of course, come on let's go." We get into the plane, and as we got higher and higher I could only just see the top of the dead treetops though the thick grey fog. I start to feel sick, I thought to myself, maybe I shouldn't have eaten an insatiable amount of breakfast? I can feel my palms sweating like a waterfall. I take a deep breath to calm myself down. I can hear the man's walkie talkie saying we're lost. I say to the man, "LOST?!! What that can't be right!!" My friends show me the amount of fog, I start to get scared and very nervous. I could taste the nerves. Then I hear the mans walkie talkie again saying we're jumping in 2 minutes. "2 MINUTES? That's too soon!" "You're very hard to please!" said the pilot. It was now time to jump. All my friends went before me, everyone in the plane was cheering me on, so I closed my eyes and jumped. We go back home and I eat a TONNE of food because we were up in the dark and gloomy sky for so long. My Friends asked me if I enjoyed it, I said, "When I jumped I enjoyed it, but not when we got lost - I definitely did NOT enjoy that!!!"



**The world could be** by Oren Sosnowski Grade 6 6 Koonwarra Village School

When you tie your shoes, when you brush your teeth, when you walk, and when you run.  
Do you ever wonder how?

I do.

How do we live with secrets and questions deep inside our core?

Sometimes, I will lie in bed or stare at something for hours on end.

My depression never leaves when I need it to, and my hardest days are extreme.

I spin stories in my head of people who live elsewhere, and sometimes I pretend I am someone else completely.

I think about how terribly society was built.

We all move on though, dismissing, forgetting, pretending our questions and thoughts do not exist.

So many things go unspoken, I want to tear the actual intention and thoughts from other people's minds.

Everything on this earth is extremely frustrating, why make things difficult when you can make them hard? Is my favorite saying, it describes the world perfectly.

It annoys me that there is so much I do not know. That no one knows, I should say.

I live, I laugh, I smile, but my questions and secrets never leave me.

And I have tried everything I can too, believe me.

I say how in my head or out loud every passing minute. I think that's the word for everything when you look at the bigger picture.

My life is not hard in any way, but I obviously make it hard somehow.

Maybe it makes me feel closer to the world, the hard world.

I wonder if we all feel like that sometimes, Again, I find it so annoying you can't investigate people's brains.

That would make lives easier, in my opinion.

Lots of things could make our lives easier, most people just refuse to see them.

There are too many things the world could be.



## **Gummy Shark** by Rhama Sriraksa Grade 5

Hi my name is Rhama I love fishing! This is the story about the day we caught a huge gummy shark.

10 weeks ago:

It was a crystal-clear morning. We launched the boat at Toora and took a 30-minute journey out to Rabbit Island. The landscape was amazing, the water was dead flat and turquoise blue and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. We finally made it out to the fishing grounds. In the first 5 minutes we caught a metre-long hammerhead shark. Then they stopped biting for about 5 or 10 minutes. I prepared for a long wait but then without warning. The biggest rod went screaming off. I set the hook in the shark's mouth. The drag was set to the maximum pressure but it still did nothing to stop, it was so strong it took me fifteen minutes to reel the huge fish in. It felt like forever. At first, we thought it was a six-gill shark, then we thought it was a bronze whaler but once we finally got it up to the surface we saw the white dots on its back and we realised that it was a gummy shark! The person who I was fishing with could not lift it over the side of the boat, we eventually got it into the boat and I was in awe. Its head was much bigger than mine! After we had bled it out, we kept fishing and we caught five more smaller sharks.

When we got home we weighed and measured the gummy shark, it was roughly 2.3m and weighed 52 kg! We filleted it and took some pictures and gave some to the fish and chip shop. We went back home...that was the day we caught the shark. Since then I have caught 7 more sharks but they all dwindle in size in comparison to that gummy shark.



**The Day The World Went Dark** by Autumn Stamm Grade 6 Koonwarra Village School

The day the world went dark was the day my life changed forever.  
It all started one day when clouds of smoke could be seen from the watch towers on the horizon.

That night we slept in terror of what would happen the next day. it was as we feared the scent,  
of smoke had grown stronger, church bells were ringing

I knew immediately what it was even in the smoky gloom I could tell, the darkness of the world had come  
People were screaming, others were crying. I wish I could tell you what was going through their heads, but I can only guess terror, panic, and much more.

Soon orders began to be yelled to flee the island and seek refuge. so, we paced up our belongings and set sale in search of a new home

That day we left our blazing village. When the darkness fled the carnage was reviled, our homes were in ruins. a part of us left behind in the ashes

As we sailed through the fog, we caught sight of what seemed to be an island but just then we caught sight of another thing, storm clouds They came quickly much to our surprise and as the boats rocked violently in the wind we held each other tightly, shivering and scared

The storm soon past and then we saw it the island, the island we have been searching for the past three days was right in front  
Soon we were accompanied by new folk who at first were very suspicious to our resins of trespassing, but we informed of how the darkness had come and set our city ablaze

After that they let us in graciously and gave us places to stay

That night we slept in peace for the darkness had fled never to return again



### **Free Fall** by Scarlett Standing Grade 5

The plane goes up and up high until its almost above the horizon. I'm currently in the plane but I am seeing it from another sight. In the plane views a small television, a live camera is on the television showing me. I'm nervous, I feel my stomach turn and twist. It was probably freaking out. 17 feet, 19 feet, 21.... 25. It my Hight. I take a deep breath, in....out. and I dive, out the plane door, in the open sky. It hits me in the face like some one hit me and I flinch. I open my eyes to see blue sky, its cold, windy... annoying. I see the net. The net that will perhaps, save my life. Its all a big test. The nets held up by four separate planes, I'm small, so I might slip through the holes in the net. It there, right there, the chance I die or survive. As I said, it one big test, to see if a person can survive the fall, 25 feet to a 15 feet net. I fall into the net and its soft, like a cloud, but then the ropes pike into my back, god it hurts, shoots up my body, like a bird would fly as if escaping danger. I black out from the pain and next I know I'm in the hospital getting check up from doctors, and reading a newspaper. Headlines read '20 feet to 15! World record breaker in Mayfield hospital!' I smile, I've done it, I've broke the world record. I jump up from my seat and cheer with a glee filled smile stretched across my face. Free fall.

### **Ship Wreck** by Lily Stark Year 5 Kongwak Primary School

THUD, THUD.

"Ugh not one night sleep without being woken up by the captain" Michelle cried. She put one her long blue pendant necklace and went up to the deck. It was a rocky day and Michelle was feeling sick so she leant over to take a breath. "Oh no! My necklace!" Michelle screamed.

BOOM.

The ship raised up...silence. It wasn't a wave, it as magic! Michelle dived into the turquoise water and saw the glowing necklace. It slowly got duller. She got one last breath and swam after it. All she focused on was the glowing necklace, and then it's gone. Like it was snatched away. there was just enough light to follow it. Michelle's breath was nearly out and POOFF bright, yellow dust flew into her face. She opened her mouth to float up but she could breathe!

Anger rose in her as she swam after it. "Hey – give it back!" she cried.

"Fine, under one condition...you must" the anonymous woman said "let me turn you into a mermaid" she whispers, "then you can have your necklace back".

"Fine, I'll do it" Michelle said.

Over the next 48 hours bright blue scales began to cover her legs like a plush blanket. Her hands became long and scaly. She was becoming a mermaid.

But at least she had her necklace. The only reason she did all of this was because it was her mothers. The only thing left of her.



## **Cooking At School** by Amy Stevic Grade 5

To Mrs Coghlan,

I firmly believe that if we had a cooking class, the students would benefit greatly. We would even make out to be amazing Adults.

Thinking of all aspects of the cooking areas, if we had cooking classes then we would all be more responsible. As cooking is the longest life lesson to be learnt.

LPS would be better off with cooking classes, because we could learn so many new skills.

There would be way too many skills to count.

What about culture? Cooking also Benefits our understanding of every country's culture of food.

Do you want your students to lose all their fingers or even a leg? Just because you didn't teach us how to use a knife.

No one can change my mind so you must agree that LPS definitely must have cooking classes. Only a fool wouldn't see that.

Life lesson and new skills

Everyone must learn to cook. There is no reason why we shouldn't. Life lessons are the most important lessons of all. All adults say it.

Think of all the students that didn't learn to cook. They made that silly dumb mistake over and over again.

As we grow up from a baby through to an adult there are many important milestones we need to achieve in order to live a happy, healthy, successful life. Walking, talking, toileting, reading and writing are all vital to our development. Cooking and feeding ourselves is one of the most important life lessons just as important as the others.

