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CHAPTER ONE

The GiggleIT Project: Global Student Writing Through School Libraries

What is the GiggleIT Project?

History

The GiggleIT Project was created as a free resource for all school librarians worldwide by the International Association of School Librarianship - Children's and Young Adult Literature Special Interest Group.

From 2009-2019, student works submitted by their school librarians were hosted on the IASL website on individual pages for each registered school.

In 2020, the GiggleIT Project transitioned to a “publish at your place” model, so this first decade of GiggleIT student works are now collected in a free eBook series available on the IASL website [IASL-online.org](https://iasl-online.org) so kids all over the world can read these stories, poems, jokes, and riddles.

How to GiggleIT Now

Visit the GiggleIT Project on the IASL website for free lesson plans and instructions

[IASL-online.org/advocacy/giggleIT](https://iasl-online.org/advocacy/giggleIT).

There are two Spotlight Projects for each of these themes:

- Animal Antics
- Colors of My World: Through My Window
- Food, Festivals, Fun
- Lucky Me, Lucky You!
- Trickster Tales

Your students can accent their writing with original drawings and photos or one of the 44 copyrighted GiggleCritic characters of global GiggleTown.

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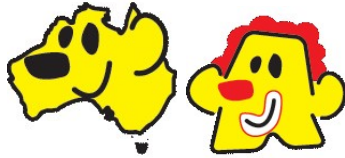
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CHAPTER TWO

Alphington Primary School, Victoria, Australia

Our GiggleCritters



Our School, City, and Country

Our school's name is Alphington Primary School. It is located in Melbourne, Australia. There are 334 students at our school. It has a beautiful playground with features like lizards to climb on and a peppercorn tree. Alphington Primary is 102 years old and has got an old-fashioned bell in the hallway. Alphington is very sustainable; we have got two water tanks, twenty solar panels and it has a good recycling program. Our school motto is "That's Our School". At the moment, we are building four new classrooms and we hope they will be finished by November. -by Jack and Max

Our Classroom. Number of People = 26. We are a cooperative class and we are well mannered. Our class does sustainable things like recycling our paper and we walk and ride our bikes to school. Our Class Motto is 4G the place to be! We listen to each other and share our ideas. In term 3 we are going on camp to Maldon. - by Pat & Hannah.

It's great! It's fantastic! It's MELBOURNE! Melbourne has one of the best selection of restaurants. There are heaps of famous restaurants in Melbourne and most in the city. We have a huge multicultural population. We are the capital of Victoria. Yes! The CAPITAL. - by Ben and Alfred

Australia has some magnificent beaches such as Bondi Beach, Byron Bay, Surfers Paradise and Bells Beach. Some of Australia's features include Uluru which is the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock. Australia has The Great Barrier Reef which is on the coast of Australia. It includes lots of colourful coral and magnificent sea life. Australia is in the southern hemisphere and is the only place that is a country, continent and an island at the same time. - by Zoe, Samantha, Charlotte and Ella

Our Projects

When you're happy! by Gracie and Izzy

When you are happy your eyes light up

The sky is blue and your heart is pumped

As you walk along you sing a happy humorous song.

As you rest your head on your big pillow you look at the Aussie sky and see the clouds billow

In the morning you see a kangaroo jumping towards the big Uluru.

The kookaburras laugh hard as you walk into my yard.

By the way I was going to sing

My happy humorous song

When you know it sing along

[HUMOROUS SONG]

In the morning ants dance in my pants

Flies stick to my hat then I see a bat

As I walk to the stream I gobble up icecream

Dee Dee dadada dododo sasasa

Hey ha ha ha ding dong

That's our happy humorous song

Let's do it again

Dee dee dadada dododo sasasa

Hey ha ha ha ding dong

That's our happy humorous song

Now it's time for me to go

I like happiness you know

Aussie Jokes – by Max

Q: What do you call sick beer?

A: Pale ale!

Q: What do you call a line of Barbies?

A: A barbeque!

Q: Where do the wiggles go on holidays?

A: The Murray River!

Q: Knock knock.

Who's there?

Kanga.

Kanga who!

Q: What do birds cook at barbecues?

A: They cook a barramundi (kookaburramundi)!

Q: What do you call a fruit bat sitting next to a fire?

A: A warm bat (wombat)!

Outback Poem – by Oliver and Daniel

Unbeatable heights.

Land of Aborigines.

Unbeatable witchety grubs.

Red

Unique.

The True Story of Waltzing Matilda!!! - by Samantha and Ella

Oh there was the swagman I had always been waiting for,

Camping by a billabong and eating an apple core.

The kookaburras sang in the old coolabah tree,

Well they didn't really sing... they were laughing at me!

I didn't know why, but then I realised,

The swagman was looking at me, he seemed quite surprised.

I jumped out from the bush I was hiding behind,

He got a big fright but then he didn't mind.

I wanted to play and push him around,

So I pushed him in the lake, wow what a sound!

SPLASH!!!

The Outback Sounds - by Ella and Eve

Where the kangaroos jump - thump, thump, thump.

Where the kookaburras laugh - ha, ha, ha.

Where the wombats shuffle from side to side.

Where the dingos wag - swish, swish, swish.

Where the platypuses swim - splash, splash, splash.

Where the spotted quails wait for prey.

Where the koalas eat - munch, munch, munch.

Where the bilbies burrow - scratch, scratch, scratch.

Where the sugar gliders glide among the trees.
Where the possums climb - scatter ,scatter, scatter.
Where the longneck turtles catch their prey - snap, snap, snap.
They're the sounds of Australia!

Proud to be Australian - by Phoebe, Izzie and Georgia

Up I climb Uluru and despite the dust I see Kangaroos.
The Kookaburra in the highest tree quietly laughs along with me.
The Tawny Frog Mouths fly into the sky and the Wombat slowly closes his eyes.
The Koalas sleeping in the old gum tree, while the Emu struts along with glee.
That's Australia you bet it is, I can say for everyone we are proud to be Australian.

My Pet - by Hugo

Pets are like another you,
A smaller you that you never get tired of.
I am playing with my dog now in fact.
I'm throwing sticks for him to catch in his mouth.
I lean backwards and I pretend to thrust my hand forward
And he is off;
He looks around for his stick,
He is puzzled.
He comes back with the spurting garden hose,
And ferociously sprays water at me.
Payback I think... SPLASH!
I love my dog

My walk Through the Bush - by Charlotte and Zoe

Having a BBQ on the front deck
Eating my Vegemite sandwich and-YECK!
I see a crocodile having a bath
As he gulps up the soap I start to laugh
Then he does a bubbly burp
I grab my VB and take a big slurp
I feel a gum leaf fall on my head
I brush it off as I walk to the shed
I bump my head on the fly-wire door
When I see a Kookaburra laugh on the floor
Watching an Echidna that's really spiky
I feel like Steve Irwin I should say-CRIKEY!

Melbourne - by James and Samuel

M.C.G

Eureka Tower

Lane ways

Beaches

Olympics

Unique

Royal Exhibition Building

National Gallery

Etihad Stadium

Bush Friends - by Alex and Kate

In the outback the animals are rising to fame

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree

Kangaroo said "How do you do"

Koala snuggles up so tight

And platypus said good night

The Aussie sun goes down and the stars come out

The birds fly to their nests

And her babies lie on her chest

While the foxes are on the prowl

The echidna scuttles home

And talks in a very low tone

And 'Hey presto'

The apple tart was brown

While the dingo parades around

So here is the end of the stories

This has been nice

I hope we meet again

So see yaw or 'How do you do'

So says our kangaroo

WE will miss you

Australia -by Mia

Adventurous

Unavoidable

Speechless

Takes your breath away

Respectful

Amazing

Lottery
Impressive
Aborigines

Stick Figure Surfing! – by Jack

Hi i'm Stick Figure Joe
and i run the stick figure
surfing competition in australia.
There are five teams,
and in each team are ten
stick figure surfers.
We stick figures have a cool life surfing
because we can flex and bend around on our w board
which allows us to balance and not fall off
and when there is a big wave
There are big points

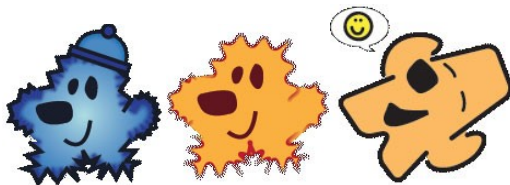
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CHAPTER THREE

**Bray Park State Primary School, Queensland,
Australia**

Our GiggleCritters



The Sun - by SJ - 7B

The bright burning sun.
It shines high up on the sky
With sunset comes noon.

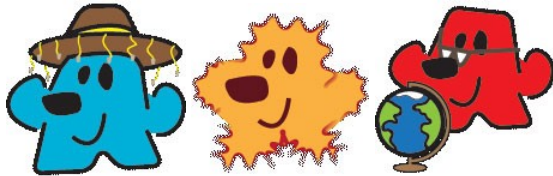
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CHAPTER FOUR

Brighton Catholic Primary School, Perth, Western Australia, Australia

Our GiggleCritters



Our Country, City, and School - our class (year 6)

Our great country, Australia, is a multicultural place where many different people from all over the world come to live. Australia is influenced by the cultures of its many immigrants and its original inhabitants, the Aborigines. Australia is known as a very dry continent, where droughts are commonplace and rainfall is scarce. However, it is also quite a wealthy country, with many large companies and banks fuelling the economy. Australia is a hidden gem.

Perth, Western Australia is where we call home. It is the capital of the state, nicknamed “The City of Lights.” There are many great things to see and do in Perth, such as the Perth Wheel, Bell Tower, Kings Park, Araluen Botanic Gardens and exciting festivals. Despite being the most isolated city in the world, Perth is a wonderful place to live with multitudes of friendly neighbourhoods and suburbs. Metropolitan living has never been better.

Brighton Catholic Primary is an ever growing school where its motto, “Be Faithful”, is actively displayed by the students and staff. The Butler based school was founded in 2004 on the grounds of Irene McCormack Catholic College, with only a handful of students. Now, in 2010, it is on its own grounds and caters to 290 students. The school is still being built - we await our new library and sports shed with bated breath.

Our Year 6 class comprises 25 students, 12 boys and 13 girls. We are the leaders of the school and have many different roles to play. Being a small class, we know each other

well. Our class excels in academics, the arts and sport. We enter various competitions, using our enthusiasm, confidence and experience as a competitive edge. But above everything else we love to laugh and have fun together. We are all great friends!

Our Projects

The Land of Oz - by Jeremiah

Shrimps on the barbie on a Sunday arvo,
Gulpin' amber in the back of Bourke.
All is well in the land down under,
Listenin' to bogans like Men At Work.

Cackle berry muffin, kangaroo meat,
flip flops, beach bums, smelly bare feet.
Hiking in the Sandy with green back pack,
Surfing in the Manly (just please don't stack!),
Calling up a handy to fix that crack,
Life's a little wacko in the land of Oz.

Giving flies the Aussie in the great outback,
Playing with the nippers (they're really rapt!)
Commodore wagons, Croco Dundee,
Worthington, Kylie, AC/DC.

Do a little bizzo with the old boss cocky,
Give your mate a shout and watch a game o' hockey.
Running up the Ayer's now that's plain rocky,
Life's a little queer in the land of Oz.

Lots o' people come from around the earth,
Movin' into houses that's bargain buy.
Cultures everywhere give colour and girth,
buying curry or some sushi from the Asian guy.

Austrian waltz, hip-hop, Glee,
Tap dance, Irish dance, corroboree.
An oasis in the Southern, now that's Australia,
With top of range doctors to cure what ail's ya,
The people over there will never really fail ya,
Say g'day in the land of OZ!

Australia Poems - by Stirling

Beaches

The glossy, shiny liquid
That makes everyone fall to their knees.
A privilege to have, to hold.
To know that it is near.
The wet, luxurious feeling when you drip the gloss from your hand.
And when you let it go, there is nothing left at all.
To wash it across your face,
For it to drip until no longer there.
Whether it's been a splash on your arm,
Or a rope of wetblue.
You know, that night, you'll sleep snug in your sheets.

Christmas

An Aussie Christmas consists of many different things;
A not-so medium rare piece of beef.
Half dead ferns being dug up by the Labrador.
Susie, Mark and Christie knocking down
the neighbour's fence.
The baby squeezing glitter glue in the fish pond.
Molly tearing up the paperwork.
Uncle Matt fixing the fence with a skipping rope.
Chocolate pudding making an early entrance.
Liam spots a gal in the corner shop,
And drives the 4-wheel junk to chase.
All six families go racing after him till 4 pm.
They all return home and crash on the sofa,
hoping the same thing doesn't happen again.

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CHAPTER FIVE

Brighton Grammar School, Victoria, Australia

Our GiggleCritters



Our Projects: We used the blank GigglerCrittter to design our own GigglerCrittters to display at school. – Year 4 Bass.

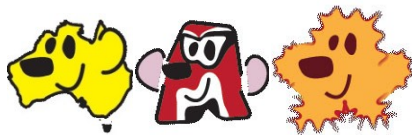
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CHAPTER SIX

Carine Senior High School, Perth, Western Australia, Australia

Our GigglerCrittters



Our Country, State, City, and School - by Year 8 students Our state - Western Australia

We live in the enormous state of **Western Australia**, it is by far the largest state of Australia. Out of Australia's population of approximately 21 million, only about 11/2 million people live in WA, so sometimes we feel quite isolated. There is lots of desert between us and the other side of Australia. It is often referred to as The Outback. The amazing state of Western Australia has many attractions. Here are some of them:

The Kimberly Ranges is one of the remotest, oldest, wildest and most beautiful regions on Earth. It is a place of stunning scenery, great canyons, national parks and Aboriginal history. The city of Broome lies on the coast and is a hot tourist spot from which the Kimberleys can be accessed.

Rottneest Island is a short ferry ride from Perth. Many people go to the island for holidays where you can swim, snorkel, fish and hang out at the beach. The best things

about Rottnest Island are the quokkas, (little furry native animals that often visit holiday makers), and there are no cars on the island, so everyone walks or rides a bike!

Our coast line is sometimes called Shipwreck coast, because in the old days many ships ran aground in the treacherous waters. Scuba divers love to visit these underwater wrecks.

Perth is the capital city of Western Australia. The population is approximately 1 million people. We are a multicultural city with migrants from all over the world. Perth is a rapidly growing city and is situated on the lovely Swan River. Our climate is mild, and most of the rain falls in winter. Summers are from December to February when temperatures can go above 40 celsius. December is when the school year finishes and we have our 6 weeks summer holidays. Perth is the most isolated city in the world and the third windiest. It is also one of the cleanest because the wind blows the pollution away!

Some of the attractions in Perth are:

- The sparkling waters of the Swan River are used for boating, fishing, water skiing and other water sports. The river is also a great place for a barbecue.
- Kings Park is a beautiful park that overlooks our city. In summer music concerts are held there and many people go there for barbeques, walks and to relax.
- Scarborough Beach is a beautiful, long stretch of beach that is very popular in summertime, especially with young people.
- Fremantle is a trendy suburb with markets, cafes and entertainment and a nice place to visit on weekends.

We have many more attractions, and we hope that one day you can visit our lovely city.

Our School - Carine Senior High School



Carine Senior High School is located in Perth close to the beach. We have many facilities including 2 ovals, 5 basketball courts, a performing arts centre and a swimming pool.

There are lots of extra things at this school to assist us with our education and we have computers, televisions and DVDs in most classrooms.

The school is approximately 35 years old and recently we have had some of our classrooms refurbished. The teachers are very nice at this school but you do not want to make them angry! Some of them have been teaching at this school for over 20 years so it must be a nice place to work.

Subjects studied are English, Maths, Society and Environment, Science, Physical Education, Health, Dance, Drama, Music, Art, Woodwork, Cooking and Outdoor Education. Outdoor Education is a great subject for those who like the outdoors. You learn to cook your own food on a camp fire, go camping, sailing, surfing and rock climbing, just to name a few things.

Once a year we have a whole school athletics carnival where we verse each other in running, long, triple and high jump, discus, shot put and other athletic sports. In physical education classes we learn to play lots of sports, like Australian rules football, soccer, netball, basketball, hockey, cricket and volleyball.



The library is a popular place at this school with a huge variety of books, from story books and poems to cook books and culture. We have lots of books on countries around the world and often do research investigations to find out about them.

There are lots of school buses for students to come to school on. The school has a bus too, but that is used for excursions.

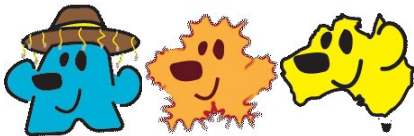
We are proud to go to Carine SHS and are enjoying our first year in Year 8. Apart from the class work we do, activities like athletics carnivals, dances, rollerblading discos and a pool party have kept Year 8s very busy. We are lucky and thankful to be at such a lovely school.



Our class profile – year 8 students



Year 8 Harris B -GiggleCritter Selection



Year 8 Piruk- GiggleCritter Selection

We conducted a class survey to find out what our class liked. The boys and girls came up with different responses so here they are:

Favourite things of the girls in our class -

- Favourite food – chocolate
- Favourite television show – Neighbours
- Amount of homework -- not much
- Opinion of our school -- school is great
- Hobby -- soccer and hanging out with friends
- Best thing about Perth -- weather, beaches and cute animals
- Favourite place to visit in Australia – Queensland
- Place I'd like to visit in the world -- Spain and Scotland
- Favourite colour -- pink

Favourite things of the boys in the class -

- Favourite food – pizza
- Favourite television show -- Two and a half men
- Amount of homework -- a fair bit
- Opinion of our school -- most like it
- Hobby – soccer

- Best thing about Perth -- weather, beaches and surf
- Favourite place to visit in Australia -- Sydney or my house
- Place I'd like to visit in the world – Bali
- Favourite colour – blue

Our Projects

Poems and jokes

Lamingtons- by Roshni

Lovingly baked

Australian made

Mountains of coconut

I love them!

Neatly cut

Great tasting

Topped with chocolate

Ordinary sponge inside

Nothing better

Square

- Glossary: Lamingtons are small square cakes covered in chocolate icing and coconut

The Platypus – by Kirsty & Sinead

Poisonous claws

Lays eggs

Australian native

They store their food in pouches

Yearly producing young

Protective of their puggles

Underwater living mammal

Swimming pro

Kangaroo – by MiKaila K & Raquel K.

Kinetic energy

Always jumping

Needs nutrients

Green grass eater

Arriving on time

Red hot

Oodles of power

Overlooking paradise

Wombat – by Chelsea

Wobbly is its stomach as it walks through the

Outback eating its

Messy food. His belly is now

Big and heavy. I guess that's the type of

Animal wombats are. They are slow but

Tough and cute and cuddly!

Black swans – by Samantha

Black swans are like floating leaves

Gliding gracefully and flying

Flying so peacefully. They

Have long necks and a beak

That pecks and which they

Use to eat fish when

They're hungry.

Black swans.

Soccer

Ping -pong

Ozzy Rules Football

Rugby

Tennis

Surfing

Western Australia – by Sam & Scott

Water is blue

Emus are beautiful

Sun is shining

Trees are big

Everyone is happy

Riding around

National state.

Air is clean

Utes are moving

Sand is hot

Turtles always swimming

Radio is loud

Animals are cute

Leaves of green
Incidental music
Amazing scenes.

