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Mayors' short story challenge

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Winners & Short Listed Stories

Mayors' Short Story Challenge

The Mayors' Short Story Challenge is a wonderful collaboration between the District Council of Yankalilla, City of Victor Harbor and Alexandrina Council celebrating creative writing. The challenge is held during term two each year for school aged children from reception to year ten. Each year the Mayors' Short Story Challenge gets bigger and better.

We would like to thank the Mayors, all the Principals, Teacher-Librarians, Teachers and Student Services Officers involved who encouraged their students to enter. This year the Yankalilla Library received 226 entries from across the District Council of Yankalilla region.

Most of all we thank the children and applaud their efforts in "having a go". They have delighted us with their creative and imaginative writing skills. Without their support the Mayors' Short Story Challenge would not have been successful.

District Council of Yankalilla Section Winners

Reception - Year 2

Lucy Almering, Rapid Bay Primary School
'The Three Kittens'

Years 3- 4

Queenie Hunt, Yankalilla Area School
'Millie and the lightening on the run'

Years 5 - 7

Addi McArdle, Rapid Bay Primary School
'Leaf Hat'

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Winning stories can also be viewed on the website at www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au

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"SURPRISE!!!" yelled Murphy's friends as they emerged from their hiding spots in the bushes and shrubs. They had not forgotten his birthday! Murphy recovered from the fright, relieved and excited to share his special day with his favourite creatures.

His friends had organised a special picnic birthday party in one of his favourite spots, a clearing deep in the forest. It was a grand event, colourful balloons and streamers galore, and the most delicious food imaginable. To top things off, there was a magnificent birthday cake coloured with lots of bird seeds and tasty frosting. It was perfect, Murphy thought.

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"Noooooooo!" Murphy cried, "My hat, it is gone!'

His friends tried to comfort him, but Murphy was devastated. He loved that hat. He was determined to find it so he spread his wings and flew into the forest to find it.

As Murphy, flew deep into the forest, his little heart began to beat so fast he though it would pop out of his chest. He heard all kinds of strange noises and

shadows moving, he was terrified. Murphy had to dodge branches, swoop past tall trees and avoid getting tangled in the spiderwebs that seemed to be everywhere.

Just as he was starting to lose hope, he met a family of squirrels who offered to help him find his hat. Encouraged by his new friends and their help, he persisted. He had to find his hat!

Finally, after what felt like hours of searching, his wings aching and he began to lose hope, he spotted something colourful in a tree as tall as a skyscraper. It was his hat! With a joyful chirp, Murphy flew up to the tree and carefully retrieved his birthday hat!

With his hat firmly back on his head, Murphy flew back to the party where his friends were waiting anxiously. They cheered and clapped as he landed, happy to see him back safe and sound.

The rest of the party was filled with laughter and fun. Murphy thought about all that had happened. It was the best birthday ever and I have the best friends a bird could have. After the party, he flew home exhausted and had the best sleep ever.

By Addi, RBPS, Year 5



Reception to Year 2

Category Winner

Lucy Almering, Year Reception
"The Three Kittens"
Rapid Bay Primary School

Shortlisted students

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"The Three Kittens"
Rapid Bay Primary School

Kobi Jones, Year One
"Myrtle 2 Saves the day"
Rapid Bay Primary School

David McLennan, Year Reception
"Paw Patrol at Rapid Bay"
Rapid Bay Primary School

Paisley Lane, Year Two
"Baby Puppies"
Yankalilla Area School

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The Three Kittens.