If you just stop and think about it then you will notice that cooking is the most important skill. You put yourself in our shoes. I can 100% guarantee that you would hate to lose a leg. Using cutlery is of vital importance. It's compulsory that LPS students need to learn to cook for the importance of a life lesson and skills. It has been proven through scientific research that it is better to teach someone how to cook early on. Scientists say " one of the best ways to help children and teens eat healthy is to encourage them to learn to cook early on."

Healthier choices.

It is so super important to add an additional subject at LPS. You are in charge and without a doubt you must add a cooking class.

The problem is without cooking at school we can't make and don't make healthy choices. In our Adulthood we must know how to feed and cook for ourselves.

I am concerned that all students at LPS will catch terrible diseases and possibly experience an early death due to malnourishment. Do you want all your students from LPS to get the worst of the worst diseases and even die as soon as we leave the school and our parents?

I am positive that you as the best principle wouldn't want your students to get terrible diseases that have the possibility of killing them.

If you just agree that cooking is compulsory then everyone at this awesome school will be the best family member possible. All because we are healthy.



The facts & research shows that children and teenagers that learn to cook have had a happier and healthier future. It lets us all find out the nutritions of the foods. Also, what it means to cook and hunt through the ingredients that we provide in our food dishes. Have you ever had food poisoning? Well I haven't but I know someone who was terribly affected by this terrible disease! I have spoken to Clover Cocks who was away for ages with this disease. Her words were heartbreaking. The description was great and sounded awful though. Do you want your students with this atrocious disease? If you do then you would make the worst printable. It is very clear that cooking is a subject that is very well needed at this school.

Different cultures!

My third and final reason is that if we consider cooking at school then we can learn about all country's cultures.

We learn about different cultures, general studies ( home classroom) and food. One of the most important parts of their culture is food! Wouldn't it be great to immerse yourself in the smell and taste. We can look at pictures but the taste, the smell is a whole different dimension. So why don't we learn about culture in food!?

You can clearly see that cooking food is one of the most important things this incredible school doesn't have. You don't want us to be rude to every country but ours because we don't know their food style do you?

Learning this incredible skill means we would benefit from it in our understanding of culture and everyday life.

As you can definitely see, cooking is a compulsory subject for school. Only a fool wouldn't see that cooking is 100% needed at LPS.

Cooking provides all students with an amazing life skill. That will never be forgotten. Such as using a knife. A skill that is well needed.

Cooking at school means that we can learn how to hunt for the nourishment of the ingredients in all foods. That will then help us make the best food choices.

Finally, cooking would encourage us to discover different cultures. We learn it in classrooms so why not in food?

If you don't agree with me then don't complain when your students lose fingers or a leg. It must be part of our curriculum that we have cooking at school.

From Amy.





## **The Dark Figure** by Matilda Stewart Grade 6

As I sprint through the alleyway trying to escape, I fall straight into an open sewer and suddenly, everything goes black. I wake up not knowing where I am, all I know is where I am isn't home. It's dark, foggy, slimy, silent and spooky. I look around for a way out, but all I can see is fog and some gloomy shadows. I start to hear water drip and other strange noises. I run down one of the many paths only to find a dead end. I run back the way I came and go down another one of the paths. As I'm running I nearly fall down a MASSIVE sewerage pipe. As I'm looking over the edge, trying to find out how deep it goes, I feel a cold finger scrape down my spine. I get this cold feeling in my soul... Before I have time to run, I'm falling down the pipe. Before I meet the ground, I turn over and have a quick glance at the figure but not quick enough to see who it is. I keep falling and eventually fall into a massive pool that feels extremely deep. It was like diving off a diving board without even knowing it. I reach for the surface gasping for air, only to find someone standing there like they knew I was coming. They start to whisper, "I've been waiting" and before I could answer, they were gone...I climb out of the pool before something else happens, and try to escape this small room. I think this is one of those rooms that they used during war, it looks like a bunker. I search under the bed, in the draws and in the cupboard under the sink, but nothing. I check all the cupboards above the counter and find a medical box. I look through the box to see if I can find anything useful... I see a big red button and wonder if it will help so I push it.... but it didn't!



## **Hillend vs Fishcreek** by Ebony Taylor Grade 6 Fish Creek and District PS

I sit there on the old rotting bench, legs shaking. We are ahead by three goals will they catch up, will we lose? The buzzer goes off for end of third quarter. I get handed GD. I hear Water bottles been drunk out of while coach reminding us to defend.

The buzzer has gone off it's time to go on court for the final quarter. I head behind the line, so does everyone else. Abbie steps in centre, it's begun footsteps get louder, the grippy noise of caching the ball as Julia jumps out to receive. Hill Ends WA jumps out and intercepts the ball they pass to GS, I reach my arms as high as I can defending the shot, but they make it in. I can sense the irritation within my team.

It's been five goals they have caught up and are winning by five goals. With five minutes on the clock time is running out. I step behind the line it's our ball. The buzzer goals of, I run out receiving the ball while my player tries to defend, I pass the ball to Ruby, who passes to Julia, who shoots and scores. Another goal to us only four more to go. The next centre is Hill End's. My player is pushing me to get out the way but I don't let her. She leaps for the ball I jump and intercept. I pass to Isla who passes to Sophie who passes to Julia who shoots and scores with 3 minutes left. we need three more goals to win.

The buzzer has gone. Hill End's GA jumps out and receives the ball. The whistle goes off: it's stepping so it's Fish Creek's ball. Abbie takes it, she passes to Ruby, who passes to Julia, who's in the goal third. She chest passes to Sophie who shoots a goal. We need two more goals with two minutes left. We shoot another goal. It's the final minute and we need one more goal to win BEEB I race out my player behind me, I get passed the ball I pass I Sophie who shoots the goal the buzzer has gone, the team jumps in cheer we've won.



## **The Girl from Mardin** by Khali Trewin Grade 5

CRACK! AHHHH! I April Trewin am on the run from the Nazis who have struck again. The Russians have teamed up with them to kill all Jewish people. I'm a young girl at the age of 12, my parents died at the start of the war when I was just 11. It was very tragic but I pushed my way forward to leave my home town, Mardin in Turkey behind.

All this time I finally reached a new town, I've never been to before called Safranbolu. It is dark, destroyed town on the outskirts of Turkey that has been burnt to the ground. All these families homes going up in flames is heartbreaking. Is it going to be like this forever, I wonder?

All of a sudden, I hear a clutter in the distance. I heard a young voice ask me, Who's there? The boy approached me at a slow pace looking anxious. I looked into his dark brown eyes, and I could see him barely holding back tears. I can't imagine what this little boy has been through, I want to keep him safe and protected. I will try my hardest to keep my promise. BANG! BANG! My ears are ringing, and I can't see the little boy anymore. My vision clears up and I see them pulling him into a train. I promised to keep him safe so I will not give up and search for the train everywhere.

It was a cold and frosty night with no food, no water and only a blanket that I took from my hometown. I can't live like this, I wonder what started this war and I wonder what soldier killed my mother and father. I cannot stop thinking about where this boy is. A train of thought popped into my head. The train they took him on said a town called Mardin and that is where I will go. I April Trewin will start making my way back to my hometown to find my lost friend.

To be continued....



## **Old Man Guy** by Jacob Trudgen Grade 5

Once there was this old man named Old Man Guy. Age: 122. Phone password: 12345.

He grumbled as he saw a letter on his doormat. It said, "Old Man Guy, come and find me and defeat me or I will take over the world". He gasped and hopped on his motorized scooter and putted away to go look at the phonebook across the room. He found two things: that the villain is called Youth Snatcher and that he lived at the retirement home. He zoomed off (at moderate speed of course) and looked at the deadly quiet building and shivered. When he went in, he saw a barrage of old folks that look older than usual. He saw a rather young-looking fellow holding a staff. Then as fast as lightning, Youth Snatcher turned around and zapped Old Man Guy.

Old Man Guy felt light and wavy, he discovered that he was a ghost; but he was hungry for justice. Then he heard Youth Snatcher reveal his masterplan at his computer, "My fellow peers of evil. I show you today my most impressive achievement. Taking this generation's most prized possession. Youth!".

When Old Man Guy got to his house, he hopped on his windows5 and went to his folder full of Ugly Sonic photos to bring an Ugly Sonic to life. With a flash of blue and white, an Ugly Sonic was born. "I am your creator, Ugly Sonic, and I will grant you one wish if you do something for me". What do you want?", asked Ugly Sonic. "Help me defeat Youth Snatcher", replied Old Man Guy.

"I accept", said Ugly Sonic, "and my reward will be the ability to appear in any computer and not go away". They went to the retirement home. Suddenly Ugly Sonic jumped right in Youth Snatcher's face and screamed in a blood curdling voice, "Have you seen the new Chip and Dale movie?!?". Youth Snatcher screamed and fainted." "Thank you", said Old Man Guy. "I hereby give you all the power to appear in any computer and not go away", said Old Man Guy.