Our class jokes:

Why did the wombat cross the road?
To see his flat mate!

What do you get when you cross a sheep with a kangaroo?
A woolly jumper.

Why do you see lightning before you hear it?
Your eyes are closer than your ears.

There were two meat pies in the oven. The first one said, "It's getting hot in here."
The second one replied, "Look, a talking pie!"

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Aussie
Aussie who?
Aus-see you tomorrow!

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Scott
Scott who?
Scott nothing to do with you!

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Nanna
Nanna who?
Nanna your business!

Short stories

Fairy

On December 24, 2000, Santa Claus slipped a small book about fairies into a little girl's Christmas stocking. He then went to his reindeer and disappeared into the night.

Emma woke up with a start on Christmas day and bounded into her parents room where she jumped on their bed until they woke up.

‘It’s Christmas, it’s Christmas!’ she yelled, and ran down stairs to open her presents. She got heaps of things, but the best was a book about a little girl who found fairies in her garden. It came with a small writing set so Emma could write to the fairies in her own garden.

Soon after all the Christmas festivities were done, Emma wrote to the fairies that were hopefully in her garden. She placed the tiny envelope into the flower bed and waited. In bed that night she tossed and turned thinking about her fairy letter and eventually fell asleep. In the morning she ran out into the garden and searched the flower bed for a reply. She smiled widely as she pulled out a pink envelope addressed to her. She let everyone in her family know and hid herself in her room to read her letter.

Dear Emma,

We are very happy that you have started writing to us; we look forward to more letters in the future. We love living in your garden with the daffodils and snow drops, sometimes we take rides on the ladybirds in your back garden!

Lots of love, The Fairies xoxo

Emma could hardly contain her excitement as she gulped down breakfast and pulled on her school uniform. As soon as she arrived at school she waved to her mother and told all her friends her exciting news.

“There are fairies in my garden!!!” she said, “and I write letters to them and they write back!”

Emma's friends were amazed and a bit jealous of Emma’s fairies. Emma could see this and thought she might just stretch the truth a tinsy bit. “Yeh, sometimes they come out of their flower houses to gather food and I see them! They wear dresses made of flower petals and have wings like butterflies, all sparkly!”

“Wow,” gasped her friends, “do you think we could see them if we came for a play?”

“I don’t know guys, they are pretty shy, I mean this is the first time I have seen them and I’ve been at that house for 3 years,” said Emma, beginning to think that maybe she stretched the truth a bit too far, “maybe another time guys.

Glossary: Ladybirds – small, cute orange beetles with black dots on their backs.

Since 1958- by Wyatt

1998 3rd of February- First day of high school for Year 8’s of Carine Senior High school, each group of students was lead by a year 12 student and there were 5 students in each group.

One group of students was under the stage in the gym, lead by Jonathan. Jonathan pointed to a strange looking door, “during the winter of 1958 a student went missing down here and some say the position of that door doesn’t match any of the original school designs and no one has ever been in there. It’s a mystery what happened here.”

“I don’t believe you,” said one student.

Jonathan pointed at the door and said, ‘then why don’t you take a look. The year 8 student calmly walked towards the door, reached out, then heard a strange moan from behind the door. He jumped back.

“See, there is something in there, I’ve always wondered but it’s off limits. That room is not in any of the original school design plans and it’s been here since 1958.”

“Why don’t you have a look when no teachers are around?” asked a Year 8 boy.

“There’s one teacher, Mr Brunten, who always seems to know when you’re up to something down here, come to think of it, he suggested that we fill in this room with concrete, COME TO THINK OF IT he’s been here since 1957!”

Jonathan heard someone coming down the stairs, it was Mr Brunten, a small man with a strong hint of anger in his eyes.

“You boys weren’t going to look in that room were you, it’s off limits to students.”

“Uhhh no sir, just showing the Year 8s around,” said Jonathan.

A second later they heard bangs and moans coming from the door, “LEAVE IT! It’s nothing,” yelled Mr Brunten. Ignoring what Mr Brunten said, a Year 8 reached for the handle. “LEAVE IT BOY”, yelled Mr Brunten again.

The student turned the door handle and a dusty mist floated out. As he inched the door further open, something rammed it open, “WHAT IS THAT!” yelled Jonathan

“That’s the rumour that’s been going around the school,” said Mathew, a year 12 student giving a group of year 8s a tour around Carine senior high school on February 3rd 2009, "anyway I’ve always wondered what’s behind that door...”

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CHAPTER SEVEN

Concordia Lutheran College, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia

Our GiggleCritters



Our School



Our Projects

Beautiful beach

Ocean

North cool sea breeze

Don't leave the chips out or the seagulls will take them!

Invite rolling waves

A great bunch of people

United under one flag

Snags on the bbq

Spirit to last forever

Iwouldn't live anywhere else

Excitement coast to coast

Dustyella – by Concordia Lutheran College Year 7

Once upon a time there was a poor girl called Dustyella. She did not have gleaming blonde hair; instead she had dusty, crispy, burnt skin and scruffy hair that was poking out everywhere. Her mother had died in a farming accident and since that day her dad had been very lonely and a little neglectful of poor little Dustyella. So, he had re-married an evil, cruel cow hand, thinking she was just a 'good old stick' and would be good for his daughter. She, unfortunately, had two just as evil daughters.

Dusty's dad had to go on the annual cattle drive over to Gooniwongal bush, which was hundreds of miles away.

“Daddy please don’t go!” cried Dusty.

“I have to,” replied dad, “We need the money.”

Dusty sighed and sadly dragged her boots through the dust and scrub calling to her dog (Cattle Dog) ‘Bessy’. She got on her quad bike and Bessy jumped up next to her. She drove down to the mail box and found there was something for her! It was from her friend Oscar who was her best friend from Billabong Grove. He was her neighbour there three years ago. What happy days they were! It was an invitation to the Bush Dance. She screamed with happiness jumped on the Quad Bike and sped off without the dog!

She picked out her dustiest farm shirt, jeans and riding boots. It was the night of the Bush dance she pulled them on and ran to the door. Her nasty step mum stopped her and pushed her step sisters through the door instead.

“You’re not going to the bush dance!” the evil step mother snarled. Bessy the cattle dog snarled too! Dusty ran to her room and looked for the invitation. It wasn’t there! She ran to the step sister’s room and on the ground was the crumpled invitation. She pulled off the shelf a snow globe of the Shack and threw it at the window. Smash, tinkle, tinkle! The window cracked open and Dusty jumped through and out straight to her waiting quad bike and roared off into the night to the Bush dance.

She got there and met up with Oscar, her prince (old next-door neighbour). She saw he was dancing with the eldest ugly step sister. But when he saw Dusty, he immediately unlinked his arm and ran to her and asked her to dance. They danced and danced the night away, their boots pounding on the old creaky boards as the fiddles and guitars twanged into the night air.

It was midnight so quickly and she was really tired from all the shearing she had to do that day. Suddenly her evil step mother was just about to grab her so Dusty made off and hopped on her quad bike. Just before the motor started up the jealous evil step sis grabbed her foot. She screamed and her boot was left in the dust. She rode off as fast as she could back to her shack, glad to be home and promptly went to bed.

Her neighbour Oscar was packing up after the Bush Dance and found her boot. Next day he tried the stinky, brown, muddy riding boot on every young jillaroo all over town, hoping to find his shoed princess. But no one claimed it. Sadly he finally made his way to Dusty’s farm to return the generator he had borrowed. He stomped on the veranda boards and called out Coo-ee!

Dusty had been snoring loudly; she snorted and crawled slowly out of her swag to answer the door. He put the boot on her grubby little foot and it was a snug and smelly fit. He hugged her and said “I knew it was yours.” A year passed, then two, then three years and they married each other at the old dusty shed and lived happily ever after!

The three ‘not-so-little’ Wombats - By C and K.

Once upon a time, not so long ago in Australia, lived three ‘not-so-little’ wombats. Their mother decided that the slightly bigger wombats needed to leave home. The burrow was too small for all of them. The poor confused wombats approached an Emu for help but he picked them up and carried them away into the scrubby bush.

One of the wombats was dropped near a billabong. He coo-eed to the Emu but he did not return. At the side of the billabong the first wombat found some Blue Scope steel. He built a snug shed and lived in this feeling happy with himself, hoping that one day his family would find him.

The second wombat was dropped on top of Uluru in the middle of Australia. He landed with a thump on solid rock. He could see for miles around the red desert. He found a few branches and built a cubby house that had to be rebuilt after a slight breeze made it shake, and he found that it was not weather proof. The terrified wombat couldn’t wait for the day when he would see his family again.

The third wombat found himself on top of the Sydney Opera House. He started to slide down the huge shells of concrete. He could see the Sydney Harbour, Luna Park and the tall skyscrapers. Terrified, he slid down and landed onto the world’s biggest lamington. He was covered in powdery and sweet stuff, which he scooped down as fast as he could as he had had nothing to eat for days. A truckie yelled, “Is it nice mate?” “My oath!” replied the wombat. He burrowed in and turned the lamington into a home.

Steve Irwin found the wombat that lived in the shed. He could see that it was abandoned so he invited him to live at Australia Zoo. On a field trip to Uluru, Bindi Irwin found the next wombat. She saved him and carried him to the zoo as well. On Steve’s next mission, at the opening of a wildlife hospital in Sydney, he saw the last wombat that lived on the world’s largest lamington. He was invited back to Australia Zoo as well.

They were so happy to see each other again and found a lovely dark burrow to live in underneath the eucalyptus trees.

Glossary: Emu - Large Australian flightless bird

Wombat- A medium sized, rotund Australian animal

Billabong - A bend in a river or creek that is cut off from the river

Eucalyptus trees - Tall variety of tree that has leaves that smell of eucalyptus

Uluru - Largest rock in the world and of great spiritual significance to the indigenous people of Australia

My Oath! - Certainly! My goodness yes!

Australia Zoo - A large zoo in Australia that is dedicated to saving natural wildlife

Steve Irwin and family - Wildlife Warrior and owner of Australia Zoo (has passed away)

Lamington - An Australian cake made of plain sponge cake cut into squares, dipped in chocolate and coconut

Coo-eed - Called out "coo-ee"; a call that is used in the bush

Bush - Forest like

Cubby House - Child's play house

Dusty and the Seven Bush Animals - By Emma R

Way out in the hot and dry outback, a woman had just given birth to a beautiful baby boy. She named him Dusty. His skin was the same colour as the dust that covered everything in the west. Dusty's lips were as red as the only rose in his mother's drought-stricken garden. Dusty's father and house cleaner were there when Dusty was born and when his mother died. She passed away after giving birth. This turned a wonderful day into, well the opposite.

Jack, Dusty's father, re-married a few years later. By then, Dusty had grown into a fit young boy. Jack's new wife's name was Alison. She was a city girl who hated the country and was only in it for the money, since the farm was huge. Dusty knew Alison's plan but never told his dad because he knew he was madly in love with Alison.

As time went on, Alison learned that all the money would go to Dusty. She was far dinkum mad about it. Alison concocted a plan to get rid of Dusty for good. One day when Jack was out, Alison sent the family cleaner with Dusty into one of the paddocks. Alison had given Lizzy, the cleaner, a shot gun and said, "If you don't, you will pay!" Lizzy couldn't do it. She had been like a mother to Dusty since he was born, she just couldn't pull the trigger. Instead Lizzy told Dusty to run away and never come back. When she got back, Lizzy showed Alison a box which contained a heart. Not Dusty's heart but a sheep's heart. Alison couldn't tell the difference so Lizzy was safe.

A few days had passed and Dusty was struggling. Without food or water the outback is deadly. In the distance he could see a waterhole. He ran towards it faster than his legs could carry him. With bucket loads of sweat dripping off his face, Dusty threw himself into the water though it wasn't very deep because of the drought. From behind a tree hopped a little joey.

Dusty loved all animals and cared for each and everyone. The little Joey only wanted a drink but Dusty gave him a pat as well. From different directions came another five bush animals.

Dusty soon came up with names for everyone. He named the joey, Dopey, the emu with very long legs, Grumpy and a shy echidna, Bashful. There was also a Dingo and a Kookaburra. Dusty called the kookaburra Happy because of joyful laugh and the dingo Sneezy. Dingo got the name Sneezy when he howled at Grumpy. The howl to Dusty sounded like Alison sneezing. The sixth animal stood highest of all the desert animals. With his hind legs and his powerful tail he could soar higher than any of the others, a Red Kangaroo. Dusty called him Doc. Doc used his powerful back legs to shake a gum tree next to him. A ball of grey fur fell out of the tree. Dusty ran from his place on the bank, of the waterhole, to find out what it was. To Dusty surprise it was a Koala, who was now known as Sleepy.

The animals were trying to tell Dusty something but it took a long time to get through. Grumpy was always stepping on Sneezy's feet and tail which made Happy laugh so hard that he fell off the branch of the gum tree. The bush animals told Dusty through their actions that hunters were after them and their other bush friends. Not only that, but all the waterholes were drying up fast, plus summer had just started so the heat only made it worse. All the animals were heading east, in search of water. Dusty was amazed, not only could he understand animals but he had never thought about how the animals were dealing with the drought. He offered to help straight away. The animals had to wait until nightfall to continue on their journey because of the extreme day time heat.

While Dusty had been lost in the bush for a number of days by now, so Dusty's Dad was worrying and getting more grey hairs by the hour. Alison told her husband not to lose hope although she knew that hope was nowhere to be found. That night one of Jack's brothers went hunting. Jack normally went too but was too upset. Jack's brother found the animals in one big bunch slowly heading east but as soon as they heard the

Ute and saw the headlights, they moved up a gear. Josh, Jack's brother was used to unusual scenes but this one topped the cake. He saw Koalas sleeping on dingos backs; echidnas on emu's backs and clinging to their long legs. The kangaroos were at the back to make sure that no one fell behind and leading the group was Dusty and Doc. Josh just stood there, calling Dusty's name but he was too far away to hear. Not knowing exactly what to do, Josh drove back to the farm. He decided to get some rest and recall his incredible story in the morning. At breakfast Josh told Jack and Alison what he had seen, the night before. Normally the dingoes would eat all the other animals so something really strange was going on.

Josh and Jack rushed to the place where Josh last saw the animals. As "Old Betty", the farm Ute, sped into the distance, a huge cloud of dust covered Alison who ran spluttering to find Lizzy. The cleaner told the truth and was told to pack her bags. Alison jumped into her brand-new Ute and began the chase, with her gun on the seat next to her. She over took the boys in no time flat and started to follow the animal s tracks. The brothers had no clue why Alison was looking for Dusty so they put the pace on to try and catch up with Alison.

On the top of a hill Alison paused and scanned the horizon. About 100m away she saw all the animals and Dusty resting near a waterhole. She took her gun and started towards them. Josh and Jack pulled up alongside Alison's Ute. When they got out, they could see Alison with her gun pointed at Dusty. They didn't understand exactly so they started to run, calling "Alison and Dusty". All the animals' ears pricked, so did Dusty's. He saw is Dad and Uncle and then Alison, with her gun. Without thinking about himself, Doc jumped on Alison. This gave Josh and Jack time to get there. In the struggle, Alison's gun went off which shot Doc in the leg. Through tears and anger Alison explained about her plan, Jack was heartbroken but at the same time over the moon to see his son.

Jack used some rope in the back of the Ute to tie Alison's hands together and all the animals could fit in the back of the two utes, including Doc who was going straight to the vet. Dusty asked his Uncle would this be a story that could be told again and again. Josh said, "of course little buddy." The police were waiting at the farm for Alison. She was taken away in handcuffs.

After a couple of days with the vet's good care, Doc was released and back with all his friends. It was too hot to stay in the outback so all the animals were taken to a wildlife reserve on the New South Wales coast. Dusty went and visited once a year but still lived on the farm with his dad and uncle. Lizzy was invited back as well. Everyone lived happily ever after.

Bob and Da Gumtree

Once upon a time there was an old man who died a mysterious horrible death in a...
oops, wrong story!

Once upon a time, again, there was a guy called Bob who looked after and lived with his best friend's flying cow. The cow's name was Humpydink and he was very greedy.

Bob wasn't a very intelligent boy, seeing he had failed the 1st grade twelve times. The only reason he kept failing was because he could only say 3 words, one was "waffle". On very rare occasions he said "golden syrup". This will be clearer later in the story.

One day Bob and Humpydink, plus Bob's prized possession, which was a bright, purple sub-woofer, went for a stroll to the billabong. There they met a squatter. As they approached the squatter, he said, "G'day mate, fine sub-woofer ya got there." Then the squatter said, "I'll buy that off you, and in return I'll give you magic gumnuts."

Bob thought about it and then said "waffle!" The squatter thought it meant yes, so he gave them to him and took the purple sub-woofer and flew away into the horizon. As he flew away Bob cried "Gooooooooooooolden Syrrrrrrrrrrrrrup!!!!!"

Having nothing but the gumnuts he sadly left for home. When he got home Bob planted his "magic" gumnuts and fell asleep. The next day when Bob woke up he found a humongous leaf in his face, tickling his nose. He looked out the window of his shack to find that there was a huge tree in his front yard that went into the clouds. It wasn't there the night before and it was growing from the exact spot Bob had planted the gumnuts.

Bob, not knowing what awaited him in the clouds, decided to climb the gumtree. When he arrived at the top he found a magical land of fairies and unicorns, no not really. He actually found an apocalyptic world of evil, giant, mutated, pie eating lamingtons.

Then he heard a thunderous cry, "FE, FI, FO, FUM! I SMELL THE BLOOD OF AN AUSSIE MAN!!!"

And then he saw it, it was huge, ugly, and it had pie all over its face, but worst of all it was PISTASHEO FLAVOURED, AHHHHHHHHHHH!!!

In a panic Bob ran into the giant's giant wombat trap and was instantly knocked out. He woke up and he found himself in a cage resembling a lamington, unfortunately for the evil, giant lamington (whose name was Fred); the cage's gaps were big enough for an elephant to fit through. So Bob easily escaped.

As Bob was running for the door he noticed a golden waffle iron. In amazement Bob said "waffle." Then he saw a titanium didgeridoo and said "golden syrup." So he quickly grabbed both of them and ran out the door. As he was running he heard large thumps. As turned around to see what it was, he saw the evil lamington.

This made him run even faster. When he got to the gumtree he just jumped. It was obvious he was going to die, when suddenly Ingle Bert saved him and they flew down to safety. Unlike the evil lamington, who just smashed into the ground and spontaneously combusted.

Then Bob amazingly said in a Scottish accent "that's all folks."

Glossary; Gumtree - An Australian tree

Didgeridoo - Aboriginal instrument

Sub-woofer - A speaker system

Gumnut - A nut from a gumtree

Shack - A run-down house

Lamington - A chocolate covered sponge cake dipped in coconut

Wombat - A large round Australian animal

Jake and Jim

Once upon a time there were two boys, their names were Jake and Jim. They lived way out in the middle of Australia, in the red desert, where the heat is very hot.

Jake liked chocolate milk and Jim liked cheese, they were best friends.

One day Jake was out of chocolate milk and cheese, so he decided to go to the shop and buy some, but the shop was on top of Uluru.

Just as Jake left his house Jim was there. "G'day Jake, got any cheese?"

"No, I'm going to the shop to get some, want to come?"

"Sure bro." Off they went to the shop.

"Where is the shop?"

“On top of that BIG rock.” They squinted in the sun and looked up. Slowly they started climbing the big rock.

Half way up Jim fell down and broke his knee. While Jim was falling he yelled “go on without me!”

When Jake got to the top he bought the cheese and the milk. He climbed down past Jim and ran home. But he did not see the tree and ran in to it.

Jim saw Jake on the ground and crawled over and grabbed the cheese and then he crawled home. Jake finally woke up picked up the plastic bottle of milk and went home.

When he got home he poured the milk, added the chocolate Nesquik and skulled it down. Only to realise that the milk was off from sitting in the sun so long and he was very ill.

When he felt better he went over to Jim’s house and saw that he was better too. “I see you’re better.”

“Yep.” Jake explained to Jim that the milk was off. “Want to come to the shop again.”
“Ok.”

They climbed up the red rock, with nobody falling down this time. “We made it.” They opened the door and asked for some milk. “Sorry, we’re out of milk.”

“Ah Jake, looks like we will have to go to the other shop.”

“Where is the other shop?”

“On the Big Pineapple.”

So they bounced with Pacman all the way to QLD.

They climbed the Big Pineapple. Jim slipped a couple times but by this time he had made it to the bottom of the Big Pineapple. They grabbed the milk and bounded back home with Pacman

Glossary: Uluru - Ayers Rock - A large sacred Australian rock

Nesquik - An Aussie beverage in drinks, e.g. Milk + NesQuick = Chocolate milk

G'day - An Australian way for saying good day

QLD - An abbreviation for Queensland

Bob the Bushy and the Three Kangaroos

Once upon a time there was a man called Bob, who one day set off through the bush in his Toyota Ute. Pretty soon he came across a shack. He rang the door bell and the tone was the song Waltzing Matilda, but no answer so he walked right in.

There were 3 plates of steak sitting on the table. He tasted the first one but it was too rare. So he tasted the second one which was too medium rare. He was up to the last plate it looked right and smelt right all he had to do was taste it. IT WAS JUST RIGHT! He liked it heaps.

After he ate the three kangaroos' breakfasts he went into the lounge room where he saw three beanbags. He sat on the first one but it was too hard it needed less beans. He went on to the second one and it was too soft it needed more beans. And then he went on to the next one and it was AWESOME! He loved it. He snuggled right in.

Just when he was settled down it burst! Out came the beans, everywhere. No matter how hard he tried he couldn't scrape them all up.

Bob was very tired by this time so he went upstairs into the bedroom. He lay down on the first hammock but it was too small and it broke. He tried the second hammock but it was too high and he couldn't reach, so he went to the next one and it was just right. Bob fell asleep.

While he was asleep the three kangaroos came through the door hungry and tired. "Someone has been eating my steak," said the Father Kangaroo. "Someone has been eating my steak," said Mother Kangaroo. "Someone has been eating my steak and ate it all up!" said the Joey.

They went out in to the lounge room and saw their beanbags had been sat on. "My beanbag has been sat on," said Father Kangaroo. "My beanbag has been sat on too," said Mother Kangaroo. "My beanbag has been sat on as well plus it's busted and all the beans are everywhere!" said the Joey crying.

They went around the house to look for some more evidence. Upstairs they saw everyone's hammock had been messed up and there was someone in Joey's bed. Bob was still asleep. The Kangaroos were scared so they carefully woke him up. He jumped out of the hammock and he was so scared he ran out the back door. On the way out he tripped over the lawn mower, but he quickly got up and ran through the gate and back into the bush. He never returned to the Kangaroos' shack again.

The Three Aussie Koalas - By Ainsley, Ashley & Darcy

Once upon a time there were three little Aussie Koala's who always spent their time together eating, sleeping, and more sleeping. They lived in the Australian Outback, in a little town called Barkey, short for Barkalden.

One day they were sitting on a tucker box listening to Waltzing Matilda and having a stubby. They were having a great time singing and sipping their beers, but then a Dingo called Ethan came along and joined them. Without asking he opened their esky and took a XXXX gold stubby.

Then, just to be mean, without them knowing Ethan ran into bushes and secretly lit some twigs.

A few minutes later, they could smell smoke and they were determined to find out where it was coming from. They put on their boots, akubra hats and wrangler jeans, and set off into the fire trying not to get burnt.

Then they realised that the fire was heading towards the trees that they called 'home sweet home'. They rushed over before it came too close so that they could try to save all of their belongings.

At the same time the Dingo was trying to figure out how to keep the fire going, but how to make it go faster as well. The koalas could see their houses on fire and they started to spit the dummy. They could remember all of the good times they had there. But of course this was a bad time.

They looked up and could see Ethan appearing in the fire. They were thinking how disgusted they were because they wanted to be friends with him. The koalas and Ethan were walking towards each other, then suddenly they all stopped and stared.

"We think you lit the fire!" said Jonny

"Me? You're unbelievable!"

"No, we have proof."

"What proof?"

"Is this your lighter with the initials E.D?"

The dingo ran away while the fire brigade came and stopped the fire.

"I'm glad it's over," said Bob to Ernie

"Me too," answered Ernie.

Well everything was as it was, normal again. The RSPCA went to Bunning's and helped the koalas build their homes again. Jonny's house was made of bricks, Bob's house was made of sticks and Ernie's house was made of gum leaves.

A day later, Ethan came back and tried to blow their house in with a little fan he bought at the Royal Show. He couldn't, thank goodness.

Everything and everyone was back to normal and they lived happily ever after.

Our Poems

The Lonely, White Owl

The lonely, white owl was sitting on a wooden post, watching and waiting for his lunch. He was very still. He looked like a statue. Listening quietly, he looked out into the vast expanses. Suddenly, he swooped into the open and I never saw him again.

Brightly

Brightly, the sun shines every day,
Brightly, the stars shine their way,
Brightly, the moon comes out to play,
Brightly, cat's eyes make me say....
Hey!
Brightly, the city lights from the bay,
Brightly, the candles on my birthday,
Brightly, your smile looks today,
Brightly, the way my friends say...
Hey Hey!!!

Loudly

Loudly, we yawn in our classroom,
Loudly, the music makes us BOOM BOOM,
Loudly, the broken engines clack,
Loudly, the explosion makes everything black.
Loudly, my heart beats when I'm scared,
Loudly, a scary movie blared,
Loudly, the thunder makes me jump,
Loudly, I hit the floor with a thump.

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CHAPTER EIGHT

Kingaroy State School, Kingaroy, Queensland, Australia

Grades 5/6/7 C (Students with Disability class)

Our GiggleCritters



Our Class

Our class has 3 grades: grade 5, grade 6, and grade 7. There are 7 students in our class, 3 boys and 5 girls. We have 2 Teachers: Mrs Carige (Monday to Thursday) and Mr Harrison (Friday). We also, have Mrs Kelly and Mrs Forbes (our Teacher Aides) who come and help us too.

At our school we learn: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Drama, Art, HPE, Life Skills, Boys Stuff and Girls Stuff, Music, Design Technology, Computers, and Library.



Our School: Started in: 1902. Number of Students:539

Our Town

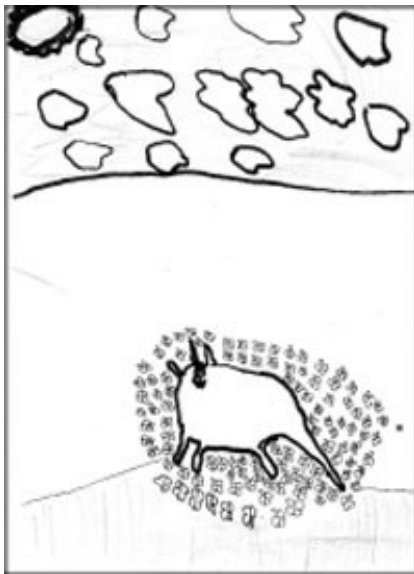
Kingaroy is an agricultural town in the State of Queensland. It has a population of 7,620. Kingaroy is the Peanut Capital of Australia. The industries that support the community include: farming, meatworks, power station, and peanut factory. It is 108 years old.

Our Projects

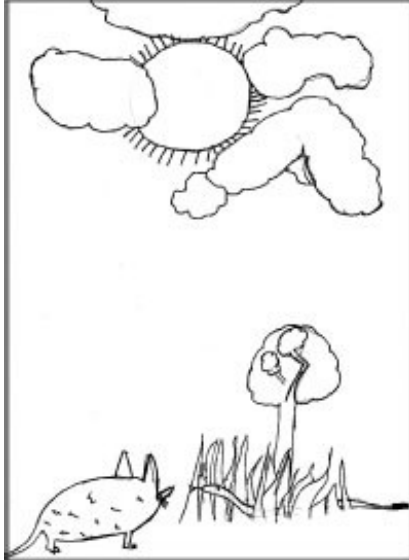
Trickster Tale: Bilby and the Snake



Once upon a time, there lived a Bilby who went by the name of Bob. He lived near Uluru, in the desert. - *Illustrator:* WH (Grade 6)



One day he was out catching bugs to eat. - *Illustrator:* RH (Grade 7)



All of a sudden, he heard a hissing sound.

“Would you like to come to my home for tea, Mr. Snake?” asked Bob.

“I would loooooove to come.” hissed Mr. Snake, with sneaky eyes.

Bob had an idea. - *Illustrator: NC (Grade 7)*



I’m going to play a game with Mr. Snake, thought Bob with a smile.

“You go down this tunnel while I go and get the tea”, added Bob, pointing to the hole to his right. -

Illustrator: HC (Grade 5)

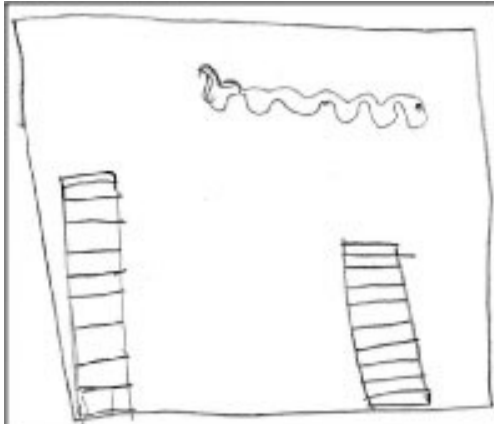


As Mr. Snake slithered down the tunnel it began to get smaller and smaller as the tunnel spiraled downward. -

Illustrator: NA (Grade 7)



“Oh No! I have been tricked”, cried Mr. Snake.
He tried to wriggle backwards but the tunnel
gave way. And that was the end of Mr. Snake. -
Illustrator: TB (Grade 7)



Bob smiled.
Silly Mr. Snake (he should have known that Bilbies
are the Masters in Trickery), thought Bob. -
Illustrator: BW (Grade 5)

Limericks

There once was a goat named Bert
Who loved to roll in the dirt.
His best friend was Daisy
She thought Bert was very lazy,
So she gave him a yellow skirt.
- by NA

There once was a man named Bob
Who didn't have a very good job.
He did not get his pay
It wasn't a very good day,
So all he had that night was a corn cob.
- by NC

There once was a boy named Tyson,
Who wanted to play with Jason.

They were so funny,
When they played with a bunny
And Tate joined in with a bison

There once was a woman named Di
Who always ate pie
Apple was the best
It had an awesome zest
“I love it”, she sighed
- by WH

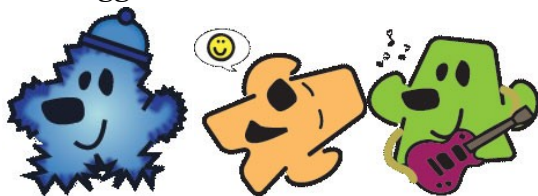
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CHAPTER NINE

Mooroolbark East Primary School, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Our GiggleCritters



Our Classes

Our Class (6K): G'day mates! We consider our class to be the best in the school J Our teacher is Miss.K and we get lollies for being very good which we are. We are both nervous yet excited to start high school next year.

Our Class (6M): Hi, we are 6M. Our teachers name is Mr. M and we have 25 students. Our class uses laptops, computers and iPads. We do literacy, music, sport, art and much more. Our class plays very funny fun games... and we are known to be quite cheeky!

Our Class (6C): Hi, we are the cray cray crew of 6C. Our teachers name is Miss.C . We strive to do our best at everything, and believe our work is at a high standard. We are

enjoying our last year of primary school and wish it wouldn't have to come to an end soon.

For our GiggleIT Projects, we designed our own GiggleCritters to display at school, using the blank GiggleCriticter.

Our School

Mooroolbark East Primary School established in 1972, 40 years ago and is situated in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. The school consisted of 50 students and 3 teachers. At the time, we had no specialists. The first building was our junior building. It contained a staff room, a computer lab, one classroom and the reception area. Now in 2012 we have 3 buildings, 484 students, 31 teachers and 21 grades. In 2013 we are going to have 22 grades. One of our Grade 3 teachers has worked here for 36 years and our previous library teacher met his wife at our school. They got married at our school on the basketball court and now have 3 kids and still teach at our school. This year as 2012, we celebrate our 40th anniversary.

We have camps and a program called moo stars (Mooroolbark Stars). For moo stars your teacher chooses two students from your class if she/he thinks you have a special talent. During class time, you can do a class with others students that have the same talent as you. Some excursions we have attended include, Phillip Island (camp), Ski trip, Surf trip, The Amazing race (Melbourne City), Snowy River (camp), Melbourne Zoo, Big Day- Night out... just to name a few.

We uphold a great community spirit and pride ourselves on academic achievements and student, teacher and parent relationships.





Our Town

Melbourne is located in the southern part of Australia, in the state of Victoria. Our population is approximately 5.6 million. There are lots of different landmarks which make our city unique. Puffing Billy is a historic train, which only runs now for entertainment. Luna Park is situated in St. Kilda and is a theme park. The Crown Casino is a large tourist attraction with a hotel and hosts a number of prestigious events. The Melbourne show runs every year in September- October with rides, market stalls, show bags and much more. Our most popular sport is AFL (Australian Football League), which originated in Victoria and now includes 18 teams across Australia. We also hold the Australian Open (World tennis competition). Melbourne has been voted the world's most liveable city two years in a row.

Australia

Australia has a population of approximately 28 million and can be regarded as one of the largest islands in the world. Some of our famous landmarks include the Sydney Opera House, Uluru (Northern Territory), The 12 apostles (Victoria), Australia Zoo and Sydney Harbour Bridge. Some of the animals native to our country include Kangaroos, Koala, emu, platypus and wombats. Some of our foods include damper, vegemite, meat pies, Pavlova, aeroplane jelly and lamingtons. Some Australian slang words are Bloke- a man or a guy, Ankle Bitter- small child, Sheila- a woman and Dinkum Fair Dinkum dinky di- genuine truthful. Our currency is a green note is \$100, a yellow note is \$50, a red note is \$20, a blue note is a \$10 and a pink note \$5. Our coins are silver and gold the silver coins are 50,20,10 and 5 cents and the gold coins are \$1 and \$2.

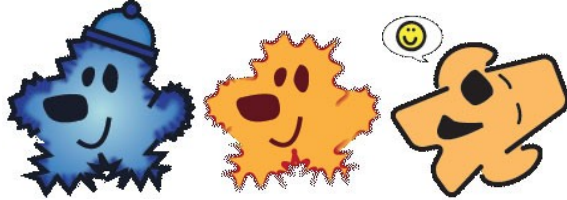
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CHAPTER TEN

Mount Evelyn Christian School, Victoria, Australia

Our GiggleCritters



Our Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

If Snow White lived in your town, region, or country, what would she be called? What names would you give to each of the seven dwarfs to reflect your culture?

Sheila and the Seven Blokes

Bluey
Slim
Bazza
Gibbo
Dusty
Dazza
Bonza
- by JM

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CHAPTER ELEVEN

Newtown State School, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia

Our GiggleCritters



Our Country, City, and School

Australia is in the southern hemisphere and is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean. It is an island, a continent and a country all in one. Our country Australia has many marvellous things such as: Uluru in the Northern Territory, the Opera House in Sydney, the Sydney Harbour Bridge in New South Wales and the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland.

Toowoomba is a city in south-east Queensland. It is located 132 km west of Brisbane and is known as the “Garden City”. Toowoomba hosts the Carnival of Flowers each September and Easterfest is held annually over the Easter weekend. Toowoomba sits on the crest of the Great Dividing Range and on an extinct volcano. Toowoomba has an urban population of over 90 000 residents.

Newtown State School is in Toowoomba and was established in 1924. There are about 20 teachers and 280 students. Our school is really special because it holds an ANZAC service every year to honour those who served our country. There are 8 students in our group which was chosen to write stories. We have been learning about the 7 steps to writing success including sizzling starts, action scenes and building tension. Our story ideas came about when we had a lucky dip of different characters, problems and settings. That means some of our stories are really crazy.

Our Projects

Lost Dog’s Grave – by Izzy

“Oooh, why did he have to die?” cried Eloise, tears running down her face.

Ding dong! Her two friends’ faces appeared in the window.

“How are you?” said Jess. “I tried ringing you. What happened?”

“One minute I was playing with him the next he was gone.”

“Hey I’ve lost a dog before, after a while you tend to get over it,” whispered Jessie kindly. Suddenly a second howl broke through the silence. The girls froze.

“Is that a werewolf?” exclaimed Georgia. “And it’s coming from under the house where we buried Collar. Look, steam everywhere. It looks like the windows are frozen! What’s that?”

“Don’t look at it!” cried Eloise.

“What is it?” exclaimed Georgia. Just then a glowing figure appeared at the window and they all leapt back in fright! The thing looked down at them with its big bulging eyes. Georgia yelled out, “Get the stakes!”

“What does it want? How many are there?” said Jessie.

“We have to defend ourselves!” exclaimed Georgia. Georgia froze. Literally, she was ice. “Be calm,” muttered Eloise to herself, “I think Georgia made the aliens angry. It’s going to be war.” whispered Eloise with finality. Suddenly every-thing went silent; even Georgia’s slow scream stopped.

“WOW I think it’s over,” said Jessie.” Then five large glowing aliens got up. Eloise jumped back but Jessie didn’t. It was like the alien had caught her mind.

“Don’t hurt them they talked to me. They are trying to tell me they are unhappy too.” “You’re lying,” said Eloise.”

“No, I’m not. I understand they are a bit scary but the aliens also want to pull your house apart to find their space dog’s grave.”

“WHAT?” exclaimed Eloise.

“It’s next to Collar’s grave.” said Jessie “I told them to dig under the house instead.” When the aliens came out of the hole, Eloise said, “You can take Collar as well for your dog to play with.”

They watched silently...Three, two, one, blast off! Collar, the space dog and the aliens soared off up into the sky.

“I’m happy for you Eloise,” said Jessie, “And Collar will be happy now.”

Suddenly the ice cracked around Georgia, freeing her.

All the girls laughed!

What kind of teacher would steal a student?! – by Yasmin

One day a girl named Chloe was kidnapped by her teacher Miss Spookbooge. She was mean, had warts and horrible wrinkles.

Whenever she smiled, nearly all the class would faint and when she showed her teeth it looked like she lived in the jungle, using bugs for toothpaste and twigs for a toothbrush. She was really mean to everyone.