### **How Becky got her sword** by Dia Vijai Grade 6

It was her first day at High School. Becky stood in the corridor watching students shove books into their lockers. The long corridor was filled with speech and laughter. Becky walked along to her locker number and took a deep breath. "This is it!" she whispered under her breath. Becky reached for the locker handle without hesitating. She chucked her bag in the locker and shut the door with a BANG! She then headed on a journey to find her class room number.

"Found it!" she cried. Becky skipped into her class room and took a seat. "WHO DO WE HAVE HERE?!" a girl complained. The girl had a crop top on and long, blonde wavy hair. Becky looked up at her, clueless. The girl introduced herself. "I am Amber." "Hi Amber," Becky replied. "OMG, I MEAN LOOK AT HER CLOTHES EVERYONE!" Amber shouted. The whole class laughed and pointed at Becky's clothes. Becky was super embarrassed. Tears slowly ran down Becky's cheeks.

Days passed and Amber kept on bullying her. Amber would keep going on about Becky. She would even break all of Becky's valuable things. Amber would really humiliate her to the core.

It was another day at school. Becky walked in miserably and sat down in her seat. As she sat down, a girl came to her. "Hey, I am Emily and I want to help you get rid of Amber," the girl said, as she looked into Becky's eyes. "Really, but ... HOW?!" Becky questioned. "I have a plan, just follow it." Becky agreed and listened to Emily.

It was the next day, and Becky got her plan ready. Becky waited for the bully to come and trouble her. Eventually... Amber arrived. Amber walked up towards Becky and was going to trouble her when Becky stopped Amber.

"LOOK HERE, I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU... IF I SEE YOU EVER AGAIN I WILL SUSPEND YOU... UNDERSTAND AMBER?!" everyone laughed at Amber. Amber cried and ran away.

Becky was happy! She destroyed the bully!

HIPP HIPP HURRAY, Becky Got Her Sword!

### **Fish Creek** by Josie Waller Grade 6

The water trickles slowly down the slow flowing creek when a splash echoes down the path, a sudden sound for someone who is slowly disconnecting from reality, losing touch with sanity and the world. The splash creates a small wave which travels down the creek ever so gently. The splash was a confusing scene-not to be trusted, but did that truly happen or was it just another trick that comes with age? No, you think when a fish coloured with all dances down the river for attention acting like an attention seeking lorikeet. Beautiful colours but not a colourful attitude. For someone who losing sight this was confusing yet a dream before the end.

About - An older person soon to pass away but making the last of their life.



**Treasure** by Evelyn Watt Grade 6

As the clock struck midnight on the frozen clock face, a figure could be seen huddling in a corner of a shop. The figure shivered and shook so much that it probably wouldn't last much longer in the cold of the night.

I was about to brush the snow away from my shop step, when I realised that there was someone buried under it. I shovelled a handful off and there under the snow was a girl. Her eyes were shut and her red lips were closed in sleep. Hang on. They weren't exactly red, they were more white, no blue! I knew what happened to people when they stayed out in the cold. They went to sleep, forever. I shook her. Please, wake up. She didn't move. I sat down in defeat. Suddenly, moving slightly, she opened her eyes. They looked puzzled. "Who are you?" she croaked.

I was cold, tired, but had to get up. I opened my eyes to find a boy. "Who are you?" I said. "I'm Jay." I hadn't eaten anything for ages. The boy gave me some bread and cheese. I ate it greedily and then drank from a bottle which he gave me. "What are you doing in the cold," he said. "I'm looking for my mother." I told him everything. That my name's Nina and I was an orphan, but ran away. "I'll come with you." I hesitated. It would be a hard journey. "Do you have more food?" "You bet," he replied.

As we started walking I told her about me. I had lived with my grandparents until they passed away. I still ran their antique shop, and lived in their house. We'd walked for a couple of days, when we stopped by a house.

I couldn't breathe. In a daze I walked inside. I found my way to a corridor. In the corridor was a mirror. On the mirror was a note.

My darling Nina, I hope you have found what you need.

I wasn't going to find my mother. But I had found Jay. He was treasure to me.



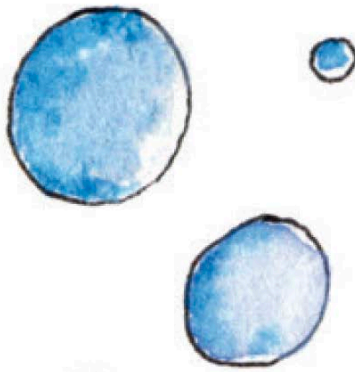
## **My Camping Trip** by Archie Weatherill Grade 5

It's finally the day the day we go camping, I'm really excited to go. We are going for 4 days and me, mum, dad and my sister are going. In fact, we are going right now see you later.

We are here now, so me and my sister are going to go play while mum and dad set up the camping trailer. Dad just told us that it's time to go hunting so that means I have to put my hunting clothes on so first I put on my hunting pants then my hunting shirt and my camo jumper just incase I get cold. Then I put on my camo Stony Creek beanie and then put my steal cap boots. Now I'm sure that I'm all ready to go hunting. Yay I'm really happy to go hunting the gun we are taking is a 30.06 let's see if we can get a dear for tea.

We went looking everywhere for a long time but just as we were about to give up I told dad really silently that I saw a dear and dad lined the gun up slow and steady and then BANG! we shot a dear In the heart and then we went down to see it and then we cut it up and brought it back to camp.

When we got back from camp we got the meat and cooked it and we had a lovely dinner.





## **Afternoons on the Bridge** by Imogen Whyman Grade 6 Wilcannia School

When the river is high people jump off the bridge into the water. Chelsea always jumps first. She screams all the way down. But she's not scared; she's done it thousands of times. Lira goes next. Her heart is beating while the kids urge her on. She finally drops in a pencil dive, feet first, hands by her hips. She goes down deep and her shirt floats up. She comes up for a breath and swims hard for the cylinder, a part of the bridge. If she misses the cylinder, she'll be swept down the river.

Lira swims hard and grabs the cylinder. The current is pulling her legs. She struggles to climb back up the bridge. If she makes one wrong move she will fall, water will rush up her nose, her head will hurt and she'll be swept away. She curves her body to avoid falling and lifts herself up onto the bridge where she has a rest after all that pulling and climbing.

Chelsea says, 'Let's jump off the other side!'

'I'm too puffed,' says Lira.

'Come on, I'll buy you something?' Chelsea begs.

Lira can't resist. She feels like a lime-flavoured milkshake from the Roadhouse.

She shuffles to the other side of the bridge. Looking down, she feels butterflies in her stomach. Lira counts down, 5.... 4.... 3... 2... 1... 0! She bombs into the water. The force pulls her towards the bottom of the river. She panics, she might not make it back up. Pulling her arms and kicking her legs like a frog, she sees the light at the surface, and she knows she's going to make it. She bursts through the surface and gasps for air.

Chelsea is on the edge of the bridge, poking tongues, looking down at her.

'Your turn to jump!' Lira cries.

Chelsea laughs, 'I'm not buying you anything! And I'm not jumping!'

Lira feels wild. She swims as fast as she can to the edge. Grabbing her things, she looks at Chelsea and says, 'Next time, you jump first!' and storms off.





## **Fun at Steamers Point** by Kylera Whyman Grade 6 Wilcannia School

On the weekend I went yabbing with Nanna Jinxy, Poppa Robbie, Aunty Casey, and Lebron. We all piled into a car and drove to Steamers Point. That's where the paddle steamers went a long time ago and there is a witch's tree. The witch's tree is real old and scary. If you go there at night you see faces. There's a mark on the tree. It's like a door and we think a witch lives in there. That's why we call it the witch's tree.

Poppa Robbie put seven nets into the water – two drop nets and the rest were harbour nets, shaped like Sydney Harbour. Aunty Casey lit a fire and cooked some johnnycakes and some meat. Nanna Jinxy went fishing down the river, away from us. Lebron and I went for a swim. The current was strong but the water was real shallow.

In just a couple of minutes Poppa Robbie caught nearly a bucketful of yabbies. I was there to help him. We caught a whole lot of fishes too. We kept the big ones but we let the little ones go. We cooked some yabbies on the fire and kept some to take home. We killed the big fish and put them in the yabby nets to catch more yabbies. Poppa Robbie and I checked the nets every minute. We pulled one of the harbor nets out and there were more yabbies flipping around.

After lunch we all piled back in the car and drove home. It was fun.