If you were closer than one metre she would throw you through the window. Or if they were a good student, which there were none, you would get thrown on the ground. So if you are in Miss Spookbooge's class I warn you, don't go closer than one metre from Miss Spookbooge.

Back at Miss Spookbooge's home, Chloe was tied to Miss Spookbooge's bed. She had been kidnapped. She couldn't move up or down. So she was stuck right in the middle.

Chloe was a sensitive, smart and bright child. She had long black hair that always had sparkly clips, ocean blue eyes and skin as soft as a baby's bottom. She was about 1.45m tall and she never misbehaved or back chatted.

One day she was trying to break free and Miss Spookbooge came through the door and she said, "What are you doing?"

"Leave me alone you old crumbled marshmallow."

"What did you call me, you imbecile?"

"You heard me," Chloe said in the nicest way possible.

"I'm big, you're little, I'm strong and you're weak and there's nothing you can do about it." It was 8.20am. "Time for school, I'll fix you later you little nasty."

Later that day, "What's the time please Miss?" asked a child in her class.

"It is 11:01. Lunchtime." Miss Spookbooge answered and looked suspicious.

Chloe's best friend, August, was spying on Miss Spookbooge. The day before she'd been acting weirdly after August asked where Chloe was. August was thinking that Miss Spookbooge knew about Chloe's disappearance.

Back at Miss Spookbooge's house, Chloe had a bright idea to escape. Chloe was making a plan and at the blink of an eye... Chloe hit the hand-cuffs on the bed but it didn't work. So Chloe smashed them against a mirror.

Chloe grabbed a hair clip from her hair and picked the window lock. It was 1.30pm when she started picking the lock and the time now was 2.15pm. Seventy-five minutes

until Miss Spookbooge would be home. Trembling, Chloe finally got the lock but it was 2.55pm.

She opened the window and jumped out, running as fast as she could to her mum and dad's house and she banged on the door. She jumped into her mum's arms when she saw her. Chloe said in a lovely way "It's good to be home!"

"It's good to have you home," her mum said while crying in happiness.

"What happened to your face?" said her mum. "Miss Spookbooge's what happened."

"What do you mean?"

"Miss Spookbooge kidnapped me" said Chloe in a tired voice.

"Let's ring the police" her mum said

The police came and arrested Miss Spookbooge.

Two years later, Miss Spookbooge was in jail and Chloe's family lived happily ever after.

The clever monkey – by Jackson

"Aargh... aargh!" A huge lion roared in agony. He put a big paw on his sore cheek.

"Ooh look, a scary lion! Wait he's on the loose! Everyone run for your lives!" The monkey scampered up and down. "Hey where is every one?" he looked around.

Looking at the lion, "We are the only ones here."

"Hey lion I will help you with your tooth... Arrr help me lion, I'm being monkey-knapped. Heeeelp heeeelp help me lion. Help me." The little monkey was whisked away.

When the monkey-napper got home he treated the monkey badly. Over night the monkey used his clever brain to escape. He looked out the window. It was a long way down so he went to the door but it was locked so he had a look around for another way out but he couldn't do it with an empty stomach. He saw a banana and quickly jumped up on the bench and ate it.

"That gave me some energy", he declared bouncing around. He jumped down and ran to the back door.

"How dumb is he, he left it unlocked!" and he jumped over the fence, heading off in the direction of the big tent.

Back at the circus, he slowly crept up behind and very quietly got the key out of the guard's pocket ... opened the door then quickly shut the door to the lion's cage.

Back at the house the monkey-napper woke up. He didn't see the monkey anywhere but he heard the circus and thought he would investigate.

He saw the monkey but he was in the lion's cage. He was so sleepy that he tripped and ran into his own fence.

So the monkey was safe. He went over to lion.

"Does your tooth still hurt?" "Yes."

"Do you want me to pull out your tooth now"?

"YES please!" So the monkey yanked the tooth out.

"Ouch that hurt! But I'm all right. Thanks for getting back in and helping me get out my tooth".

Years later they still did shows and acts together and they enjoyed being in the circus together.

The magician- by Alex M

One hot sunny day there was a young man named Barry with short blonde hair who was thinking about where he was going to take his class for an excursion.

He got into his class room and gasped, "OH my, gosh what are you doing?" His class was throwing lamp chalk and even paint at each other.

"Sit down!" he ordered, but no one heard. "SIT DOWN NOW!" he roared.

Suddenly everyone sat down and Barry told his class that they wouldn't be going anywhere if they kept up their nonsense.

"GRRRR! What was that?" said Barry so he peered around the door and there it was; a fat, very tall, green ferocious looking creature. It was a Blubabarian one of the world's scariest beasts.

Everyone was running around screaming and Barry couldn't think "ahha, Cassandra can you zip to the library and get The Great Spell Book?"

"I'm on my way!" she said.

When Cassandra got back, Barry took the book and he could feel the wind of the pages flickering until he found how to kill a Blubabarian

It read, Step 1: Tacky! Wacky! Mackey!

Step 2: Get another person to shout, "Bang, Smash, Boom".

Step 3: Don't say another word after that and the Blubabarian should be dust.

“Cassandra, students say, ‘BangSmashBoom’ on the count of three!” said Barry, “One two three!TackyWackyMackeyBangSmashBoom!” they yelled.

Silently, Barry peered around the corner and saw a big pile of black ashes which was about seven feet tall and ten feet wide.

So he called for his classroom cleaner Mrs Bottlebrush (she was an expert on cleaning) and she was there in a flash.

The bell rang and everyone rushed out of the classroom. Most of them either fell into the ashes or ran into the principal Mr Pride, who was not very proud because of the poor behaviour of the students. He shook his head.

The next morning Barry knew where he was going; that place was the Ancient Far East Forest. Barry told his class that they would have to bring their Magic Spell Book, a magic wand, water bottle, their manners, lunch, wear School Uniform and even a family photo.

The next morning Barry asked as many teachers as he could find to come along, so when he got back to his class he told them that other teachers could come as well. “Mr Pride can come, Mrs Bottlebrush can come, Mr Nasty can’t make it, Mr Rude can come, Mr Strict can’t come, finally Mr Dumb said “I come trip too” (because he’s stupid) and Bruiser the school dog barked proudly which meant “Yes please!”

One week later all the students got onto the bus. Off they went past a boulder, through a cave and under a bridge, and even over a cliff (by using magic).

They had all just set up camp when they saw another group of students abusing some of Barry’s group. They started a dramatic fight.

First the other group of kids rolled a large boulder down the hill towards Barry’s class. It just missed them and as soon as he stood up he grabbed his Magic Spell Book out of his bag and looked for a spell called animorph.

It read, Step 1: say, “Duck, cow, dog”;

Step2: smash a bottle of powerful potion; and

Step 3: say whatever direction they’re coming from; “north”, “south”, “east”, or “west”.

Then the spell should change them all to be animals.

Barry yelled at the top of his voice, “Duck! Cow! Dog!”

Barry and his students looked and laughed because the thugs were all turned into cute baby animals, hopping and playing and tumbling together on the grass.

Finally, Barry and his students reached the top of the mountain. They gazed around and then they cast a mystical spell called 'Paradise' which turned the mountain into a beautiful island complete with palm trees. It was strange but from that day forward Barry's students were more honest and had better behaviour so he could trust his class for the rest of the year.

I wish all the classes could be as well behaved as all of you, he sighed looking happily at his students...

I'm going to kill you

"Zzzz"

"What's that?" yelled Roshelle to Georgia.

"It's a swarm of bees."

"RUN!" Roshelle dashed through the forest like a bolt of lightning.

"Jump up here with me."

"Who are you?"

"Well I'm a pirate. Peter pirate is the name." once they hopped up. "Now I'll kill you with my old rusty hook."

With crumbled bark under her hands Georgia yelled, "Jump!" So they jumped and ran.

"Wait a minute. What's that?" said Roshelle.

"It's a cottage. Let's go and check it out," Georgia said, "no one's in there."

"Peter found us, quick hide," whispered Roshelle.

"Here's the plan. We creep and jump on his back, you grab his hook and I'll knock him down, you dig his hook into the ground and we'll get his hook," whispered Roshelle,

"you go left and I'll go right."

"Let's move!" yelled Georgia. There behind him they jumped, knocked down and finally, killed him. Victoriously they called ooo, and the other pirates were caught by the police department.

"Hey let's go to the mall and get some ice-cream," said both of them at the same time.

A fair disaster - by Roshelle

"Grrrrrrr!"

Jony turned around, there was a lot of running and screaming going on around him. As soon as he turned he saw a hungry animal running with anger toward him.

“Quick Jony over here,” Kali called. They both were finally safe from the hungry animal. They were in a dark corner waiting for an opportunity to run for it.

“Wow that ride looked like fun! Oh I really wanted to go on that ride,” moaned Kali. Kali ran and got a net to catch the giant hungry animal. When she had caught him everyone had stopped running. They came out of their hiding places and started to thank Kali and Jony. A big truck came to take the Hungry Animal to his home.

He lived in the dangerous forest of ‘The Unknown’. So the next morning they set off to the dangerous forest of ‘The Unknown’. That morning their dangerous journey began. After three hours of a cold stormy night, Kali woke up with Jony gone and the cage swinging open.

She looked for him and around the corner. She sighed and yelled “Come on then Jony let’s go. We better get going before we run out of day light!!!” Jony whistled very loudly and the giant Hungry Animal ran into his cage and before you knew it, Jony locked it.

Kali drove the truck to the Sunken River which was muddy smelly, gross grime and slimy moss.

“How many miles do we have left?” asked Jony who was busy stuffing his face with lollies.

“I don’t know, but I do know that you have to stop eating those lollies and we need to keep going on our journey,” said Kali with dignity.

“Oh look there’s a tree you can eat from, its fruit looks delicious maybe I...” said Jony.

“Huh, I don’t think so!” exclaimed Kali furiously.

Suddenly the cage door swung open just as Kali picked the fruit, and just as she put it to her mouth the Hungry Animal quickly slapped it out of her hands. “Don’t eat that, you will die from the poison that the fruit produces,” he said in a deep voice.

Kali just dropped the fruit into the long grass and jumped into the truck once again and started to drive off and left the poisonous fruit on the ground to go find another fruit she could eat to quench her hunger.

In time she finally got to the Hungry Animal’s home and there she said “Do you have any food here?” The Hungry Animal finally nodded.

He ran to into the forest and disappeared into the mist for five minutes, they waited and waited, and they saw a figure running toward them with something in his mouth. It was big with a slimy back, it had little legs and big black eyes.

When he got there, Jony and Kali gasped with amazement.

“What is that thing, is it a giant grub or something?” Kali gasped.

“Yes it is, it’s very juicy and delicious...,” said the Hungry Animal in a deeper voice than before. “Well, eat up you said you were starving so I got you something that is ‘REALLY’ big,” he said trying to hide a smile behind his smirk like face.

“Mmmff! It does taste like chicken,” said someone stuffing their face with grubs.

They set off to go home though ‘The Forest of Unknown’. When they got to ‘The Forest of Unknown’ Jony and Kali were scared and shaking with fear.

“Hhayy arrre yooou sccaredd llike I amm?” Asked Jony fearfully “Yesss I amm just llike yooou,” said Kali just as scared as Jony.

Suddenly they heard cracking in a bush ahead.

“Jony do you see that bush moving ahead?” said Kali very very worried.

“Yeah yeah Kali that’s wonderful,” he said ignoring Kali.

Kali was scared; she knew that someone or something was watching her. Suddenly she saw something in the bush with dark red eyes glaring at her and watching them pass and, suddenly it attacked. Jumping on the truck it is making them crash. Kali’s tongue was bleeding like crazy, “Ay ony pusu uu ha tuck, ow go fet me a ishoo fom ha tuck, ma tung is bleeting, hurry ow!” yelled Kali in pain.

Jony drove so fast that he ran straight into a tree, he ran out of the truck “Slam” went the door. “Aaawww” went Jony.

Tune in for the next series of *A Fair Disaster*. So keep your fingers crossed and hope they get out alive!!!

Adventures on a ship

“Oooh what’s that? Is it a ship?” exclaimed Genie. He was walking along the shore side where nobody was about. He wanted to make sure that nobody was around. So he used his magic powers because he sensed someone was around.

Genie wanted to find out who it was so he went into the ship to check it out to see if anyone was there.

“HELLO, HELLO, IS ANYONE THERE!” Genie yelled. There was no answer.

From the glint of Genie’s eye he saw something round and spikey. “Ohhh,” exclaimed Genie, “What’s that?” Genie touched the wheel and screamed, “HELP ME, HELP ME, I’M MOVING!”

“Of course you’re moving you touched the wheel,” said a voice.

“Who are you?” asked Genie. “Show your face!” said the Genie shivering.

A man walked out with a silly costume on. Genie laughed his head off.

“My name is Genie. What is yours?” asked Genie still giggling a bit.

“Well, just call me ‘Man in Strange Costume’.”

“Well of course I’ll call you that,” said the genie laughing even harder.

“I’m bored,” said Genie, “Do you have any cards to play with?”

“What are cards?”

“You don’t know what cards are? Well I have some, but I have to use my magic powers,” said the genie

“Where’s my carpet? screamed Genie

“I don’t know where it is but I saw something fly out the window.”

“Well that’s was my carpet!” Genie said to the Man in a Strange Costume.

Genie asked Man in Strange Costume “What is your real name?”

“Well, it is Stewart”

“WOW, I really would not have guessed,” said Genie

“You like it?” questioned Stewart.

“Yeah, I mean I would not have guessed because it’s my dad’s name.” said Genie.

Without warning, Genie and Stewart were thrown off their feet, flying to the other side of the ship!

“Well well, wasn’t that fun?” exclaimed Stewart

“No no. How could you say that?” yelled Genie.

“Well it’s called a shipwreck and I’ve been in one before except it was in another ship but we hit a rock at shore,” said Stewart.

Stewart and Genie went and had a look where they were.

Then Genie said, “I wish there were superheroes that could fly.”

Then suddenly, something came out of nowhere - there were superheroes!

“Who are you?” asked Genie.

“Well this is Wonderful Woman and I’m Wonder Man,” said Wonder Man.

“I’m, I mean we, are begging to go back to shore,” pleaded Genie.

“Well of course we’ll save you,” said Wonderful Woman.

“Now, one little slight problem. Who’s flying with who?”

“OK I’m going with Wonderf...” said Genie.

“No I am,” interrupted Stewart.

“Guess what? I have a better idea,” butted in Wonder Man.

“How about you hang upside down so I’m holding a leg and Wonderful Woman is holding the other leg,” said Wonder Man.

Genie and Stewart both agreed. So about 5 minutes later, Genie, Stewart, Wonder Man and Wonderful Woman were back at shore.

“You know, I’m hungry. Anyone have any food,” said Genie.

“No,” said everyone.

Soon, they all found a little tiny shop for travellers. Genie bought some food and supplies for their journey.

Later on Genie found some shelter for the night. Soon they all went to sleep for a rest, and woke up in the morning feeling really good.

The next morning really early they all headed off to find treasure because Genie had a map that he had been carrying around for a few years. Someday he wanted to find it.

Later on that day they all saw a bit of a hill and Genie thought the treasure was there. On the map it showed the treasure marked on a hill.

Genie thought it looked right. The treasure was under the hill. Instead of finding treasure, gold and silver, he found his old toy that was very special. He thought it was special because could direct you on a journey.

“It still works,” said Genie. He was very pleased.

A few hours later, Wonder Man and Wonderful Women left.

“Bye, see you next time and thanks for helping,” said Genie and Stewart.

Stewart and Genie went on. Genie and Stewart went back to the shelter they found before and so thy both can get a nice long rest and so they can get back to the little shop to ask where they can stay. The man in the shop told them that they can stay at his house which is at the back of the shop, it’s quite big.

Genie and Stewart had their own food for about 2-3 days. That night Genie had some lollies and some vegies. Stewart had a bit of chicken that the man of the house gave him and some fruit.

To Genie's surprise, he saw his magic carpet.

"Oh, you've come back to me," said Genie in great excitement.

"What, what is it?" screamed Stewart to Genie

"My carpet has come back to me." exclaimed Genie

"Well that's a relief. Isn't it?" sighed Stewart.

After Genie and Stewart set off in search of some shelter.

Later Genie saw the shipwreck they had and he had an idea.

Genie said to Stewart, "Now I have my magic carpet back, I can fix the ship." Soon Genie and Stewart went off to sleep and had a very good sleep.

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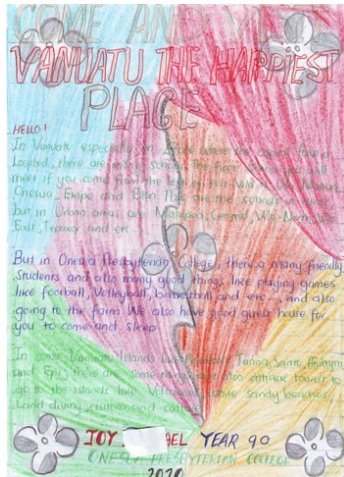
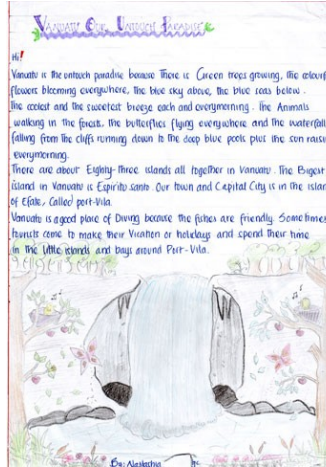
Onesua Presbyterian College, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Our GiggleCritters



Our Projects

On the GigglyIT theme “Come and visit our place” we hand-wrote and illustrated our invitations to the beautiful tropical island of Vanuatu in the Pacific Ocean. Our teacher scanned our work and submitted to the GigglyIT Project in 2010. We hope you will come visit!

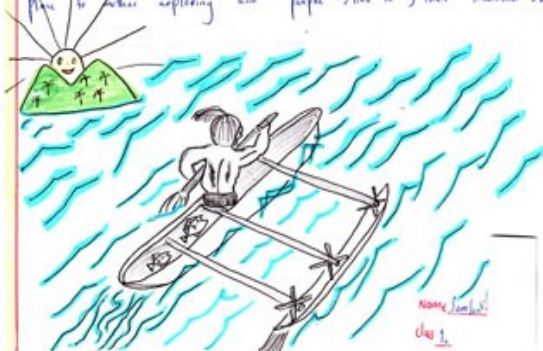


COME AND VISIT VANUATU THE HAPPIEST PLACE IN THE WORLD

Vanuatu is the smallest island in the world. It has so much beautiful things surrounded with island of Vanuatu that attracts tourist attention to come to Vanuatu.

Onawa Presbyterian College was located at the east of Efate. It has a lot of things that you may see. It has four shops, library, about 1000 of children. I want to make a book about it. What was the story about?

And also I have large wide field to play soccer and a park. It has a swimming pool. It is closed down the sea with good things. I was from my country but this school is like a school in my country. I like to go to school. I was looking to Vanuatu as the island of Efate. I like to see the people who are normally by travelling from the village to the school. I like to see the people who are normally by travelling from the village to the school.



Come and discover The Life Style of Onesua

One Efate today the M.L.A are helping Efate for building the road and building water drainage. Now they had pass Onesua. Now they are in Ekape village not far from Onesua.

On Onesua there is a sandy beach called Sara beach. It is located at the boys swimming place at the sea. In the coast it has good shelter made by trees and a good place to roast fish, mince, bananas, chicken wings and other more at the sea. It has good place for sportfishing and fishing.

The capital city is called Port Vila. It is located at the North west of Efate. It is a small town and it has lot of shop that sell clothes and other more at the market you can see lots of vegetables, fishes, coconut crops and other more.

In the school at Onesua it has a big library where you can read any kind of books and had a big space for you to write on. In the farm where you can see plant like mango, coffee and other plants and many other more plants. In the past around the school you can see coconut trees all around the school.

June

COME AND EXPERIENCE your DREAM Come THROUGH in Vanuatu

Vanuatu is one of the most happiest Country in the world

It have natural river and some things like beaches and Volcano to attract other people from other Country to come and Experience.

in Port Vila there is many things that can attract other people from other Country to come and see like road around the island beaches and small Village around Efate with few people on it.

and mainly people from other Country can come and visit other island like Tanna which is very attractive by Volcano that people can take photo or picture of it and also Pentecost because of the land diving which many country in pacific know that

there is more island in Vanuatu which attracting other people to come and experience.

Come and meet your dream come through.

Tony

ONESUA PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

Welcome To Our First Edition On Information About Onesua Presbyterian College. Onesua Presbyterian College Was Built In 1953 and (16) Staff Operating. It Operates For 57 yrs from Now and Was Known As the 4th Oldest School Of the Entire Region Of Vanuatu and it is located Nam Of Erare.

This Year 200, there are 28 teaching Staffs, 16 ancillary Staffs and 1 Trained Teacher. Also This Year Was Known as the Second largest Number Of Students, Especially girls, Attending Classes At Onesua. There are 353 Student: Males = 167 Females = 186. This indicates that there is a slight increase in the Number Of girls than boys.

Now about The School, It is the School We have A Dining Hall, A Fun, A Chapel, A Jail, Which is the main hall for School Activities, Known As the Justice Hall. We have 14 classrooms, Contact with the Science lab, geographic classrooms, history and etc..... In the school we have a library and it is the main one.

On Sunday, there are Two Worship Services for Our Community. The 1st Worship Service Starts at 8:00am to 9:00am and the 2nd one Starts at 10:00 to 11:00 Am. The Community is Split in Two groups: Junior and Senior. So, For More Information: "COME AND VISIT US TODAY" Dr. Kevin

gladly welcome you.

The capital of Vanuatu is "Port Vila". Port Vila is where you come to stay and to your visits or tours. There are hotels, bars, restaurants, clubs, casinos that can make you feel comfortable. There is also a big market where you can buy you island foods or local goods. There is a place where you can sit and eat there watching ships coming and going out the harbor. You would be a lucky person to come to Vanuatu.

Most children here are educated. There are primary schools, center schools, high schools and colleges. I am a year nine student in Onesu Presbyterian college. Onesu is situated on the northern part of Efate. We have a big library but the problem is that there is not enough books. We would likely asking you to get some reading books if you are coming to visit our school or our country.

Grace

VANUATU THE UNTOUCH PARADISE

Vanuatu is a very attractive country with lots of beautiful islands. There are about 100 islands. Some attractive features in the islands are 1. In Pentecost there is land diving ceremonies. The ceremony is done when they harvest new yams. 2. In Tanna there is a volcano. The volcano's name is 'Yasur'. The volcano is the very powerful volcano in Vanuatu. And there are many others more. But in Efate, in the northern part there is a hot spring. The hot spring is a healing water. Vanuatu is divided into 6 province the names are Torba, Sanma, Penama, Malampa, shepa & Tafea province. The islanders would likely welcome you as a visitor to their island.

My home island is Efate. There about 10 villages in Efate. The villages are Erakor, Pango, Mele, Mangaliliu, Tanoniu, Siviri, Emua, Samma, Puvungisu, Takam, Epue, Ekips, Matansu, Epaw, Pampang & Eton. But my village is Puvungisu. Puvungisu is my lovely village. There is a forest, close to Puvungisu. Peoples usually go there for picnic. The village people would

Vanuatu The Untouch Paradise

Vanuatu is divided in 6 Provinces. There are Tjiba Saman, Malampa, Penama, Shefa, Tafea and the provinces are in the South and North. There are many beauty full green Islands in the North and South you can enjoy many things like Diving, snorkling and sailing around the Island, or buy a hotel with good quality of beds you can sleep on. There is a big hotel close to the sea called Sobel that you can see around the Island and looking to the horizon while the ships are coming.

There are many adventure and culture down in the South you can see volcanoes and waterfalls, caves and many more and experience our local food and life style + custom dances see with your own eyes and believe it, you can also visit Santo the first biggest Island in the Vanuatu Islands with white sandy beaches and local people and swim in the swimming pool and have a bus ride to Hoster's restant a small Island in the middle of the Santo - Bay enjoying the bus paradise tours.

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VANUATU THE UNTOUCH PARADISE

Written By RUTH-Daniel Year 9

Vanuatu is the untouch paradise and also a nice place with green island surrounded by sandy beaches and its a homewelcome country. In Vanuatu people are friendly and kind to each others. In Vanuatu there are some attractive things like sandy beaches, volcanoes, land diving etc. and also you can enjoy yourself surfing with friends in the sea. Vanuatu have some most beautiful island that you can visit.

Vanuatu have 2 towns that you can visit name port Vila in Efate and Luganville in Santo. The Islands of Vanuatu are shaded like a Capital y by across the beautiful blue ocean in the South Pacific. If you come to Vanuatu you will enjoy yourself with any kinds of people you meet them.

Oh Vanuatu my most beautiful untouch paradise.



COME AND VISIT THE UNTOUCH PARADISE

Vanuatu is one of the country in the Pa South Pacific. It is one of the most beautiful country where you can enjoy yourself without paying for it. Vanuatu is surrounded with its own beautification and it attracts many tourists to come and visit Vanuatu. Vanuatu is also a peaceful country where you can stay and enjoy yourself day after day.

Vanuatu has two towns, Port-Vila and Luganville. It is very beautiful and ~~rich~~ rich for its local food in the market. There is also some smaller islands where you can visit the sea! Volcanoes and the land diving. You can also visit the peaceful customs in Mankoko. Vanuatu is also rich for its culture.

You will enjoy many beautiful things here in Vanuatu like going to the cafe and play with your friends. You can go and snorkel around the water of Vanuatu. You can relax on the long white beach. Sometimes you can go hunting with your best friend in the bush. Life here in Vanuatu is more easy than yours. You can do anything useful here in Vanuatu without checking you out.

SO COME AND ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF THIS COUNTRY



VANUATU THE UNTOUCH PARADISE

All the islands of Vanuatu have different tourist attractions. Pentecost, for example, is famous for its land diving, Banks' flax, custom dance, Tandia, its attraction volcanoes and colourful traditional clothing.

Of all the 83 islands that Vanuatu is made up of, Santo, Malekula and Efate are the three largest islands.

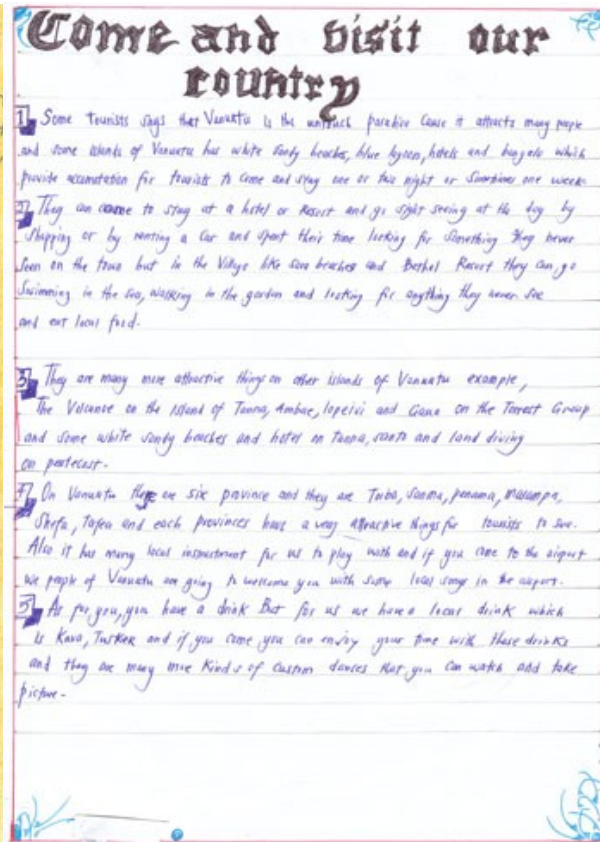
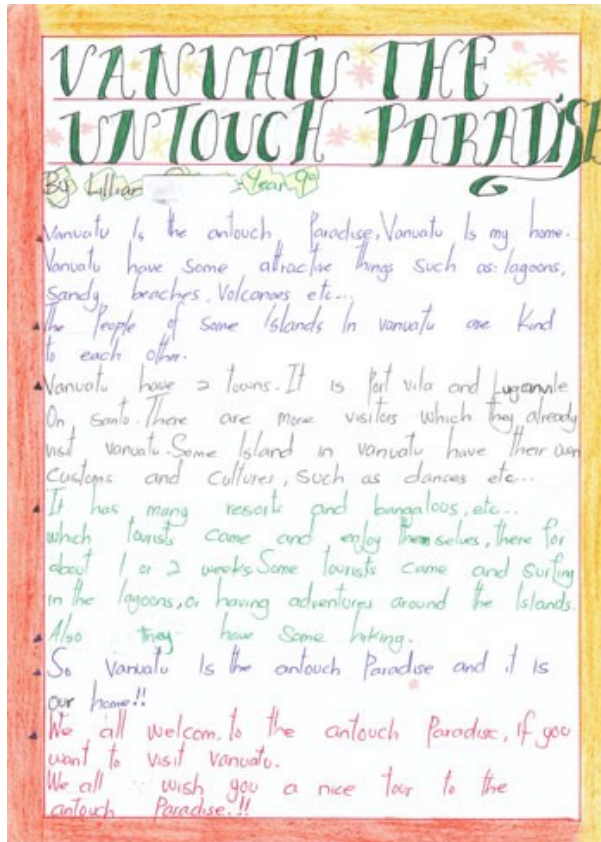
Vanuatu's Capital is located on Efate. Port Vila is the main industrial town but Santo also has a town of its own and because of this people from other islands migrate to these two town locations because of the more modern attractions.

There are many local and international schools in Vanuatu all being bilingual. There are French schools learning English, English schools learning French and both schools learning different languages as well. Japanese and Chinese are two of them. However the official language spoken throughout Vanuatu is Bislama; a mixture of French and English.

Our Country is a democratic country with the people voting for our own government and laws laid down to govern the people.

These are some facts about Vanuatu. I hope you have found this interesting for you to visit Vanuatu.

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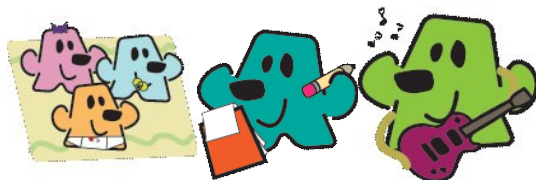
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CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Our Lady of Dolours School, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Our GiggieCritters



Our Country

Australia is located in the Southern Hemisphere and is made up of the mainland, the island of Tasmania and lots of other islands in the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Oceans. Australia's neighbours include New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, East Timor, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia and Indonesia.

Australia was settled more than 40 000 years before European settlement. It was in 1606 that Dutch explorers first discovered Australia but it wasn't until 1770 that it was claimed by Britain. Australia was settled by the English in 1788 and it became a penal colony.

On 1st January, 1901 Australia became a Federation when the six colonies joined together to form the Commonwealth of Australia. Australia now has a population of about 22 million people and most of the people live in the capital cities including Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide. Canberra is the nation's capital City in the Australian Capital Territory.

Australia is an island and has many unique places, animals and plants. Some famous natural places you must visit include Uluru, The Great Barrier Reef, The Twelve Apostles and Kakadu National Park. You would have to also visit the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge on any visit to Australia.

Our animals are cute too. Make sure you cuddle a Koala, jump with the Kangaroos and try to keep up with the emu. Not to mention run with the dingos, chat to a galah or two and go swimming with the platypus. Check out our vast landscapes - rainforests, deserts, beaches and bush make up the beauty of Australia.

Nowhere on earth can you experience the endless blue skies, the friendliest of people and a lifestyle that is relaxed.

Our City

Brisbane is the capital of Queensland and is the third largest city in Australia. Brisbane is named after the river on which it sits which was named after Sir Thomas Brisbane, the Governor of New South Wales from 1821 to 1825.

Brisbane offers a perfect lifestyle to its 2 million residents, it is a bustling city with lots of art galleries, live music and lots of great outside living events. People in Brisbane are laid-back and you can still experience the feeling of a sleepy small town attitude.

The first settlement was at Redcliffe in 1824. This was the first penal colony in Queensland. Free settlers moved into the area in 1842. Brisbane was chosen as the capital in 1859 when it was separated from the New South Wales colony.

Brisbane has a subtropical climate, and some of the most picturesque landscape in all of Australia. The Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast are only a short 1 hour drive away. Brisbane held the 1982 Commonwealth Games, World Expo in 1988 and the Goodwill Games in 2001.

Tourist attractions in Brisbane include the Storey Bridge, Kangaroo Point, The City Botanic and Mt Cootha Botanic Gardens, Lone Pine and Southbank. Travelling further away you can visit places like Mt Tamborine, Mt Mee and Mt Glorious.

Brisbane is home to the Broncos League Team, Lions AFL Team, Brisbane Roar (Soccer) and the Reds Rugby Team. Stephanie Rice is a famous swimmer who comes from Brisbane.

Our School: Our Lady of Dolours



Our school, Our Lady of Dolours (O.L.D.) is in the Brisbane suburb of Mitchelton. There are 180 students at our school. We are a Catholic Primary School teaching students from Prep to Year 7. Most of us walk or ride to school. We are about 15 mins away from the CBD (downtown). Just down the road we have Blackwood Street, which makes our school feel part of a small bustling community. There are trains and buses that can take us to lots of places. The ambulance station is just across the road from us and sometimes their sirens can be very loud.

This is our school song which tells you a little of the history of our school:

“We are the kids who come from OLD
And we are like one great big family
Living and loving and learning in Christ
Together we can do it
Yes we can.

Our school was built in 1951
By the Sisters of the Good Samaritan
With Mary as our model
And Jesus as our guide
Together we can do it
Yes we can.”

We don't have much space at our school. There are houses all around us and our oval is very small. Sometimes we go to the local park so we can do lots of running around. We don't mind not having much space because we all get on really well.

Our school vision is to think, care about others and act to make a difference in our world. Our three house colours are red, green and gold and our house names are Benedict, Samaritan and Nugent. They are named after important people in our school story. We also have three key values which include Compassion, Justice and Wisdom. We try to live these every day in how we live, love and learn.

We have had lots of fun and success this year.

- We won both the Regional and State finals of Optiminds and the team are now going to NZ for a cultural exchange;
- We came third in the Zone 4 athletics;
- A year 3 boy made a new Zone record in the long jump;
- A group of yr 5 -7 students talked to a palaeontologist on the radio;
- Students in yr 7 entered a debating competition;
- Students participated in a kids event called Kids Connect;
- Students in yr 6 entered a public speaking competition;
- We sang at the Active Travel Roadshow and at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the RSL;
- We participated in the ANZAC day march;
- We participated in the National Sorry Day ceremony in our local park.

Our school is very welcoming and we have lots of building happening at the moment.

We have lots of computers in the classrooms, lots of lovely artwork around the school.

Our school is full of colour, happy faces and lots of happy noise. We have great teachers who help us with our learning. We love our school and coming each day to learn and be with our friends.

Our Class

Our Year 5 class only has fifteen students in it. We usually get on really well, but with such a small group we can get on each others nerves at times and there is just nowhere

to hide. We always seem to be able to work things out and we try to always leave each day being happy with each other. We are always excited about coming to school and we love to learn.

Here is a poem one of the students in our class wrote about each person.

There's a group of kids in a class of fifteen,
Lead by their teacher who is kind and never mean.
In his free time Dom likes to play ball,
And for her age Maggie is fairly tall.
Will collects crystals, he's shown us a few,
And finger-knitting is something that Shivani likes to do.
Phoebe likes to sing and she's pretty good.
Benjamin would be a rock star if he could.
Tristan does Aikido, it keeps him fit,
Jasmine is fun, never boring one bit.
Adrian enjoys basketball which is really cool.
And Tiffany feels right at home in the pool.
Soccer's a game that Shamus likes to play.
And if Clare could she'd read books all day.
Kayla can play the violin,
And in almost every sport Alex will win.
At maths and science Liam's a wiz.
This is our class and that is our biz!

We have been in the same room for two years, so it feels like home. We have two teachers who are both really nice to us. In our lunch breaks we really love to play soccer and handball. Others like to read and draw.

We have computers and an interactive whiteboard in our class. We learn Japanese, dance, art and drama from specialist teachers.