Ten minutes in the Life of a Regency Adolescent by Willow Zeeman Grade 6

"The comfort one seeks from the melancholy rain is seldom found in this bleak and dreary existence" mused a thoughtful figure of around sixteen years of age. Her golden tresses pulled back in a chignon, a plain dress in a light shade of rose adorned her pale figure. Her face, while nothing charming enough to attract any attention, was neither anything to scoff at, giving her a rather approachable look, although most of the time she ruined her cordial appearance with the grim expression that tormented her features in a most unfavourable way.

"Brighten up, Cordelia; you shan't become a respectable lady of society if you continue to be plagued with such vexing moods!" admonished her sister, a lady four years the senior to our protagonist; as she sat down with an air of grace and elegance. Her exquisite profile meant she always had admirers flocked around her, so much so she had more tea with her Bunbury\* (person one invents to get out of bothersome and unpleasant situations) then she did with its nonfiction counterparts.

"Why I do try Juliet, to be radiant and good-humoured, I take walks in the garden, pick the sweet williams and Syringa. But it appears nothing can help change the saddening woes of my measly reality, so I stay, staring out rain-torn windows in ill-fated flights of fancy."

"Cordelia, your mannerisms are utterly deplorable! There won't be a suitor from here to London who wants your hand if you continue with your sombre airs and melancholy graces." Sadly, Cordelia took too long to think of an adequately cunning reply. In that time, a timid little mouse of a maid meekly knocked on a wooden frame trying her utmost to be respectful and polite.

\*(person one invents to get out of bothersome and unpleasant situations)





## Fishy Stories Writing Challenge Year 7 and 8 Stories, alphabetical by surname

### **The Sea is Endless** by Polly Barnes Year 8

"The sea is endless they told us.  
Water you need but too much is death.  
Blacks were not blessed by Christ their sins left to fester, they told us."

We all knew the strangeness that the sea had brought us, those creatures that they called tortoise, covering the decks, providing food for months. The strange fish that they would pull up from the dizzying depths with no shape. The ships that had gone too far and fallen off the edge of the world never to be seen again.

The slaves they would bring home "Blacks" they called them, their skin so dark they look like the chimney sweepers. We had all heard the theories of the madmen as the government said, that the world was round and there was England under us so to balance the world. This was my life till the unspeakable's arrived .

Every time father would leave he would bring something back from stranger tides. Normally a leaf that he would press between his navigation charts and books. I would wait months for him to return, we would hear nothing from him for months and mother would make herself scarce messing with other suitors to keep herself busy.

Father's ship was pulling in to the harbour and I ran all the to the dock. As I arrived he was walking off the ship and walking behind him an unspeakable. Father said his name was Elio. He was to be my slave and I was determined to get him to talk. later that day I was lying down and going over things in my mind it would take years to get him to talk and if anyone discovered us he would be executed. It was a big risk to take but one I was set on.

Every night I smuggled Elio into my room I would teach him to talk. I spent the best part of five years looked up in my room with Elio. I was engaged to an unspeakable, yet unable to be blessed we spent the nights together Loathing the lie we were living.



### **The Beginning Of The Leprecauhn** by Esther Casson Year 7

She danced through the deep meadow of grass, a crown of flowers fit for a queen atop her head, her eyes a more sky blue than the sky itself. Ezra crouched in a nearby tree, entranced. Her velvet gown flowed down her body like a river, every so often revealing her delicate hands, her nails painted and olive green to match her dress. He was deeply curious, since he was a child (a rather intelligent one at that) he had been noticed to be rather odd. Multiple nannies had been fired for letting him get himself into 'dangerous situations' although he now agreed with their useless accusations of him being 'too curious'. Now thinking of this Ezra wondered how anyone wouldn't be captivated by this lady, this goddess who was only the size of his hand (he had, only seconds ago held it up in comparison).

Suddenly he felt another presence and turned to find a small blue wren, resting on a branch to his left. Lepre did not find this particularly worrying so he turned back to the smiling .....fairy? She tucked her hair behind her ears which he only just noticed were small, and pointy, so an elf maybe.... He glanced at her buckled cork sandals and noticed a small four leaf clover tattooed on her ankle.

His gaze was strong but a rapid movement in the corner of his eye brought him out of it instantaneously. The wren had swooped down from its branch and began to fly silently towards the fairy who's back was turned. She obviously wouldn't see the danger in time unless he did something. Without a care of common sense he cried 'WATCH OUT!' and stretched his hands towards her as if this would make a difference to her fate. Without any hands clutching the thin branch he came tumbling to the ground and grunted as his back hit a stick, everything went black.

### **Moonlight Man** by Rye Cicero Year 8

Her icy fingers clasped my arm in the darkness, as the grip of her hands loosened, though it was night, I could sense her soul leaving the limp body. The air turned cold as the tall, slim shape appeared in the moonlight. I ran dragging the once lively body of my best friend behind me. I heard the heavy footsteps of the creature gaining ground and I knew that I would be no better than the body behind me if I didn't let her go. I felt her hand slipping out of mine and then she was gone, all the memories we had together flashed before my eye as all I heard was a roar that echoed through the forest and the sound of my feet running on the hard ground.



## **Steak** by Alfie Cripps Year 7

On a worn summer evening, we were cooking on the BBQ and we had the fire going and we had friends over there were ten min to the steak was cooked but that was too long and I was hungry and I wanted to eat the jury and fatty steak there was five peas of steak so I ate all of them and five mins late my mum and dad hate to cook more of them. And I hate to wait, and I got served lars and ten mins and I was so hungry and not just that I was hangry I was bored so I went to play in the bush and I found an old swing and then my mum called out to me and I went to go and eat my steak and I found an old school and I went to go through it but then I remember I had my steak to go and eat so the next morning I when to go and find it and I went through and they were another world. It was called supernatural academy and I made friends there one was a wised one a snake shifter one was a dragon shifter and an owl shifter and then I felt power Ruch thought me I was a dragon tiger snake owl wolf shifter I was a quintet shifter but then I realized I had steak tonight and then I woke up and I realized it was a dream then I went outside and the steak was on the table. Ready for me



## **Morning Walk** by Anouar Cunningham Year 8

There was a light morning breeze in the eucalyptus forest. Wombat had just exited his hole for his morning walk. As he walked along the river, he observed the smooth rocks poking out of the waterway. These rocks led to his best friend's burrow, platypus. He jumped from rock to rock to get to the other side, and wake Platypus up.

"Yoo-hoo, Platypus? Are you awake?" asked Wombat.

"I am now", grumbled Platypus from her burrow.

Platypus finally agreed to come along with Wombat on his morning river walk, So they set off, Platypus swimming downstream, with Wombat toddling along after her.

"Slow down Platypus, you always go too fast", whined Wombat.

"Why don't you hurry up Wombat? Maybe if we pick up the pace we can find Koala and convince him to come on the walk with us!"

Wombat did think this would be a good idea, so he decided he would indeed speed up. As they walked down the river, they came across a problem. Fox was blocking their path.

"I will not allow you to pass, unless you make a sacrifice! Wombat! You are looking extra tasty today", growled Fox.

"You are a nasty, sly fox! I will not allow you to eat my best friend!", said Platypus.

"Oh yeah? Who is going to stop me?" Fox said as he laughed in Platypus's face.

"I am!" Eagle screeched as he flew in to protect his friends from this evil animal.

As soon as Fox saw Eagle fly in, he turned tail and ran without saying another word.

"Thank you so much for saving us, Eagle! Would you like to join us on our morning walk?" Wombat asked.

So the three of them happily set off down the river. Platypus swimming, Eagle flying, and Wombat walking. After a little while they found themselves underneath Koala's tree.

"Yoo-hoo, Koala! Are you up there?" yelled Wombat.

"Yes I am, and I just made a pot of eucalyptus tea! Would you care to come up and join me?" Called Koala.

And they all had a cup of eucalyptus tea.



## **A Very Fishy Story** by Patrick DeGraaf Year 7

On the port of Kowalski, two fishermen aged around seventy were testing a new rod developed by Goble, the biggest brand of fishing out there. They were pulling out fish left, right and centre. The new technology was making them catch so many fish that the ocean was running out. They didn't realize that though so they kept fishing. They even caught a blue whale. By this moment there were next to no fish in the sea.

Meanwhile in the middle of the ocean, the rest of the fish were getting angry because they had no family members left, not even one. They planned a riot against Rob and Kevin (the fishermen) and they were very prepared. The leader of the riot was Mrs Henderson the great white shark. She was 6.4m long and had sharp teeth. When there was violence she would be there.

As expected, the two fishermen had no idea about this. They went home after two hours of fishing and the next day they sold all of the fish and made \$1,000,000. They were so happy they moved to Brazil and started fishing out of the Amazon river. The riot was scrapped because the fish didn't know where they had gone. The fishermen caught a massive goldfish and ate it for dinner.

The next day they caught so many fish they couldn't count them. Again they sold them and made a huge profit. They were getting rich off of a \$150 fishing rod. All of the remaining fish in the Amazon river were also angry because of their fishing.

The fish from the sea and the amazon river teamed up and planned a bigger riot than before. All the fish swam to the USA and stormed the Goble factory. The whole factory was destroyed.

Next they found out that the fishermen were in Brazil so they all swam there and attacked the fishermen. They had a good fight but the fish took them out and threw them in the water. The fish were happy, until another fisherman showed up...



## **Forever Never Lasts** by Mia Delaney Year 8

I walk up to the door and ring the bell, Brooklyn answers with an ecstatic smile on her face,  
"Fay, hi" She almost screams excitedly

"You ready?" I say matching her overwhelming energy "Let's go"

We head down to the beach and the sun is glistening against the waves sending sparkling droplets everywhere as the waves crash. Throwing our stuff on the beach and sprinting down the burning sand we dive into the water. I let the coolness engulf me and then burst up to the surface to find Brooklyn doing the same. We float in the endless crystal water for hours until the day begins to darken and hunger breaks through our cheerful oblivion.

We take our dinner down to the rocks so we can look at the view, Brooklyn and I lay there for hours just talking, watching the sunset and then finally the stars.

"You know what Fay" Brooklyn says after there is a length of silence between us

"What" I ask

"I wish this summer would last forever" She says

"Nothing ever lasts forever" I remark rather philosophically.

"Fay" Someone says "Fay"

I open my eyes breaking from my reminiscent state, I look to see my daughter.

"Its time to go to Brooklyn's funeral" she tells me "I can't believe she's gone"

I can't believe it either and suddenly I'm wishing that we were those little girls on that beach again. Where it felt like nothing mattered at all but I know I can never be that little girl again. There're a million things I could say in this moment, a million things I should say but instead I say,

"As much as I wish it did, as much as she wished it did, nothing ever lasts. Forever..."





**\*Sophie's Weekends** by Sophie Evans Year 7 Wilcannia School

Sophie and Bobby loved to go pigging with their dad.

Wild pigs are feral. They dig holes in the creek. You can see their tracks and the scraps of dead animals that they leave behind. They will eat anything. They even eat their own piglets if they have too many.

Sophie, Dad and Bobby drove out of town, along a dirt track and into the bush. The bushes were dead, red dirt all around and no sign of water. Sophie opened the gate into the paddock and when she looked up two black crows were sitting on the branch of a coolibah tree carking at them. Sophie and Bobby climbed onto the back of the truck with the four dogs, Sooky, Tate, Narla and Miranda. They wagged their tails and they were panting in the hot sun. The wind was rushing into Sophie's face and she kept blinking in the dust.

Dad stuck his head out the window as he was driving slowly over the rough ground. 'Look out for pigs!' he shouted.

Sophie shaded her eyes and looked around the paddock. Something jumped out from a clump of mulgas and the dogs pricked their ears. Sophie banged on the roof of the ute. 'Over there!' she shouted. The dogs jumped off the back of the ute and raced towards the tree.

'Oh gosh!' yelled Dad. 'That's just a kangaroo!' He whistled for the dogs to come to him but they didn't hear. Sophie and Bobby jumped off the back and chased after the dogs. Dad revved the engine and went full speed ahead over the bushes and rocks.

The dogs lost the kangaroo when it disappeared behind a big rock. They flopped down, panting. When Dad caught up to them they all smiled at him but he had an angry look on his face. The dogs hopped into the back of the truck and they all drove back into town.

The next weekend Sophie went camping. They went pigging again and Sophie was the first one to spot a pig.



### **An unexpected meeting** by Chloe Fulkerson Year 8

The water dribbles down my back, the hot steam rising from the shower before turning it off and reaching for a towel. I ruffle my hair, waiting for it to dry. Opening the cupboard, I quickly yank back in disgust, a nasty smell covering the room. I block my nose, closing it once again. I thought it may have been the smell of the new apartment but quickly thought again once I unblocked my nose. It smelt of something dead, I groan in annoyance seeing as the past owners didn't clean it out well. I quickly located where the smell was, as the addict was close to the bathroom.

Placing my clothes on, I search for a flashlight. The inconvenience of not having electricity in the apartment was slowly getting to me as I stride towards the addict where the smell had been near. I slowly place my feet on the steps one by one, climbing inside. It was dark, cold and noisy. I again block my nose as the smell was more overwhelming, my eyes squinted in the darkness as I struggle to find my way around it with a small flashlight. I was now crawling on my hands and knees, making my way close and closer to the intoxicating smell. The wind in the distance added creepy effects, the roof dripping with cold water. I halted at the end of the attic, moving the light left and right.

I moved the flashlight to the left, spotting nothing but dusty boxes and old books. Moving to the right, I hold my light in a certain position. My eyebrows furrow, curiously moving towards it. My heart sank, spotting brown hair poking out of the blanket it was in. Quickly yanking the blanket off, it revealed a human body. I pulled back, eyes wide, mouth open. I reach for my pocket, grabbing my phone from my pocket, and dialing the police. "There's a dead body in my apartment."



### **A small fish** by Archer Gibson Year 7

I found a small fish in the fish store I look at it and it was the one for me. I ask mummy for it but she says no it cost too much. I go check the price of the small fish I could not believe it it was \$100 for just that small fish but a very kind worker said there was a mistake and it was actually \$2 not \$100 I go ask mummy and she said yes.

We got home and I put my small fish in my tank with Tyrome my big fish and Bossy my other big fish bossy was the boss in the fish tank he would always eat most of the food and he would not share the castle. His castle was a big ornament were fish can swim in and sleep in. Tyrome has his own skull to sleep in and swim thru. When we were at the store mummy said she can buy me an ornament for my small fish so he can swim, thru and sleep. We bought him a pirate ship so i called the small fish Jack Sparrow the captain of my fish tank.

Bossy and Tyrome get along with Jack; they play all day and Bossy even lets him swim thru his castle. Jack started to get bigger and bigger but he was still the small fish of the tank. One day i went on a holiday with mommy and daddy so my grandma took care of Bossy Tyrome and Jack when we were on the phone with here she said she had a surprise for me. I was so excited to see what grandma has gotten me. When we got home I saw another fish in my tank. My grandma bought me another fish. It was bigger than Jack but a bit smaller than Tyrome and my grandma bought the new fish a log for him to swim thru and sleep in. Jack was looking sad because I was looking at the new fish not him so I gave Jack some attention. End

### **The Duck and the Cow** by Charlotte Hadrian Year 8

There was once a small duck, his name was bob, he was small and white. He had a friend, his friend was a cow, the cows name was Jeremy, he was big and looked like a regular cow. Bob and Jeremy love to go to the park and eat ice cream. One day they went to the park with their ice cream as usual but their spot was stolen! What would they do?! Bob decided the quack super loud to try scare the spot thief away. It did not work. Jeremy had an Idea! He would create a scene so the spot thief would come to see what was happening. Jeremy decided to dance in high heels that would surely grab the spot thieves attention. It worked! The spot thief came over to see what was happening. Bob decided to run and grab the spot and then Jeremy ran from the crowd to sit too. They had finally lived happily ever after. The end! (For now!)



## **The Lolly Eaters** by Kelly Hannigan Year 8 Foster SC

Kyla was a unicorn, a pink and purple one too. She was always hungry for lollies and did everything she could to eat them. She also liked dessert, any kind. Like ice cream, donuts and cake, lots and lots of cake.

She lived in lolly land, where the trees where the richest and most delicious chocolate there was. The chocolate river still was flowing through the grass as green as the leaves.

Kyla's friends were also unicorns, fairies, and gingerbread. Her unicorn friend was Amala, and the fairy was Harlow. They both loved lollies too, but not as much.

The gingerbread man was called Rory. He lived in the same town as Kyla and her friends, and they went to the park and ate all the food. They had bought biscuits, and cupcakes, every food you could ever dream of.

One day when they were in the park, Kyla had already eaten all the food, so no one else got any. But Kyla was still hungry. She was starving, and there was no control over it. She took a bite out of Rory's arm!

Rory couldn't feel pain, and just stood there innocently. Kyla felt bad just because she was hungry. She ran back home to candy cane forest and hid away from everyone.

Amala and Harlow were shocked and thought that they would never ever be friends with Kyla and Rory at the same time. But there was always a solution to every problem.

When she woke up the next morning, Kyla felt like she had to make it right. So, on her way to Rory's house, she stopped at the store, to get some glue.