Our Photoshoot



Our Lady of Dolours church



Our deck



Play equipment



Our vegie garden



Rose for our community



Good Samaritan Way



Our old library



Our temporary library



Our new library – growing



Our community painting



Our memory place

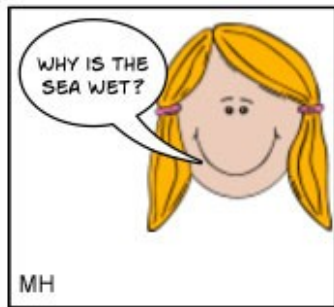
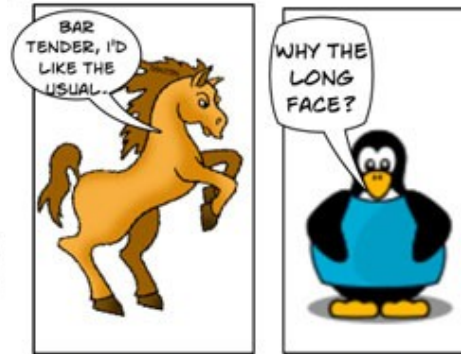


Symbols from the past

Our Projects

We used *Comic Life* to present our jokes. Clipart from -<http://www.openclipart.org>
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Year 5 - Our Family Jokes



Year 5 - Our Aussie Jokes



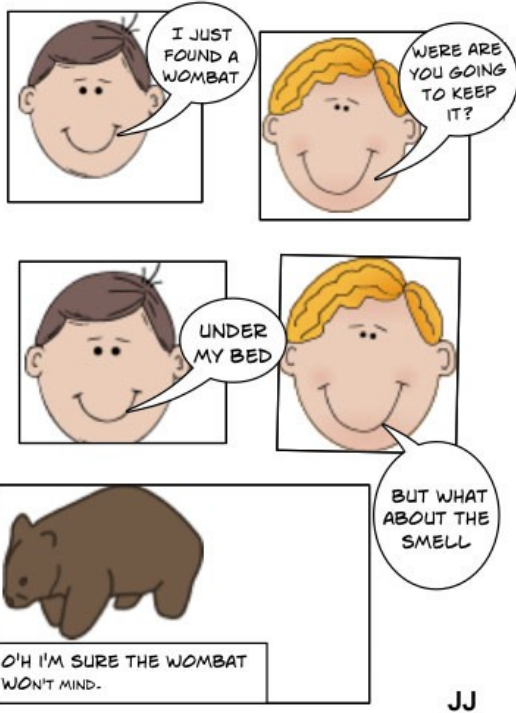
jail- prison; tucker- food; whoop whoop- a long way away; dunny- toilet



roos- kangaroos;kangaroo- native Australian animal that hop (bounce)



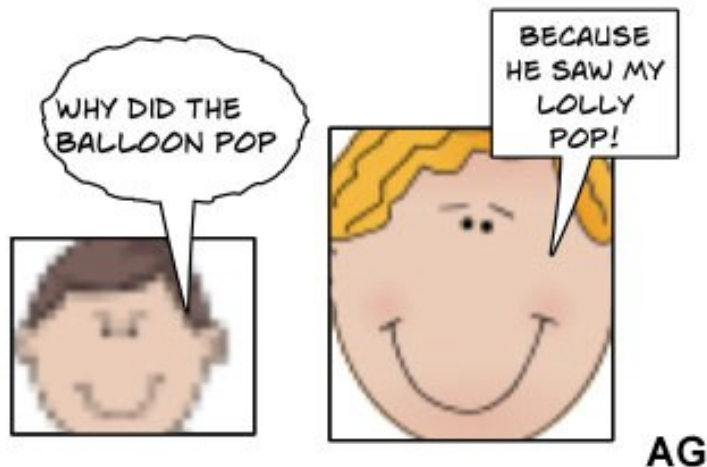
barbie- barbeque; chook -chicken; possum and fox- animals that roam; snag- sausage



wombat- native Australian animal



kanga- nickname for a kangaroo



lolly pop- candy on a stick

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CHAPTER FOURTEEN

Roleystone Primary School, Perth, Western Australia, Australia

Our GiggleCritters



Our Country, Town, and School

Australia is an island nation and the smallest continent. It is located in the Southern Hemisphere, near Asia and New Zealand.

Parts of our country are very green, but other parts are dry and brown. Our country is separated into 6 states and 2 Territories. We have the largest reef called the Great Barrier Reef.

Roleystone is in the hills of Perth, called the Darling Ranges. We have lots of trees which is nice, but they create a fire hazard in the dry summer months. We have many

orchards, growing oranges, peaches, apples, nectarines and other fruit. It is a friendly community.

Our school goes from Kindy to Year 5. Our school is 104 years old. Our school has a pet farm with guinea pigs, chickens, finches and ducks. We feed the animals our food scraps and collect the eggs from the chickens and use them in our canteen. Our Deputy takes us out for Footy games. We have a choir that sings on many public occasions at big events. Our school is surrounded by beautiful bush areas to play in. We speak English and we learn Indonesian at school.

About Us

We have 32 children in each Year 5 class. The Year 5s have a buddy class with the Year 1s. We look after the sport-shed at recess and lunchtime, the pet farm, the flag, ring the siren and do the announcements and swap each term. We like to paint, and do other art-work. Some Year 5s are involved in *Radio Kookaburra* which broadcasts through the radio in the school. Room 17 recently won the 'Golden Book' prize for library. We will be going to camp in October for a week.

Some pictures at our school



Our Projects

A Young Lady Called Pam

There was a young lady named Pam
She really loved to eat jam
She put it on toast
Then went to the coast
And came back with beautiful a tan.
-by Shania

A Girl Called Mary

There once was a girl named Mary
Who wanted to be a small fairy
She dyed her head blonde
Bought a nice wand
But suddenly her legs went too hairy.
-by Leah

The Dog

There once was a silly black dog
That slept all his life in a log
He rolled over and over
Till he felt sober
And then ate his old friend called Mog.
- by Jasmine

A Pig Called Mig

There once was a cute pig called Mig
Who wore a long fancy wig
He wanted it gold
Until it got cold
Then did a hop and a jig
- by Jake

That Girl Called Cinderella

Once a girl who was called Cinderella
Acted a lot like a fella
She played lots of sport
Didn't listen to what she was taught
And ended up long green and yella.
- by Tea

The Boy From Perth

There once was a young boy from Perth
Who had a very short birth
He shot straight out
Ended up with a pout
That little boy from Perth
- by Tea

Sarah's Limericks

There once was a young boy called Perky
Who came from a place called Milurkey
He played in the night
Then ate a termite
And slept on a bed of beef jerky

There once was an evil old rake
Who chopped up a very nice snake
The rake went chop, chop
The snake went hop, hop
Then turned into chocolate chip cake

There once was a dog named Rover
Who ate up a four leaf clover
The dog went munch
The clover went crunch
Now the story is over

There once was a girl named Jane
Who was a little insane
She could not remember
From March to December
To put on a coat in the rain

Sophie's Limerick

There once was a very nice dog
Who got stuck in a very dark bog
He tried to get out
All night he did shout
To his friend who was lost in the fog

Hanna's Limerick

There was an old lady whose hands
Were famous for playing in bands
The flute and the drums
She played with her thumbs
And tied up her hair in a band

Jemma's Limerick

There once was a monster called Crunch
Who had just finished lunch
He ate bacon and eggs
With green and blue pegs
Which took him a long time to munch

The Moon walking Emu

An emu once went to the moon
And said he would be back quite soon
He fell on his back
And heard a loud CRACK
So went home to watch a cartoon
- by Adam

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CHAPTER FIFTEEN

Shore Preparatory School, North Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Our GiggleCritters



Our School

Our school is Shore Preparatory School in North Sydney. It is in the suburb of North Sydney in the city of Sydney, NSW, Australia. There are three Year 5 classes and our teachers are Mr Martin, Mr Bayliss and Miss Polis. Our Teacher Librarian is Mrs Pickworth.

Our whole school has over 1200 students but we are in the Preparatory part of the school which has about 220 boys. In the photos you can see our school grounds and our library. We do lots of activities at our school such as sport - cricket, rugby and basketball, art, drama and music. We enjoy coming to the library for reading and working with the computers.



Our School Grounds



Our Library

Our 2012 Limericks

There once was a man with a bush fly
Who happened to love meat pie
He went to bed
And then he said
I feel like I'm going to die.
- by Aidan and Rob

I know a food called vegemite
At first it is an odd sight,
Has a horrid smell,
Something likes...well,
When you taste it you'll get a big fright.
- by Austin

There was once a guy named Fred,
Who had a mate called Ned.
While making a movie,
He bought Fred a smoothie,
But Fred spilt it in his bed.
- by Liam and Xavier

There was once a driver named Brock,
His driving skills were as solid as a rock,
He took the town by storm,
With his unique driving form,
But his life soon hit a road block.
- by Oli and Dan

There was once a young boy named Paul,
He loved his friend the cricket ball,
The ball flew away,
So Paul went astray,
And then found the ball in Nepal.
- by Oli and Dan

There once was a kangaroo,
Who couldn't fit into his shoe,
So he asked the croc,
To take off the lock,
And that was the end of the roo!
- by Riley and Max

There once was a roo called Ned
Who had a friend called Fred
He had very sharp claws
That cut like chainsaws
And now his poor friend is dead
- by Robbie and Tom

There once was a bloke called Kelly
Who had a big pot belly
He ate a meat pie
And just happened to die
That was the end of poor Kelly!
- by Wilton, Seb and Cooper

There was an old man named Kelly
Who refused to eat red jelly
It was a fact
That he ate the town cat
And now has a very big belly
- by Will and James

There was once a boy called Kelly
Who was very dirty and smelly
He loved catching waves
This took him to caves
And that's the story of Kelly
- by Will and Will

There once was a clever dingo,
Who knew how to play bingo,
He could play all day,
In every which way,
Including while doing the limbo.
- by D P and A S

There once was a man named Tucker
Who drank a very hot cuppa
He took a sip
It burnt his lip
And now he's dead, poor sucker!
- by J W and M K

There once was a man called Bob
He went to look for a job
He went to Oz
Climbed Mt Koz
Then he found a job at the hob
- by S M and O

"It's all right vegemite"
Declared a man with all his might
He said "put it on toast
But not on a roast
Because that just wouldn't be right"
- by S A and J E

There once was a little black mozzie
Who lived in someone's cozzie
He drank all their ale
Until he went pale
And now he's a very strong Auzzie
- by D S, N L and D S

There was once a boy called Jack
Who had a very strong back
He got into a fight
With some vegemite
And now he has a very black eye
- by J C and H L

Once there was a man called Ned Kelley
And he was extremely smelly
He went to Sydney but he
Ate a lot of kidney
And got a pain in his belly.
- by N S and J I

There once was a boy, who played cricket,
Who stood in front of the wicket
He got himself out,
Then screamed about
And that was the end of cricket
- by S D and J M

There once was a young man named Hugh,
Who was not able to chew.
He once ate baked beans,
That spilled down his jeans.
And that was the end of his shoe.
- by Jamie and Charlie

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CHAPTER SIXTEEN

**St. Andrew's Anglican College, Peregian Springs,
Queensland, Australia**

Our GiggleCritters



Our Projects

Gitto and the Three Koalas -by Cameron, Maddison, Max, & Alex, Yr. 6

One stinkin' hot Aussie day, Gitto was trekking through the scrub when she came upon a huge Red Kangaroo that hopped past an old shack surrounded by gum trees.

The shack was a beauty. It was surrounded by bush and wildlife. It had a Barbie out the back with kookas swarming around it like a bunch of magpies. Gitto turned around and saw three little koalas leaving the shack, so she walked inside.

She walked into the kitchen and saw three vegemite sandwiches and three Schooners of Coopers Pale Ale. The first drink was too flat. She walked to the next drink and took a sip, but it was too bitter. She then walked over to the last drink and it was perfect, so she took an Aussie gulp.

Gitto walked over to the three rockers. She sat in the first one; it was too speedy. She walked to the next one; it was too squeaky so she walked to the last one and it was perfect, but a few seconds later the rocker broke and smashed to pieces.

As the koalas were coming back through the scrub, tired from playing a game of Twenty 20, they arrived at the house, walked into the kitchen and saw that someone had been drinking and eating their morning tea.

“Hey someone’s been eating my morning tea,” growled daddy koala.

“Someone’s been eating mine too!!” said mummy koala.

“Well someone’s been eating mine and they ate every single bit of it!” cried baby koala.

The koalas could hear snoring coming from upstairs. They walked up stairs and found Gitto snoozing in baby koala’s bed!

Daddy koala yelled out “GET OUT OF OUR SHACK!!!!” Gitto quickly got up, ran out of the shack and was never to be seen again.

Glossary: Aussie: Australian

Trekking: walking

Scrub: bush

Shack: hut

Beauty: beautiful

Barbie: bar-b-que – outside appliance to cook food on

Schooners of Pale Ale Coopers: type of beer drink

Rockers: rocking chair

Twenty 20: t cricket

Aussie Jokes by yr 6 students

Q. Why did the kookaburra laugh?

A. Cause it saw a wombat trying to be a koala. (Piper)

Q. Why was the echidna sick?

A. because he spiked his drink (Jack)

Q. Why did the kangaroo eat two vegemite sandwiches?

A. Cause he's an Aussie mate (Maddie & Cameron)

Q. What is green and smells like eucalyptus stew?

A. Koala stew (Masyn & Rincy)

Q. Why did the wombat go to the cricket?

A. Cause he wanted to hit one for six. (Nick)

Q. What do you call chocolate in the snow?

A. A lamington (Georgia)

Q. Why did the kangaroo hop so far?

A. Because her joey was a jumper. (Kayte , Tasmin & Jordan)

Q. How do you find an Echidna in the forest?

A. Walk around with bare feet? (Jake Max & Cooper)

Q. Why did the kookaburra fly away?

A. Because all of his friends were laughing at him. (Maddy & Lorenzo)

Q. What do you call a mozzi that must quit smoking?

A. A must-quit- o (Harry, Josh & Sam)

Q. How do you know never to believe an echidna?

A. Because he's always ekiddin ya! (Olivia & Piper)

Q. What has five legs and is brown and fuzzy?

A. A wombat with a walking stick. (Isabella & Olivia)

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CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

Ursula Frayne Catholic College, Victoria Park, Perth, Western Australia, Australia

Our Country, Town, and School - by Rasyidah (Year 8)

Australia is situated on the south eastern side of the world. Being such an enormous country, many Australians consider this land as a miniature ‘world’ of its own. Australia is one of the seven continents on this planet. Australia is an eminent place, famous for its kangaroos, unique culture, slang, footy and beer. Filled with people bursting with national pride, this is one of the irreplaceable places on Earth, full of rare, harsh, yet unforgiving beauty in its world-renowned bushland. This country is truly blessed with an enormous range of terrain to be found here, a paradise where one can find arid, scorching deserts, snowy mountains (Blue Mountain Ranges), lush green, sub-tropical rainforests and of course the extraordinary bushland all in one place. Australia, steeped in history and native culture, is truly a country worth being proud of, and so, ‘Cheers mate! have a great day!’

Our school is in the Town of Victoria Park, located in Perth, Western Australia. The Town’s council’s aim is to work in partnership and harmony with the community and enrich the quality of life of the residents living here. They do this by enhancing the Town’s Identity, Spirit and Diversity. The Town has built and provided the resourceful and convenient Community Centre where everyone can come together, relax, play sports, read in the Town’s library, hold meetings and just take a more active and fun part in the community. They have provided and maintained the town’s many beautiful parks, gardens and memorials. This is truly a beautiful town endowed with an even more beautiful school.



This year, our Head librarian has introduced us to the wonderful project of the Giggle IT scheme. The Year Eight classes of middle school, 2009 have been recently writing and composing several literary pieces, including limericks, humorous poetry and short story writing.

Our school is Ursula Frayne Catholic College. We believe we are the best for countless reasons. Some are: we are a K to 12 school, we are equipped and blessed with many wonderful facilities, we are provided many excellent and outstanding teachers who really help us to put our best foot forward and our school is a very anti-bullying zone with almost all students and staff in the campaign against it. Too many reasons to mention, overall we are a brilliant school with many outstanding qualities. I feel, and most of the students and staff too, to be privileged to be part of this warm, welcoming community.

Our Projects

Limericks from Year 8 students – 2009

Froggie

There once was a frog from France
All the while he hoped for the chance
To be cooked in a pot
And stirred lots and lots
That delectable frog from France.
- by Frances

Lanz

Lanz the name, I, myself and me
Humour's the best, I agree
I love to eat chocolate
and sleep very late

But my messy room you don't want to see!
- by Lanz

A beautiful blonde girl named Skye
Went on the bus for the ride
The conductor's, "Your fare?"
was said with a glare
"No I'm not," she said, "I've just dyed!"
- By Dominique

There was a boy named Shane Bell
Who loved soccer I can tell
He liked to play goalie
Which made him look holy
and he didn't want to go to hell.
- by Shane

Party in Australia

There was this girl from Australia
In SoSE and RE she's a failure
She liked crashing parties
especially with Marty
But so does Mr Naylor.
- by Bridget

There once was a man from Toocket
Who always would forget
to take his medication
before his vacation
That poor ailing man from Toocket.
- by Michaela

Maddona's sparkling diamond skit
Sometimes off tune just a bit
Her voice into the mic
was something that they'd like
We'd hope that we could just stay and sit.
- By Shannon

A group of horses galloped at night
when they saw that no one was in sight
They became feral horses

escaping the military forces
their coats glistening in the moonlight.

- By Ririho

A girl from Perth

There once was a girl from Perth
Who hoped to save the Earth
So she helped and she helped
Like a Christmas elf
that weird little girl from Perth.

- by Andrea

Betrayed

At lunchtime we always played
Our friendships beginning to fade.
It was great at the start
Then you broke my heart
Now I feel really betrayed.

- by Mikayla

Conner is my best mate
We party on till late
He likes to go on dates
From many raves
He and I were out for days.

- by David

Year 7 – 2011 – Snow White’s Seven Dwarfs in the Australian Culture

Snags: BBQ’s are part of Aussies’ way of life.

Crikey: In memory of Steve Irwin

Mateee: Australians call each other mate

Cook: for Captain Cook

Didgeri: Short for didgeridoo

Anne Zac: for ANZAC day

Ripper: Australians say “Have a ripper day”.

- by Year 7 - Mrs Cole and Mrs Oates

Diggy Diggy Hole: Dwarfs diggy diggy holes and there are lots of miners in Australia

Boomer: for Australian kangaroos

Neddy: because of Ned Kelly

Coko Too: after Australian birds

Bogan: Australia is full of them

Alfy: from Australian Rules Football

Aussie: Short for Australian

- by Year 7 - Mrs Commisso and Mrs Oates

Loosey Lucy: Australians are easy going

Pie Face: Australians like eating pies

Lilly L.B: Cricket term: Leg before wicket and Australians love cricket

Anne Zaccery: from Anzac Day.

Roo Paw: from Kangaroo Paws

Kickback: Australians like to relax

Skippy Thongs: From kangaroos and easy foot wear

- by Year 7 - Mr Pizzolante and Mrs Oates

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CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

William Clarke College, Kellyville, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia



Our GiggleCritters



Our Country, City, Suburb, and School

Australia is an island completely surrounded by water which means there are lots of beaches around the coastline. We have many native animals including the kangaroo, the koala, possums, emus, echidnas and the platypus.

We have a large coral reef called the Great Barrier Reef. Another famous place is Uluru which is a huge rock in the centre of Australia. We have deserts, rainforests, mountains and lots of natural bush. Some of our native plants are banksias, wattle and gum trees.

We live in Sydney which is the capital of New South Wales. Sydney is awesome and is home to many famous tourist attractions like the Sydney Aquarium, the Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House. We have a beautiful harbour with lots of ferries and sailing boats. On New Year's Eve there is a massive fireworks display around the harbour. Many people know about Sydney because we hosted the Olympic Games in 2000.

Kellyville is a suburb of Sydney. Kellyville has lots of shops and schools. There are also plenty of places to enjoy ourselves like football ovals and parks. Most of us live in one or two storey homes with gardens and backyards. The famous singer, Delta Goodrem lives in our area. Every year we have a country show called the Castle Hill Show where there are lots of animals and fun things to do. We also celebrate the Orange Blossom Festival.

Our school is called William Clarke College and it is located in Kellyville. We walk to school or come by bus or car. William Clarke College is a Christian school. There are 1400 students who go to our school. They are between 5 years and 18 years old.

Our school is a very friendly place where it is easy to make new friends and have a good time. There are lots of open spaces where we can play sport and relax at lunchtime. We go on camps and interesting excursions.



Our Projects

All classes used the blank GigglerCritic to make our own GigglerCritic designs that we displayed in our school library. Some students also showed their personal logos there.