When Kyla got to Rory's house, she knocked on the door. He opened the door and Kyla said sorry. They then glued the small part of the arm back on, and they were friends again. So, the next time they went to the park in peppermint lane, Kyla brought enough food for her to last a full day without eating her friends, and they were very happy.



## **The Fish, the Frog and the Fawn** by Elizabeth Haynes Year 8

Early one morning, as sunlight rays pierced the tree canopy, a young fawn skipped down to Fish Creek's river bank. Standing tall on her thin legs the fawn lowered her neck and dipped her nose into the refreshing water.

SPLASH! The fawn quickly raised her head as tiny water droplets sprinkled her nose. A ripple spread across the smooth surface where the splash sounded. In a sprinkling water curtain, made to sparkle by the early light, a dripping green frog sprang onto a riverbed rock.

"Hello!" he proclaimed. "My name is Splash!" The kind hearted fawn warmed immediately to her new companion. "I'm Dot." She introduced. "Dot! Dot!" the frog exclaimed hopping about on rocks. "Watch me!" Splash enthused. He sprang higher than Dot's head and dove into the water causing another terrific splash. The energetic frog continued jumping out of the water to flip about in the air before flopping downwards.

Dot, now dripping with water, suddenly spotted a flash of rainbow colour dart behind a rock. "Wait!" she urgently call to Splash; he hopped onto another rock and looked at her expectantly. "I saw something swim behind those rocks." Dot gestured to the spot. "I shall investigate!" Splash declared, about to dive. "Go gently." The fawn suggested, so her friend slid smoothly into the water without splashing.

Under the clear surface Splash kicked his legs and bounced in and out between rocks. He saw a darting movement and a flash of rainbow colour; then round a corner the frog sat face to face with a colourful rainbow trout. The nervous trout let a bubble out of its mouth.

"Hello." Splash whispered. "My name is Splash, I like your colours! Come meet my friend Dot."

The two dived through the water and over rocks. "Tada!" Splash croaks, reaching Dot. "This is who you saw." "Hello, my name is Ray." The trout said. "Splash scared me with his jumping." "Will you be our friend?" the fawn and frog requested. "Yes." replied Ray. And so the fish, the frog and the fawn became friends.



**\*A Mirror of Me** by Ursula John Year 8

I sit here expressionless. Motionless to the beat of silence. His breath always blended with mine. His mind always collided with time. I have been blindfolded more than I have seen. I have seen only his face. I imagine myself escaping. Every time I do, I only escape the walls. The physical boundaries that are put in place for isolation.

I scream sometimes. No-one hears me. I put my hand on the window. No-one sees me. I keep telling people. No-one believes me. I try to run. Then he will kill me.

There are others he has kept, but they are so far away I have never witnessed them. He wears a mask, but I know every detail that is his face. The detectives question me. They ask and ask what he has done. I have no reply. Just a nod that somehow says it all. They ask how long I was with him. I reply, "I am still with him now".

They look at me confused, willing me to say more. "He is here in the room, staring at all of us. Breathing down my neck."

I start to stand. I will soon regret this decision. I will never know until it happens. What will happen, I don't know. That's what scares me. That's why he isn't caught yet. They try to sit me back down. Control me. I am already gone. After everything, he is still here. He will always be here. Always until forever. You might think I was abducted or killed by this man. Stuck in a basement full of other girls. A detective questioning until I believe what they believe. I made it all up.

I am stuck. Bound to a particular place. This man is my mind. My mind is this man. This man, only I can see. He is still there, though. Perfect with his mask. I am now staring deep into a mirror. I think. He is staring back at me.



**\*The Words of Those Who Cannot Speak** by Winter Mulholland Year 8

Me and those around me have communication issues. We are of different species. They have strange anatomy and appearances, they walk on two legs while I walk on four. Obviously there are some similarities between us, we eat around the same times and while I communicate using body language and they speak with sounds, there are times when we can understand each other.

Recently the atmosphere has been... worrying. Everyone's been much quieter and they've picked up a tendency to isolate themselves, in fact no matter how hard I search I cannot find the smallest of them. Without her here it almost seems as though the colour in the house has dulled and the warmth in the air has been snuffed out.

It's been thirty days and nights since the littlest girl was last here. Dozens of square, flat images of her have been placed all over the house. There were already a few before but now the amount focused on her specifically is more than that of the other three combined. Perhaps they've gained some new significance. I'm glad for the increase, she's always been my favourite. She most often brings me my food, she leaves places for me to sit and her hands are always warm.

Honestly the conditions under which the girl vanished were strange. There was a machine used to take people places. I'd only been in it a few times but those that I live with use it on a daily basis, the smallest girl and biggest man left and she never returned, nor did the machine. When she first disappeared everyone would be gone for hours a day, taking flowers and paper cards with them but since about a week after the girl disappeared they've all been home.

Today they were taking things out of her room. I was in there sleeping, before being awoken by my bed being taken. I wonder what they've done with it.

I miss her, I hope she's home soon.



## **The Old and Rusty Rock** by Ella Humphrey Year 7

Brooke looked at the old and rusty rock in her hands and felt stressed. She walked over to the window and reflected on her surroundings. She had always Sydney with its many treehouses. It was a place that encouraged her to feel great. Then she saw something in the distance, or rather someone. It was the figure of Heather Rabbit. Heather was a caring witch with a kind smile. Brooke gulped and looked at the rock in her hand. She glanced at her own reflection. She was a patient, generous, tea drinker. Her friends saw her as an angel. Once, she had even helped a blind lady cross the road. Heather got closer, making Brooke feel better. "I am here because I want to help," Heather bellowed, in a sharp tone. She slammed her fist against Brooke's chest with support. Brooke looked back, even more concerned and still looking at the old and rusty rock. "Heather, save me," she replied. They looked at each other with a happy feeling. Two little owls flew past making the two feel proud. Brooke studied the rock with Heather when she got home, she brought Heather there too, of course. Eventually, she took a deep breath. "I'm sorry, but I can't let you keep that rock," she explained, in calming tones. Heather looked at Brooke and said gently 'Let's throw it in the ocean, I'll take you know.' Brooke kindly agreed. When the two got to the ocean as Brooke threw it she got a feeling of comfort, like a weight was lifted in her life. To answer all questions yes, the rock is still out there for someone else to find. There will be different stories, but they will always be based on an Old and Rusty rock.





## **Furball** by Neon Jijo Cherian Year 8

I jump over the hill and sit down next to the tree. I take in the smell of the trees and the flowers. Then I see a butterfly hovering above the flowers. I start to chase the butterfly all the way down the hill, running as fast as I can.

"Woof!"

Every time I leap for the butterfly, it flutters upwards. I chase it down the hill. The butterfly flutters over the stony wall. I jump over the wall and chase after it. I keep on running, but I soon give up chasing the butterfly. I was tired and thirsty after chasing the butterfly. There was a clear looking puddle nearby, I went to it, and took a drink. In the reflection of the water, I see myself, and behind, I see the huge city's silhouette looming over me. Startled, I jump back.

"Woof!"

I look around the city, wondering where I was. I started walking down the streets, many humans steered clear of me. I find a dark alleyway, and walk right into it, hopefully finding something to eat or drink. I find a dripping tap, with a puddle of water under it. I start taking a drink, and then hear paws padding behind me. I turn around, to find myself facing a human with a net.

"Woof!"

The man with the net is after me! I start sprinting for my life. I turn a corner, and another, and another, then I jump into a dumpster. I see the man running past. I hop out of the dumpster, and start walking down the street in the opposite direction. It starts to rain, and I think of how my day went from chasing butterflies, to running from big scary dogs. I found a small house, and sat by the door, since there was a roof over my head. The door of the house opens, warm lights spill out. The family crowds around the door. One of them pick me up. "I'll call you... Furball."



## **The Castle** by Liam Latham Year 8

It had happened before, but not this bad. Normally escaping a castle would be child's play, but not this castle. Normally he was allowed to take things into his cell, small things, like a pencil and paper, but not here. Here all he had was a small candle, a candle that had been lit since he had been taken into the castle at midday. A candle that had exactly 12 hours of life. It had been half gone when he had been feed and, in a castle, where everything ran like a well-oiled machine, he would be fed at six o'clock every day. It was small things like this that had allowed him to escape other castles. Also, he made sure he never went in a castle dungeon without knowing the times of wagons coming and going to and from the castle, so he knew about the wagon that brought food to the castle from the village at six o'clock every day. It also left the castle and went back to the village with the money for the village at six thirty. The jailer had the key to his cell and he took little notice of the people beneath him. Such as the person who delivers his food. All of these minor details added up. But the biggest thing was that the person who delivered hi food was fairly poor and used to be a thief, he would be easily persuaded. 30 minutes. Persuade the guard, get the guard to get the key and a uniform. Get on the wagon, over run the guards on the wagon. Steal half the gold and leave half for the guard he persuaded, run. Impossible? Almost, but not quite.



## **Macy and the Monsters** by Phoebe Lester Year 7

Her mum tucked her hair behind her ear and whispered, "Goodnight, Macy".

As her mum reached for the light, Macy turned over; any idea of sleep swept away.

"Don't leave Mum," Macy said and once again started to cry. "What if there is a monster under the bed? What if it hurts me? At least leave the light on."

"There are no monsters, Macy. I need my rest too. Goodnight. I am just in the next room if you need me." Macy's mother sighed and left Macy to sleep with the light on.

Macy lay there for many hours, worrying about "the what ifs". The main concern that bothered her almost every night was what if there was a monster? Maybe it had a furry purple body with green toenails. It could have scary, glowing yellow eyes with orange eyebrows. Would it eat her favourite socks or maybe take her favourite teddy, Mr Jumbles? Would it jump out from the wardrobe or emerge from under the bed? Maybe it was so tall it could reach up and steal the clouds!

She took a deep breath and thought about all these things; were they really that bad? Did she really believe there were monsters? She was in bed and no monsters were jumping out at her apart from her worries. Now the thing that was scaring her most was her worries. Macy was always anxious about things she couldn't control and that included her worries. However, she was okay at this moment, no monsters, everything was okay.

The next night she talked to her mum about her worries. She said everything would be okay and that tonight there would be no monsters. She took a deep breath to clear away any monster thoughts and decided tonight would be the first night she would sleep with the light off.



## **Thoughts** by Claire Lindsay Year 8

My body felt sick, my hands were shaking, and my heart was aching with tears devouring my face. They won't get out of my head...

GET OUT!

I awoke to car lights passing by my dewy window, heavy breaths escaping my mouth as I justify where I am. I dried my tears with the cuff on my pyjama top, sitting myself upwards with a deafening ring in my ears as I hurl myself out of bed trying to make sense of my dark surroundings. As I grasp my cold door handle, I slowly turn the knob and open the door to be greeted by a mirror at the end of the eery hallway, walking towards it I can see myself explicitly, my red puffy eyes from all the tears, my hands shaking at my side with my legs trembling beneath me.

"You're not like those other girls"

Those girls aren't me...

Images of those girls in the magazines, the pretty girls at school (you know the ones that have heaps of friends)... those really pretty girls. I picture them in my head, no matter how much I try I can't look like those other girls. Another sickening meal that I'll never touch goes to waste and I still can't look as perfect as them. Even the reflection in the mirror mocks me.

Walking into the kitchen I can see the different coloured prescription drugs hiding in the corner, not one, not two, not even three... They said they'd make me feel better, make me happy, get the voices out of my head and get rid of the thoughts. I grab a glass of water trying not to drop it out of my sweaty palms and grab the 3 pills I need for the morning, quickly swallowing the three pills in one go flushing them down with the water. I grabbed my school bag and laptop and cautiously walked out the door before smiling to hide what's deep inside.

Every morning is the same appalling routine, every day is another day having to conceal my true emotions.

Nothing ever changes.



## **Dreams** by Lily Middleton Year 7

As tired eyes meet the welcoming pillow, sleep is on its way. It's only a matter of minutes now, anticipation thick in the air. As Alice's breaths become deep, her mind begins to drift far, far away. Invisible to others, it's a special place just for her. She visits it almost every night, when the lights lose their colour and silence wafts under the crack in her door, Alice feels alive.

Slowly Alice's alluring blue eyes reopen, and she's greeted to a world of her creation, suddenly her face cracks to reveal a smile spreading from ear to ear! Glistening water flows calmly from gaps in the deep blue sky, the sound spreads peace like butter on bread. Birds chirp unique melodies, their mellow voices travelling far and wide. The land is so luscious and filled with life and beauty, Alice loves every part of it. Suddenly a red and white striped picnic rug catches the attention of Alice's wondering eyes, she slowly walks over, noticing the softness of the grass on her bare feet, and shifts her weight from her feet to the rug. Gazing up at the sky Alice notices light shades of red, pink, and yellow etched into the rolling mountains in the distance, they seem to last forever, in the distance yet never fully disappearing, she loved their colour and willingness to stand out.

Whilst lost in her imagination, smells of sweet cakes, freshly baked cookies and warm toasted sandwiches waft and finally reach Alice's nose. She beams with joy when she realises what a feast is before her, but doubt quickly ripples through Alice when she realises that there is no one to share all the delicious food with! Just as that thought enters her mind, Alice's parents appear with her brothers and sisters in tow, their faces all as bright as the sun! They all shared the delicious food and soon their laughter floated high above the clouds. In reality, Alice lay soundly asleep, with a smile on her face, dreaming about the ones she loved, almost ready for the day ahead.



## **Bluebird** by Jahkoa Mortonar Year 8

On the walk to school there was a bluebird flying beside me, it looped around and circled me soaring through the air, the town was quieter than usual. I looked behind myself, though there was a man blocking my view. He wore a maroon zip-up jacket and jeans with a black beanie nearly covering his eyes that were focused on me. I decided to cross the road, and as I did I realized I was being followed.

The beat of my heart was racing, my legs felt weak and my palms were sweaty. His eyes followed my every move, he started pacing towards me and as he did I noticed he was leading me towards a grey car, the windows were blacked out and there was blood on the bumper. There was someone else leaning on the car, their eyes were glued on me. With my mind racing, I took a sharp left behind an alley to lose them. I grabbed out my phone and was scrolling through the contacts I then pressed 'Ursula John' the phone rang, but it went to voicemail.

The two men were catching up to me. The man in the maroon jacket grabbed my arm which knocked my phone away. And the other one dragged me towards the car. There was a syringe laying on the ground, and I reached for it then drove it into the man's arm.

Loosening his grip on me, and I managed to break free and run.

I looked back to see if they were gaining on me but all I saw was one of them dead and lifeless on the ground and the other one crouching over him, not moving a muscle.

But I left them, I didn't care for them, I loathed them. Though as I ran my mind wondered, I couldn't stop thinking about why I have to deal with this, why children have to deal with this, and the sick things that go through the minds of these people. And there was the bluebird again it was like it had been watching me.



### **Street fighter** by Sahreem O'Connor Year 7

It was a cold and dark night like most nights. You might be thinking 'what are you talking about?' well it's fight night yeah i know it's dangerous right? Well when you don't have enough money for food or rent and other things you have to. But I do these fights once a week.so have enough money. we get about \$2000 when we win.

You see I'm a really good fighter but sometimes I don't win but that's ok because that is a rare thing.so back to the fight. Two people were still fighting. Both throwing punches at each other. I watched one of the girls throw a kick at the other's head and she went limp.

The crowd went wild cheering her on. "And the winner is Cammy," the judge said. I was next in line for a fight.as she walked out of the pit she looked over to me and winked. I walked to the change rooms and got in my black sports bra and black short shorts i had long black hair that went to the middle of my back big blue eyes and a button nose. I look like i should not be fighting and I'm weak but don't judge a book by the cover.

I was ready so I walked out to the pit and the crowd started chanting my name."jade,jade,jade" most did not know me because i changed my name alot.Cammy came into the pit and people were cheering her name on. "up next we have Cammy and jade. You both know the rules no killing each other and let the fight begin" the man said. We started circling each other. Then she threw a punch at my ribs but i blocked it, and kicked her leg out from her. She went down with a thud. But that did not last long because she got back up seething in anger. She ran for me and punched me in the jaw and all I could see was little stars and it all went black and I was out.

### **Sheep** by Gemma Proudlock Year 7

Once upon a time there was a girl called Gemma and she liked to do building in her back yard. She built a big sheep pen in the paddock. But the wind blew it over so she had to build it again. The sheep pen was built with metal sheets; nails, a hammer, wood and other timbers. It can hold up to thirty sheep in the pen.