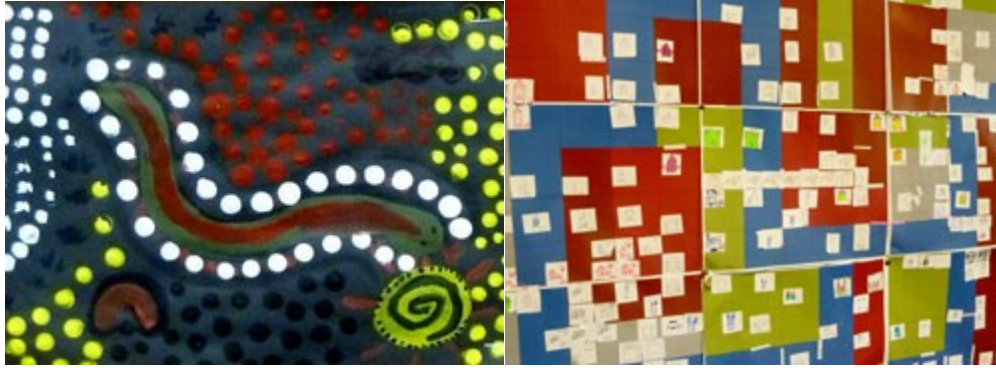
Our Class - 5G (2012)



5G is the best class ever because we are so cool! Our class is just fun to be around. We are always happy and laugh a lot together. We have a nice teacher in Mr W and we also have good classmates. We work well together, can concentrate when we need to do our work and have lots of fun playing games. We enjoy being in our class because our friends are helpful and kind. As a class we like to have a go at everything and are confident to try new things. We think 5G is awesome!

Our artwork





Our Australian Art Paintings and Population Game

Our Class - 5N (2012)



We think **5N** is the best class this side of the Equator! We love learning together and have lots of fun. Our class has some very funny people so we laugh a lot. We are a happy class and we love to share a joke once in a while. When it is time to focus we can calm down, be serious and listen. Our teacher, Mrs C is an awesome teacher. She is kind and caring. In our class we have a 'sharing ideas' time, which is really cool. We love working together in groups and enjoy sport, drama, art and coming to the library. We care about each other and enjoy learning about God. 5N – we rock!

Our Artwork



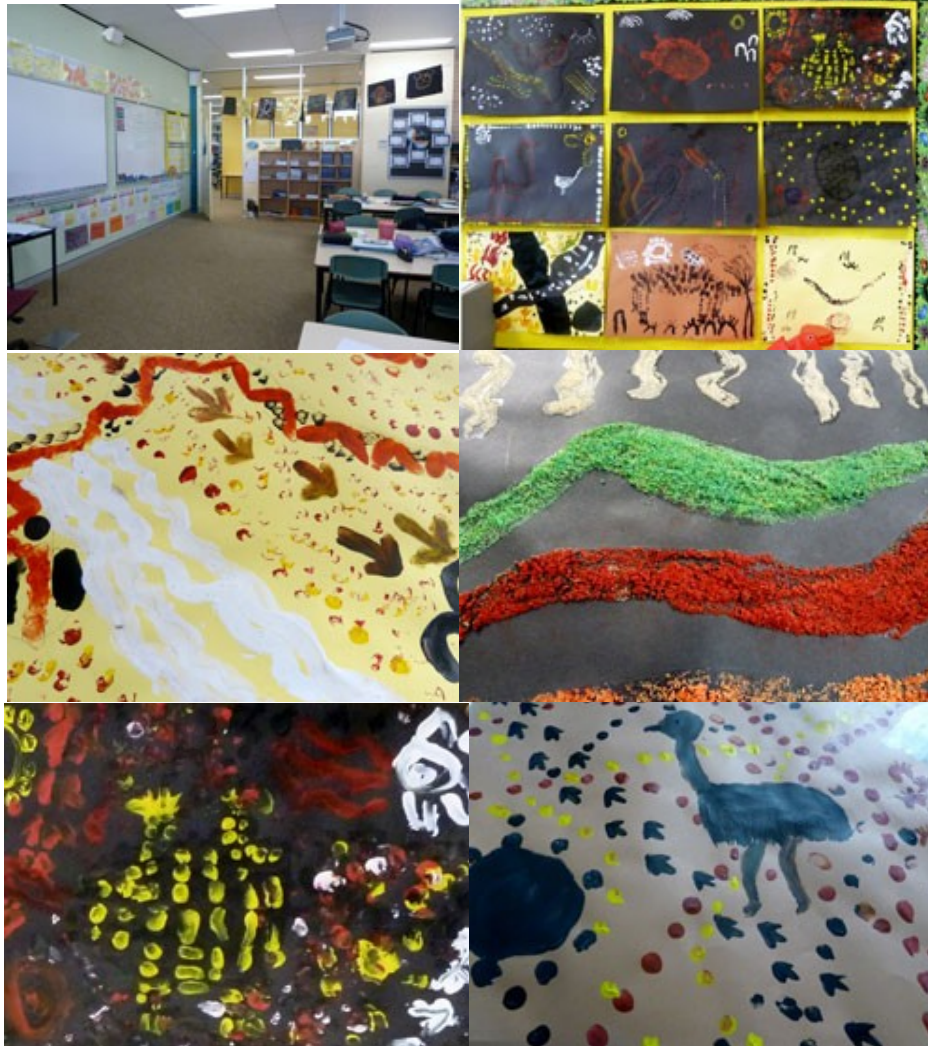


Our Class - 5T (2012)



5T is unique. We are very musical, pretty smart and love playing sport. We are also quite creative. We all like running because it keeps us fit and healthy for a brand new day. We are good friends and enjoy encouraging each other. We have fun times laughing together and joking around. We love to laugh at our photos on the roll. Some of our favourite class games are 'sleeping lions', 'heads down, thumbs up', the 'two minute' game and 'buzz'. When we have to, we can work really hard. We all work well together as a team. We love to learn about God and enjoy reading and listening to the Bible.

Our Australian Art



Our Class - 5C (2011)



5C is awesome! We have the best teacher in the world called Mrs C. We are not a boring class because we do lots of fun things together. We are always laughing and enjoying life so it is pleasant to be around us. We can be serious when required so our teacher can educate us well. We are proud of our room because it is clean and tidy. It also has a really cool air-conditioning system. We are very multicultural. We love to learn about God and spend time in Chapel together. We have excellent classmates who are friendly

and always willing to help out. We work together and care about each other. 5C is very creative and we love drama and music. We also enjoy playing sport.

Our Photoshoot



Our classroom



Rainforest painting

Rainforest tree



Leaf designs

Rainforest animal sketches

Haiku Poems

Our Haiku poems tell Email Gigglecritter how he will know he has reached our world. He will know the colours of our special place.

Outback

The hot horizon
The scorching sunset setting
Kangaroos jumping
by SM

My Backyard

Pool shimmering bright
Flowers dancing in the light
Green lush grass and air
by KP-W

Relaxing

Tanning at Bondi
Watching the beautiful waves
Digging in the sand
by TR

Shark

I went to the beach
Then I saw a great big shark
I ran far away
by DM

Sea

Waves are gliding high,
The sky is shining with light
This is what I like
by WK

Beach

Waves splashing at me
Swimming under the water
Kids playing in sand
by SA

Neighbours

Houses red or black
Lots of windows, they are white
People there are nice
by HE

Swimming

Splashing wave at me
Water went in my eyes
I had a good time
by WM

Summer

Blazing hot sun burns
Sand dunes whip against my legs
Dusty breeze blows hard
by MR

Bus Ride

Trees slowly moving
Hawks flying over the bus
Sand attacking the bus
by AN

Uluru

Thick sand is burning
There is a massive rock
Heaps of flies buzzing
by NM

Aussie Evening

The sky shimmering
I smell a sweet barbeque
Very far away
by SB

Our Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

If Snow White lived in your town, region, or country, what would she be called? What names would you give to each of the seven dwarfs to reflect your culture?

Snow White: Rainbow Lorikeet– One of the most beautiful and colourful birds in Australia.

The Seven Dwarfs:

Damper - A kind of bush bread made out of flour and water and cooked on an open fire.

Opal - A precious gemstone found in the Outback

Bush Tucker - Native food found growing wild in the Australian bush.

Humpy - A bark hut used for shelter in the bush

Mozzie - A mosquito with a fierce bite. We have many in the Australian bush.

Kanga - Short for Kangaroo. A kangaroo is an Australian mammal that hops and eats grass.

Mate - A mate is what Australians call their friends, buddies or pals

Queen: Cocky - Short for Cockatoo. An Australian bird with a loud screech and a yellow crest on its head

Prince: Swaggie - Short for Swagman. A wanderer in the Australian bush who carries a swag or bedroll and all his belongings on his back.

Our Class - 5M (2011)



5M is one of three Year 5 classes at William Clarke College. There are 26 students in our class. 5M is the best class ever because there is no fighting! We are all friends and work well together. We like to talk and laugh a lot! We have an awesome teacher called Mr M. We have special subjects like French, Japanese, Chapel, Drama, Music, Science and Library. Some of us are not keen on Maths but Mr M makes us do it!! The students in our class like playing sport on our huge school oval. We always sing happy birthday if it is someone's birthday. We also have a new class clown each term!

Our Photoshoot

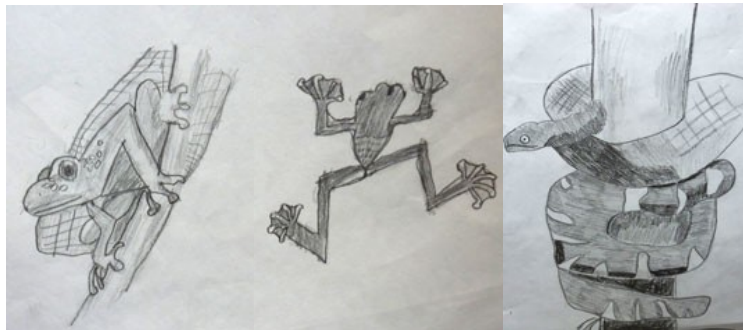


Our classroom

Rainforest sketches



Rainforest paintings



Frog

Frog

Snake

Haiku Poems

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At The City

Seeing skyscrapers
Talking to tonnes of people
Going to the bays
by KF

The Beach

Swimming at the beach
Crystal clear water to enjoy
Playing at the beach
by CW

Beach

Sand scatters the edge
Waves overlapping the shore
A salty breeze
by JT

Magical Moment

A pod of dolphins
Catching the waves that go past
In the cold sea breeze
by SN

Beach

The view is so good
The wind blowing in my hair
People are smiling
by JC

School

Extraordinary
Beautiful little fishes
Swimming together
by LB

Sand

Little yellow dots
Sinking into the hot sand
Very very quickly
by LS

Grass

Fresh relaxing grass
Peaceful, annoying itchy grass
Long grass is annoying
by SE

Pond

Come look at the view
Colourful fish are swimming
They all look happy
by MHT

Our Bridge

People climbing bridge
Cars driving on harbour bridge
Looking at the view
by RM

Water

Waves crashing on sand
Bluebottles all over the beach
Blue water shimmers
by SM

The Fish of the Harbour

In the shiny water
Beautiful fish swim swiftly
In the cool harbour
by HF

Our Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Snow White: *Flannel Flower*– A small white soft flower like a daisy that grows in the Australian bush.

The Seven Dwarfs:

Wombat - A very heavy Australian marsupial that lives in the bush and digs burrows. It eats grass, leaves and bark.

Cricket - A popular sport played in Australia. Most Aussie kids enjoy a game of cricket in the backyard.

Blue Tongue - Blue Tongue Lizards are Australian reptiles that move slowly and eat snails. They are often found in our backyards.

Kookaburra - A friendly native bird that has a strange laugh and eats insects, lizards and worms.

Magpie - A black and white native bird. In Magpie season when they are building nests they can become aggressive and swoop and attack people.

Wattle - An Australian plant that has stunning yellow flowers in spring.

Possum - A small Australian mammal that lives in trees and searches for food at night. They eat berries, fruit and leaves.

Queen: *Brown Snake* - One of Australia's deadliest reptiles. They can grow to about 2 metres long. Their venom is poisonous.

Prince: *Didgeridoo* - A musical instrument made from a tree branch. The Aborigines invented the didgeridoo to play in special ceremonies and dances.

Our Class - 5S (2011)



If you were in 5S you would not want to miss a day of school! We are a cool class! We have a wonderful teacher called Mrs S. We think everyone in our class has a talent and everyone is special. Some of the subjects we love are Science, Spelling, French, Drama, Music and Maths. Being in Year 5 is great because we get to walk around the College by ourselves without a teacher. We also get lockers to put our bags in. We have some great personalities in 5S. We work well together, cooperate with each other and care about each other. We have a little competition each week in our room to see which table can win the most points. If you win you get a prize!

Our Projects

Our Photoshoot



Our classroom

Our Camp Display



Rainforest paintings

Haiku Poems

Our Haiku poems tell Email Gigglecritter how he will know he has reached our world.
He will know the colours of our special place.

Aussies

Bushes to cities
The beautiful green and gold
Supporting Aussies
by AA

High in the trees

Swaying in tree tops
Cheekily swinging from trees
Grooming each other
by MS

Tadpoles

Small black and squishy
Swimming in the pond outside
Munching on lettuce
by A LN

Lurking

Green tree leaves spreading
Hunting for dinner at night
Keeping young cubs warm
by MS

Sydney Peak Hour

Cars of all colours
Awesome, glorious and cool
Racing down the roads
by JR

Australia

Blue shiny water
Many tourist attractions
Great sandy beaches
by MC

Monkeys

Climbing on branches
Munching on fruit and lettuce
Eating and sleeping
by CE

Tadpoles

Small, slimy, squishy
Swimming in the cool green creek
Growing legs and feet
by IS

Lagoon pool

Blue crystal water
Reflections of the water
People relaxing
by LB

Country Rodeo

The cowboy shouting
The sand flying through the air
A bang in the air
by JJ

Possums

Hanging from the trees
Slowly swinging side to side
Working all night long!
by CL

Pools

Clear and blue water
Just right to swim in when hot
Prepare to be splashed
by RM

The Farm

Birds pecking at food
Black Labrador dogs playing
Cats still on the fence
by AKL

Tigers

Tigers eating meat
Two are orange two are white
They can climb so high
by DF

Our Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Snow White: Matilda - Waltzing Matilda is a famous Australian song about the life in the bush.

The Seven Dwarfs:

Kangaroo - An Australian mammal that jumps, has a long tail and eats grass.

Emu - A very tall Australian bird that can run fast. It can weigh 45 kilograms.

Platypus - A small Australian mammal that lays eggs. It lives near the water and swims in creeks, rivers and lakes.

Yabby - A fresh water crayfish. It is a favourite Australian outback food.

Cassowary - A colourful Australian bird.

Koala - An Australian mammal that eats eucalyptus leaves, climbs trees and has a pouch for its babies.

Crocodile - A large Australian reptile that lives in creeks and rivers in Northern Australia.

Queen: Dingo - A native Australian dog

Prince: Jackaroo - A station hand on an Australian sheep or cattle station is called a Jackaroo.

Our Class - 5D (2010)



We are in Year 5 at William Clarke College and we have 25 students in our class. Some of them are very funny. We have the nicest teacher. We think he is the best teacher in the world! Our classroom has some really good resources to help us learn. We have a computer room next door to our classroom and the school oval is just outside. We often visit our school library at lunchtime to read and borrow books and to use the computers. We love school because it is fun and we get to hang out with friends.

Our Projects

Australia – My Homeland – by AF

An amazing place filled with joy and happiness

Unique features and great places for family memories

Superb beaches with luscious waters and sparkling sand

Terrific and friendly people

Rainforests, deserts, and mountains make up Australia's wonderful nature

A variety of native animals like the koala, kangaroo, and emu

Lovely people from all cultures

It is special because it is my homeland

A country you will want to come to again and again and again!

William Clarke College – by EM

Welcoming people

Impossible not to make friends

Laughing all day

I love William Clarke College

Awesome fun at lunchtime

Many opportunities

Crazy experiments in science

Luscious and well-kept oval and playground

Athletics and even more fun

Running club

Kind teachers

Easily accepted

Caring friends

Optional beliefs

Love to be there

Learn about God

Everyday you discover something new

Great fun

Excellent place to be at school.

Australia – by ES

Australia is a fantastic place to live

Unique in every way especially in summer

Summer in the sun on the beach is superb

Terrific landmarks such as the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Opera House and much more

Rocking out on the beach in our swimmers and thongs is the best

Amazing bush, sunsets, beaches and more

Lovely lakes and streams are some of our best qualities
Irresistible farmland and animals such as koalas, kangaroos, wombats, and more
Absolutely amazing food and our shops are the best!

Australia – by TS

Awesome

Unreal

Super

Tops

Real cool

Amazing

Land down under

Interesting

Australia!

Australia – by CG

A free country filled with love

Unique beaches and oceans like the Great Barrier Reef

Special native plants and animals

Terrific land sites

Radiant

Australia's first people were the Aborigines

Luscious trees and luxury resorts

I like Australia because we are free

A special place to live!

Funny eBooks by 5D

We have been researching the jokes, limericks, funny stories and personal anecdotes of our family members. We have been discovering what makes them laugh and what they find funny. Here are some of our eBooks. We hope you enjoy reading them!

My Family's Funny Memories eBook - By C.T (5D)

Limerick - From: My Mum

God's plan made a hopeful beginning,

But man spoilt his chances by sinning,

We trust that, that story,

Will end in great glory,

But at present the other side's winning.

Joke: What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?

Answer: A stick - From: My Dad

Personal Anecdote: When I was 3 years old we went to Featherdale Wildlife Park to feed the kangaroo's. I was chasing a little Joey and the mother came up to me and started boxing me. My dad had to scare the mother away so it would leave me alone. - From: My sister

My Family's eBook -By A.P. (5D)

The Fat Lady: A man was on a train and the fat lady next to him said, 'If you were a gentleman you'd stand up and let someone else sit down.' The man said, 'And if you were a lady you'd stand up and let four people sit down'. - From: My Dad

Heaven man: There once was a man from heaven who wanted a nice juicy lemon so he got in his car but didn't get far so he got a nice juicy melon. - From: My brother

Barty the sheep: There was a sheep that had ketchup for every meal. But one day there was no ketchup left so he ate the food without it... and guess what, he liked it. - From: My Mum

Our Family's eBook -By P.K. (5D)

Got 59 Seconds! - By My Brother

Patient: "Doctor, Doctor I'm going to die in 59 seconds"

Doctor: 'Ok I'll be back in a MINUTE'

One minute later. Doctor: 'He's Dead!'

The Man from Dealing - A family favourite

There once was a man from Dealing

Who caught the bus for Earling

It said on the door

Don't spit on the floor

So he jumped up and spat on the ceiling

Unnoticed scissors – by me

Once when I was young I was looking for scissors I just had in my hand. After looking for a few minutes I realised they were still in my hand!

My Family's eBook - By A.D. (5D)

A Joke from My Dad

Question: What do you call a cow mowing the lawn?

Answer: A lawn mooer

Explanation: It is funny because it's about a cow.

A Personal Anecdote from My Mum: When I was in teacher's college, I used to have to wear court shoes but they were too hard to drive in so I used to have a pair of driving shoes. One day I didn't notice but I was wearing one of my driving shoes and one of my court shoes for half of the day. I didn't even notice!

Explanation: It's funny because Mum was silly and didn't notice that she had two different shoes on.

My Family's funny eBook - by E.P. (5D)

Question: 'What is easy to get into but hard to get out of?'

Answer: Trouble

- From My Sister

Funny family sayings: "Don't get your knickers caught up in a knot" - From My Mum

"Listen before you speak" - From My Dad

Our Aussie Jokes

Laughs from our States -by CT, MP and AF

Question: What did Canberra say to Sydney?

Answer: I own more money than you.

Explanatory Notes: Canberra is the capital of Australia and owns the Mint where all the Australian money is made. Sydney is the capital of the state of New South Wales.

The Two Thongs - by CT, MP and AF

Question: What did one thong say to the other thong?

Answer: You're my twin.

Explanatory Notes: A thong is a rubber slip on shoe Aussie kids like to wear in summer.

The Koala - by JD and DM

Question: Why did the koala fall out of the tree?

Answer: Because he was sleeping.

Explanatory Notes: Koalas are an Australian native animal which live in gum trees.

The Silly Aussie Man - by EM and AJ

Question: Why did the silly Aussie man get fired from the Banana Factory?

Answer: Because he threw out all the bent ones.

Explanatory Notes: Bananas are a fruit that grow in Australia. Most Australian bananas are curved. A banana factory packs the bananas grown on the plantation ready for the markets.

The Skeleton - by EM and AJ

Question: Why didn't the skeleton go to the Aussie Barbeque?

Answer: Because he had nobody to go with.

Explanatory Notes: Barbeque – an outdoor Aussie meal cooked on an open fire or stove. When Aussies go to a barbeque they meet up with family and friends.

Our Mate - By PZ and LP

Question: What did the man say after he swallowed the frog?

Answer: Croakey mate!

Explanatory Notes: ‘Crikey mate’ - an Australian slang term used when something is unbelievable.

The Kangaroo - By CP and JJ

Question: What do you get when you cross a wall with a kangaroo?

Answer: A wallaroo

Explanatory Notes: A kangaroo is a native Australian animal. A wallaroo looks like a kangaroo but it is smaller.

The Hungry Kookaburra - By CP and JJ

Question: What does a kookaburra say when he is hungry?

Answer: Kook-a-tucker

Explanatory Notes: A Kookaburra is a native Australian bird. Tucker is slang for a meal in the Australian outback.

Koala Up a Gum Tree - By AD and TG

Question: Why did the koala blow bubbles?

Answer: Because he ate gum leaves

Explanatory Notes: A koala is an Australian native animal that lives in gum trees. Gum trees or eucalypt trees grow all over Australia.

Come and See My Place!

We have written letters inviting the email GiggleCritter to visit us!

Dear Email Giggle Critter,

I would like to take you to Nelson Bay. My family and I go there all the time!!! It is in Australia. I really would like you to come to this beautiful place. There are some delicious foods such as: pavlova which is a desert that is meringue with fruit on top, there is vegemite which is a type of spread that you put on bread, we also have marmalade which is another spread and much more.

Now back to the main point Nelson Bay, our unit is pretty much right in front of the so called Little Beach which is great for just going for some laps up and down the beach because there are hardly any waves!!! But then there is Shoal Bay which is just a little bike ride away!!! Now this beach has BIG waves. But you have heaps and heaps of fun!!!

Now, I will tell you a little story. My Dad taught me how to ride my bike at Nelson Bay the same as my brother and sister!!! It's great for bikes because it has a lot of footpaths that you can ride your bikes on!!! It is also very convenient because there is a corner

shop just past the Little Beach!!! I love Nelson Bay and if you're a beach type of person you will love it!!! If you come with me in the New Year you can come for a walk down to ANOTHER beach and you can see some FIREWORKS!!!! They are superb!!!! Love from your soon to be friend E.S. (5D)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

Come on holidays with me to the Gold Coast. I love the Gold Coast. We can go to Sea World and see all the cool exhibitions like the sting rays, you can touch them and feed them. I think it is cool but I have never done it before. We can go on the Viking ride where you go up a big ramp on a small Viking ship then you go through a castle and suddenly you go down a big ramp really fast and you stop in a big splash.

Then we can go to Movie World and we can go on the road runner coaster. After that we can go on the spooooooooky skooby coaster and we can go on a whole lot more rides. Finally we can go to Wet n' Wild and go on everything! My favourite is the side winder. From A. D. (5D)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

I would like you to come to Australia and have a good old Aussie time! I would like to take you on holiday to the amazing colourful Great Barrier Reef! You could see reef sharks but luckily they don't eat humans or Gigglecritters. You can also see turtles, coral, dolphins and wonderful fish.

We could stay on a boat and have a Barbie. On the Barbie there would be Kangaroo and for dessert, Pavlova! We would wear thongs on our feet and run back home! You would love to have a holiday with me! By J. J. (5D)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

I am inviting you to come to Australia, we can go to Nelson Bay together and go fishing and eat yummy pavlova. We could also play beach sports.

We can find octopus and play cricket. We can also hang out in the unit and eat fish and chips. We can play in the pool and when we're cold we can go in the spa.

In Nelson Bay we can go to the shops and buy new toys, clothes, food and fishing gear. If you are in the right spot you can catch massive fish. I hope you can come. From D.M.
(5D)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

I want you to come to Australia and visit me because I will take you on a holiday to Uluru one of the most famous landmarks in Australia. Uluru is a large red rock that is also known as Ayers Rock. It is located in the Northern Territory and is in the heart of Australia.

I want you to come because I want to show you our wonderful country, which is Australia. If you come I hope you will enjoy your stay with me and will have a great, fantastic, wonderful and an adventurous stay.

Looking forward to you coming! Yours sincerely, A.J (5D)

Dear Email Giggle Critter,

Hey, how are you going this week? It will soon be my school holidays and also Christmas is coming up!!!! I would love it if you came to visit me in my home and we could go to Jamberoo together with my family. Jamberoo is the most fantastic place you can go to. There are water slides and beaches. I would love it if you could come and visit us in our house and we could drive there.

Our house is a nice quiet place and my best friend lives close by and we could swing by and see her. I hope you can come. We could have hot dogs for lunch (they are sausages in a bun with tomato sauce) and lots more, so don't miss out. Come and visit and have fun with me and my family and of course my best friend. You might be able to come into my house and see my beautiful pussy cats. They are lovely and they never bite. I have a brother and his name is J. He is so nice, kind and funny. I hope you can come and spend time with me. Love from your new friend L.G. (5D)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

Would you like to see what an usual weekend with the K family in Castle Hill, Australia is like? If so, here's an idea for you. Come and spend the weekend with us.

We will have barbeques, go to the park, go to cinemas, play sport, watch movies and meet with family and friends. If it is in summer or it's a hot day we could go swimming in our pool, we could show you around Castle hill or surrounds which you'd find is very exciting and we could even venture into the city of Sydney or visit the Blue Mountains. I hope you'd see how great the K family's weekend can be. By P.K. (5D)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

Why don't you come to our school, have a look round and have a great day at school with me? The best day is any day but on the weekend? I like Thursday because it is nearly the end of the week and I have swimming!!

I really enjoy the GiggleIT Project. I love the gigglecritters, every single one because they are so funny and they look so cool!! You are my 5th best one, Email Gigglecritter. I like the times we get to see all of the gigglecritters!

If you come to school we could follow the normal timetable which is really good anyway. You could meet all my teachers. My best subject is science enrichment. I know you would enjoy that! By K.J. (5D)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

I would like to invite you to my house for an Aussie meal. I think we will have a lot of fun together. We will have some snags (sausages) and salad and then for dessert we will have some lamingtons and ice-cream!

I do not care what we have but we have to have an Aussie dinner on the BBQ. We will have some veggies and some bacon and egg sandwiches with my family. We can go in the pool at my house and have a lot of fun. We can also play fun games together and talk to each other, tell jokes and funny stories to each other.

Hope we have a lot of fun together. Can't wait to see you! From M.P (5D)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

I would like to invite you to my house for the weekend because I think that you would enjoy what I'm planning to do with you.

Firstly we will have an Aussie BBQ and will cook yummy snags (sausages), bacon and eggs. Then for dessert we will have a Pavlova with yummy lamingtons on the side. After

that nice Aussie BBQ dinner you won't want to leave. The next day we will go for a swim and enjoy the acquaintance of my elder sister. We will enjoy the nice, cool, relaxation of the water by our side.

I think that if you come to my house you will have lots of fun. I hope you choose to come to my house because I have planned a lot of Aussie activities. I hope we will enjoy ourselves and have lots of fun. From C.T. (5D)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

Hello there, would you like to join me for the weekend? Here are the things you could do with the G family from Castle Hill, Sydney, and NSW! We will go fishing, paintballing and barbequing. We will go to Laser Tag too! We can go to the computer shop and I will buy you an Australian computer! We will play tennis and consoles all day! We can go to Arcade Central, I know you will like that and to the movies.

So I hope you have made up your mind that you will stay with the G family! From M.G. (5D)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

I am leaving in a few weeks for the Christmas holidays and I would love it if you could come with me and my family. I will be going to the Gold Coast. That is located at the top of Australia. It has the most divine beaches and some of the best experiences you can experience in Australia. We will be going for 2 weeks.

If you decide not to come you will be missing out on a lot of great things. You will miss out on the Aussie barbeques and the snags which is an Aussie slang word for sausages. You will also be missing out on all the superb beaches. For desserts you will miss out on the delicious Aussie Pavlova.

At the gold coast there are five awesome theme parks. They are called: WET 'N' WILD, DREAMWORLD, SEA WORLD, and MOVIE WORLD AND WHITE WATER WORLD. Every time I go to the Gold Coast I go to at least one of these superb theme parks. Some of them are water parks but some of them are just normal parks. SEA WORLD is a normal park but it is also an animal park as well.

I really hope you can come with me to the Gold Coast with me. From A.F. (5D)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

I would like to invite you to my house for dinner to enjoy an Aussie meal. We could have snags on the BBQ and salad and for dessert, some lamingtons and ice cream!

Anything would be fine with me, as long as you enjoy it. There are many other options too. We could have bacon, eggs, and some freshly grown fruit and vegies out of my veggie garden.

We'll have lots of fun at dinner too! We can tell jokes, play a board game or even watch a movie while we do all those things!

I really hope you can make it because we'll have lots of fun. From your friend, E.M.
(5D)

Our Class - 5W (2010)



5W at William Clarke College is called 5W because our teacher's surname starts with W. We really like her. We have 23 students in our class. 5W's favourite foods are fairy floss, chocolate and cheese. Our favourite sports are soccer, netball, swimming and tennis. 5W is a great class but we are a very unusual class because we all like different things. It is a great place to interact with others. We have different subjects but our teacher always makes things fun and exciting.

Our Projects

Our Aussie Jokes

The Crocodile - by JB and GM

Question: What do you get when you cross a crocodile with a computer?

Answer: Lots of bytes!

Explanatory Notes: Crocodiles live in Australian waters and they bite. Ha ha ha ha!

The Book Joke - by TH and DP

Question: Who wrote the book, 'Falling from a Height'?

Answer: Eileen Toofar

Explanatory Notes: If you lean too far then you will fall.

The Echidna - by AP and LD-P

Question: Why was the echidna spiky?

Answer: Because it had rolled it a thorn bush

Explanatory Notes: Echidnas are Australian native animals with lots of spines.

The Meat Patty - By DM and BM

Question: What did the Australian butcher say to introduce his wife?

Answer: Meet Patty

Explanatory Notes: A meat patty is a round piece of mince cooked on the barbeque and often used in a hamburger.

Cockatoos - by MR and DT

Question: Why are cockatoos good at tennis?

Answer: Because they make a big racket

Explanatory Notes: A racket is Aussie for a big noise. A racket is also used in tennis to hit the ball. Cockatoos are Australian birds that make a lot of noise.

The Soccer Joke - By RE and DW

Question: Why did the Soccer players get all sweaty?

Answer: Because they had no fans!

Explanatory Notes: In Australia we call football, soccer. Fans keep people cool. Fans are also the name given to people who support a football team.

Aussie Acrostics

Here are some acrostic poems that we have written about our country, Australia. We are proud to be Australian. We hope you enjoy reading about our place in the world.

Australia – by AF (5W)

Australian information!!!!

Unique

Special to me

Tennis is a true sport here!

Right in the centre of Oceania

Amazing

Lovely life no matter the weather

Interesting for people who have never been here before

Absolutely feels like home!!!!

Australia - by KV (5W)

Australia has awesome formations
Under the ocean and on land
Summer beaches all year round
Tall skyscrapers in almost every state
Really good waves for all surfers
Amazing animals everywhere you look
Large zoos and beaches
Ice and snow in Canberra for skiers
Australia is one of the largest islands

My acrostic poem – by IT (5W)

Australia is awesome and cool
Under the equator we are colder
Sand and sea border Australia
The country is fair and just
Roaring waves are common things at the beach
Australia's schools are cool
Land is dry yet plentiful
Items of wealth are things to be treasured
Australia in total is a really awesome place!

Australia – by GM (5W)

Australia is awesome because it has
Uluru
Sandy beaches
Torrential rain
Rocking bands
Awesome people
Lots of letters in its name
Insects galore
Australia rocks!

Australia - by BM (5W)

Australia is
Underestimated
Sporty
Tennis loving
Rather brilliant
Awesome
Lovely
In a great time of specialty

And is the best spot in the world!!

Come and See My Place

We want Email GiggleCritter to visit us, so we wrote some letters:

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

I would love to invite you to come with me to Shelly Beach, Sydney, Australia so we can go diving or snorkelling. This is a really good dive site. I think you will love this dive because of all the sea life. Some of the things you may see are PJ sharks, crabs and weird animals you may not have seen before. After the dives we will go to SLAT where we can have some lunch like BLTs or sausages. - From K.V. (5W) (P.S hope you come!)

Salutations: Awesome Email Gigglecritter!

I invite you to an intergalactic awesome people convention. I will be your host. We are going to the Gold Coast to have 10 days of fun at all the theme parks. The parks are going to be closed on the day we go to them and at the end of the 10 days we will decide which is the best. At the theme park you will have all the junk food you can get bought by yours truly!!!!!! Sincerely: G.M. (5W)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

I invite you to come to my house for the weekend. We can play anything you want. We could go swimming, to the beach, go to the theme parks on the Gold Coast, snorkelling, have takeaway every night anything you want. You could come and watch me swim early Sunday morning. We'll have all of your favourite meals for breakfast, lunch and tea. We are going to have everything you want and have loads of fun. Yours truly A.H. (5W)

Salutations: Email Gigglecritter

I invite you to come to the Gold Coast with me for three weeks! We are going to have different types of dinner every night for example fish and chips, sausages and mash and meat. We are going to the theme parks every single day of the week.

P.S. I am awesome and so are you! By J. H. (5W)

Hi Email Gigglecritter,

How are you going? Would you like to come to my house for the weekend? We can go into Darling Harbour and have a nice BBQ lunch and afterwards we can also go to the Aquarium and the Wildlife World. We will probably go home and have a sleepover with C, B, D, J, E, E, and L at my place. I hope you can come and by the way BBQ means Barbeque. A. P. (5W)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

I am D. I would like to invite you to a holiday at the IMAX theatre to watch Shrek with me. It is going to be so exciting. I really cannot wait to see you at the Imax. When we get there what would you like to eat? What would you like to do after the movie? Warm Regards, D.T. (5W)

Dear Email Gigglecritter,

Just wondering if you would like to come over for dinner on Sunday? We will be having steak sandwiches and for dessert we will be having pavlova with summer fruits including watermelon and mango which I know are your favourites! My mum, dad, brother and friends B, L and A will be eating with us. We also might go for a swim in our pool. Hope you can come. Lots of love from your dear friend C. J. (5W)

Hi Email Gigglecritter,

This is B from William Clarke College. I would like to invite you to dinner at my house. We will be having traditional Australian barbeque. On the barbeque we are having garlic chops, sausages and chicken sticks. For dessert we are going to have fruit pavlova. Joining us for dinner will be my friends C, L, L and mum and dad. I hope you can join us for the best dinner of your life, you will totally be hypnotised as your tastebuds will be taken on a journey you will never expect. Lots of love From B.M. (5W)

Hi Email Gigglecritter,

This is L. I would like to invite you to Australia for the weekend. In Australia there are heaps of things to do we can have so much fun together. These are some things we can do: Go to the Australian open together.

Go to Dream World, Movie World, and Sea World

Go out and have sausages with mashed potato and have Pavlova for dessert (it's my favourite!!!!!!)

You can even try vegemite

I hope you can come; I would love it because I think you will have a great time in Australia. See you then. Bye, From A.F. (5W)

Our Class - 6B (2010)

We have an awesome class!

We have a nice teacher and we all get on well together. Some of the kids in our class are really funny and make you laugh a lot. 6B is a cool class to be in because our teacher makes it fun to learn so school is bearable.

We have fifteen boys and nine girls in our class. Our class is very sporty and everybody enjoys art a lot. This is probably because our teacher is an amazing artist. We are very creative and often have good ideas.

Some of us are loud and some of us are quiet but we are all friends. We love working together in groups and never argue. We are also good at encouraging other people.

This year we went on an excursion to the Goldfields at Hill End near Bathurst, west of Sydney. We had a great time panning for gold. 6B is the best class ever – 6B rocks!



Our Class - 6C (2010)

Life in 6C at William Clarke College is sometimes chaotic and we can often be noisy but the one thing we all like about our class is that everyone is so friendly.

There are lots of different subjects we do like Maths, Spelling, Art, Language, Drama, Christian Development, Story writing and Science. The Maths task centre and Science enrichment can be a real challenge. Some of us are very sporty and love doing PE and playing Sport. We like going to the Library because we get to read and borrow all kinds of books.

We also enjoy the interesting excursions and camps! Being in Year 6 is so much fun because we get to have the best Kindy buddies in the world and we do really fun stuff with them like drawing, writing and reading books to them. We think 6C is the best class ever and our teacher is so cool! Every day in 6C is fun!



Our Projects



Our Class - 6S (2010)

Our school is called William Clarke College and it is located in Kellyville. We walk to school or come by bus or car. William Clarke College is a Christian school. There are 1400 students who go to our school. They are between 5 years and 18 years old.

Our school is a very friendly place where it is easy to make new friends and have a good time. There are lots of open spaces where we can play sport and relax at lunchtime. We go on camps and interesting excursions.

If you want to have fun at school then 6S at William Clarke College is the class for you! We are the best! We love sport, computers, drama, science and even maths. We have the best teacher who is a bit of a ‘computer brain’ and can show us all sorts of interesting things. We really like working with our Kindy buddies.

At the moment we are helping them research information in the library about zoo animals. We are going to build a class zoo with them. We are having so much fun. In year 6 you get to go on interesting excursions and camps like to the Goldfields at Bathurst. Our class is made up of all kinds of characters and some of them are really funny. We are all good friends. Go,.6S!!



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Other registered schools – Oceania

Several schools registered to participate in the GiggleIT Project and submitted their GigggleCritic selections without student works:

Boyne Island State Primary School, Queensland, Australia



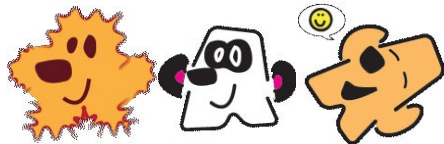
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East Maitland Public School, New South Wales, Australia



Genesis Christian College, Queensland, Australia



Normanhurst Public School, New South Wales, Australia



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