## **Saving Snow White / Twisted Fairy Tales** by Miah Roberts Year 7

Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess Snow white, she was raised in a castle with king Max and Queen Lulu. They ruled the distant land, and everyone adored snow white. This story tail would end happily ever after with snow white being woken up, by true loves kiss. So, if you like happy ending don't read this book... Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess Snow white, she was a spoiled princess with all the treats dresses and makeup she wanted. Her parents died when she was 3 years old and had been raised by her grandmother, the drug addict and hoarder, spent all their money and where in debt. When she was 7, they got chucked out of the castle and had to move to a little cottage in the forest, there was 3 fairy's at the cottage. They made black magic and didn't want to help them, so they left the cottage and set up camp in the forest under a giant oak tree they slept under the stars. Snow white's 10 birthday came around quickly, for her birthday her present was that she got to go and watch the fireworks at the castle because the new king and queen had a baby girl, her name was Juliette. The king and queen had hopes she would be the next queen. Ok now pause the story. It's about to get dark and very quickly. On Snows 15 birthday she got to go see the fireworks again, but this year was different because got an invitation the go to the castle and become an apprentice. That night she felt different, she felt evil. When she went to sleep that night, she had flash back to when she was in the castle as a princess and baby. 'Through the door around the corner and to the spinning wheel'. The next day she went to the castle and became the kings and queen's apprentice. All she thought about that day was 'Spinning Wheel'.





**\*One day** by Emily Rogers Year 8 Foster SC

As I listen to you, I hear your story,  
You were only young when your story started,  
A winter's day and a frosty morning,  
The kettle boiling and the snow kept falling,  
In the little cottage,  
You were smiling,

As the air got colder and the sky became lighter,  
A little boy playing,  
The fire burning,  
This is your story,  
And the journey in which you made,

Your voice was quiet,  
Closed the curtains,  
Because you were,  
Crying,

Frosty air and a winters morning,  
As I listen to you,  
We reflect on your journey,  
Cold mud bricks and a cosy feeling,  
You were making memories,  
And the snow kept falling,

Dense white snow and a winter's morning,  
A mother's love,  
And the snow kept falling,  
Closed the window,  
Because the fire was warming,

One day you'll look back,  
And remember your journey,  
Time will slow and,  
You'll remember your family,

You were only young when your story started,  
A little cottage,  
And the snow kept falling,  
A winters morning,  
And the kettle boiling,

A woolen blanket and a frosty morning,  
As I listen to you I hear your story,  
A little boy playing,



And the snow kept falling,

Rustic books and a lovely evening,  
The fire burning,  
And the snow kept falling,  
In the little cottage,  
You were smiling,

Frosty air and a winter's morning,  
As I listen to you I hear your story,  
Cold mud bricks and a cosy feeling,  
This is your story and the journey,  
In which you made,

As I listen to you I hear your story,  
Cold mud bricks and a cosy feeling,  
A young man waiting and the snow kept falling,  
In the little cottage you were happy,

One day you'll look back,  
And remember your journey,  
Time will slow and,  
You'll remember your family,

Dense white snow and a frosty morning,  
A mother's love and a calming feeling,  
You were only young,  
When your story started,  
A winters day,  
A frosty morning,

A little boy smiling,  
The kettle boiling,  
And the snow kept falling,  
Closed the curtains,  
Because dark was approaching



## **The Dragon's Lair** by Ella Rogers Year 7

The last of the orange sunset sparkled in my eyes then everything went dark, the cold, motionless night engulfed me. Dark grey smoke surrounded the still, silent air, I walked into the thick nothingness. "Where am I" Then I fell into a dark grey hole. A hot smoke burned my cheek and red and orange lava looked alive as it dribbled down the side of the volcano. Smoke and black ash built up inside me, I could smell burning rock and could hear the crackle of flames.

I felt hard rock ground, my eyes adjusted to the sudden darkness. I saw a large hole in the wall of the cave. I blindly stumbled forward and into a tunnel. To my horror I heard a deafening roar at the end of the tunnel. I froze face to face with a majestic, powerful, glimmering dragon!

His sharp eyes stared at me as if it could see right through me, the dragon snorted and I felt hot air come out of his nose. "Help" I said in a quiet quivering voice, that no one heard. I knew what was coming before it happened. A Red hot fire billowed out of the dragon's mouth turned the small rocks to black ash, the solid rock walls melted. The fire reflected in my eyes for a split second and then vanished into darkness.

I was about to be a dragon's feast. I knew once a dragon had found his dinner he protects it with his life, He won't let his feast escape. I slowly mumbled, getting louder and more confident "I am not scared." The dragon stared at me, his piercing look felt like a poison arrow stabbing my insides, I felt like an ice dart had frozen my heart and I would never take another breath. His sharp claws gripped the stone floor with remarkable strength, then I heard another excruciating roar, "stop" I pleaded. The huge stone wall shook, and quivered the floor began to crack.

I ran with all my remaining strength past the dragon and into the mist.



## **The Lost Book** by Cierra Starrett Year 7

The book that has millions of dollars in it "I've lost it, how could I lose it" Juliet searches everywhere, I have to tell Mya Juliet thinks to herself, Mya!!, Mya comes rushing into the room, "what you scared me", "I've lost the book" Juliet mutters "what" "I've lost the book" she mutters again "Juliet stop being silly what are you saying" "I've lost the book" Juliet yells "have you gone crazy!! how could you lose something like that, that's all the money we have Juliet" Mya screams, out of nowhere they get a phone call, "hello who's this" Juliet asks "I have your book Juliet" the girls look at each other "how do you know my name" "you and Mya meet me at 552 Macbeth st at 11:00 pm, house midnight tomorrow if you want that book back" the phone call ends "what are we meant to do" "let's just go to sleep for now". In the morning, "good morning" says Juliet "morning" replies Mya, "what are we going to do about tonight" says Mya "well theirs nothing we can do, we just have to wait for then", fast forward later that night "alright it's 10:30 we should go tell mum and dad we are going for a walk" says Juliet, they go ask "alright girls, stay safe" they go to house 24 "alright I think its this one" they go up to the door "why is the door wide open" says Juliet "I don't know, are we just gonna stand here", they go inside, they find a sign telling them to go upstairs to the last room to the left "we need to go up there" replies Juliet, they go to the room, "are you kidding me, it's just a room full of books, what are we meant to do now" says Juliet "search through the books, the book might be here" they search through the books, they are finally at the last one Juliet pulls the book "its a door" both the girls jump happily, they pull the door open "its the book", they rush over and open it, 'its here, it's all here", they take the book home and act like this never happened.



## **The Forbidden Caves** by Bailey Webster Year 7

The Forbidden Caves I'm lying in my bed looking at the stars on my roof, all I can hear is the yelling and screaming of my mum and dad, arguing over and over again like a broken record. Yelling and screaming about me, all my problems in my mind coming to life. This was the night I could not take it anymore. I waited until it was completely silent. I packed all my things all my prize possessions, all the photos so my family could not have anything to remind them of me and shove all of it into the bag. I thought I was the problem. I open my window as silent as a mouse. I drop my bag off the roof into the garden. I slide off the roof and land as safely as possible. I look at a map and I find my happy place the forbidden caves. Trying not to leave a trail, I start hiking to my happy place not looking back trying not to think about my mum and dad. But first I need to sneak into my dad's shed. I steal fire lighters and other supplies. I go down the trail to the beach, I fall to the ground and start crying, like a tsunami coming out of my eyes. I get up and continue the journey ahead. I walk, following the map. I take my shoes off and feel the sand inbetween my toes embracing my new home. I keep hiking down the long beach until I find the forbidden caves the big grey rocks towering over me, I collect some wood and sticks for my fire. Then I enter my new home, finding a place to sleep and put my fire. I find rocks that are formed like my old bed I put my weighted blanket and my pillows down like I had it in my real home. I light the fire and go to sleep. I wake up in a hospital bed and I hear my mum and dad crying but I can't see them.



**Bob** by Oakleigh Williams Year 7

This is Bob. Bob is a platypus. He lives in rivers in Australia. Bob loves to play with his friends at recess and lunch, he always plays tiggy with them at recess and lunch, he's good at it and rarely ever gets caught. And of course, today wasn't any different. Until he got tagged and he fell. He hurt his foot badly and when he tried to swim it off, he just fell again. His friends came over to help him and one of the teachers came to help. He went to the office to get it checked. They called his parents, and they took him to the doctors. He sprained it! The doctor told him he couldn't play tag on it anymore and needed to let it rest. They put a cast on it and said it would be off in a few weeks. He was sad because he could no longer play his favourite game in the whole world.

When he got to school the next day, his friends were still playing tiggy, but he couldn't join. He went to the playground and went on the slide, but he got bored quickly. He went to find something else to do when he decided to go to the library, he also likes to read. He sat down in his favourite corner and read the book he picked out. He was halfway through the first chapter, when someone asks if they can sit with him. He says yes and they talk for a bit. He finds out that her name is Patricia, and she also likes to read and play tag. She's new to the school and is in his class. They start talking about their favourite books and then the bell went. Him and Patricia went to class together and he introduced her to all his friends. The next day, Bobs friends went to play tiggy again as always, but he went with Patricia, who taught him how to play uno, which he never played before. And just like with tiggy, he won!