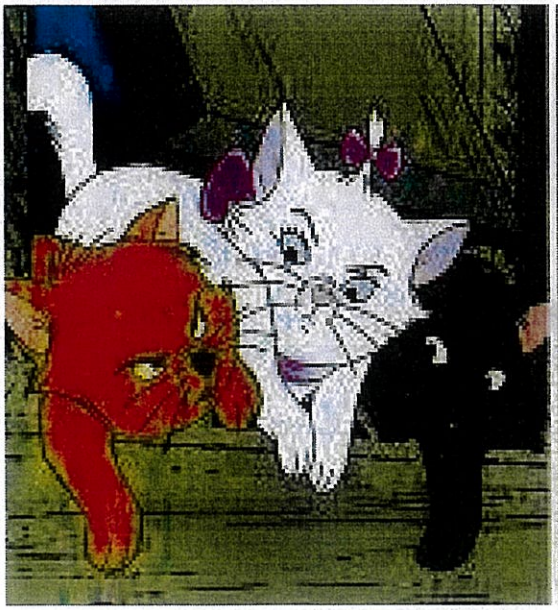
By Lucy from Rapid Bay Primary School

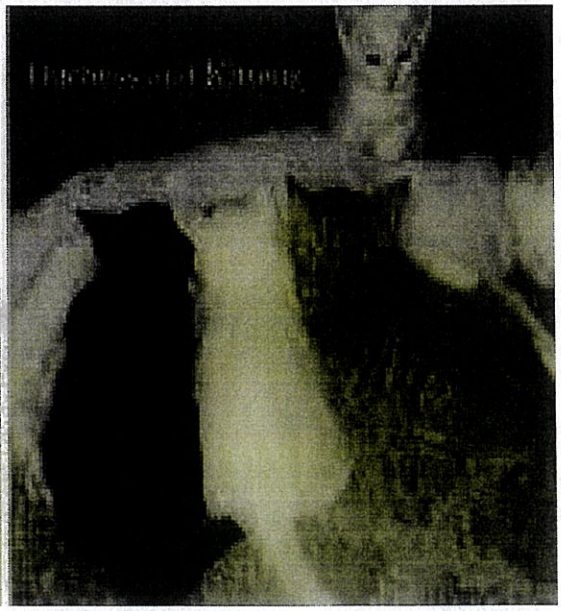
One day at the creek three little kittens were playing at their home when they decided to go exploring. They went down to rapid bay jetty and tried to go in the water but they couldn't swim.

That same day Lucy was going fishing for really big fish but then she saw three little kittens and she jumped in the water to save them.

She swam out to the old jetty to save them. When she rescued them, she took them back to the jetty and then she took them to the vet.

The vet gave them some warm milk and when they felt better, she took them back to their home and the mother cat was waiting for them. She was so happy to see them and thanked Lucy for being so brave. Lucy said you're welcome and she went home to drink chocolate milk and have a nap.





Myrtle 2 Saves the Day!

One day there was a cat named Myrtle 2. He had fluffy black and tan fur and he lived at Rapid Bay School, on top of the UP classroom.

Myrtle 2 liked to spend his days jumping out of the backyard and looking through the window. One sunny day Myrtle 2 was playing on the grass when he smelled smoke. Myrtle went to see what was happening he saw that the school was on fire!

"Oh no! I need to go get help" he thought to himself. He came up with a plan.

Myrtle 2 ran up the hill to the CFS shed. But he had a problem! He couldn't talk! He had to get their attention. Then he had an idea he quickly grabbed all of the fire fighters' wallets.

"Hey! That cat has stolen our wallets Get him!" yelled the chief. Myrtle 2 was to fast so they got in their truck. Myrtle2 ran back to the school the truck followed!

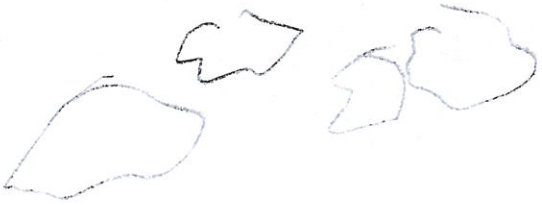
When they got to school, they saw the fire. They quickly got their hoses out and put the fire out!

The captain said! "That cat is a hero! He led us to the fire on purpose!"

Everyone cheered and the school was saved! Myrtle 2 was a hero!

By Kobi Jones

Year 2 Rapid Bay PS







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Paw Patrol at Rapid Bay

One sunny day at Rapid Bay there was a problem. There was a big fire at the school. Everyone was scared.

A boy called Davo knew what to do. He rang his friend called Ryder who was the boss of the Paw Patrol.

"Hi Ryder, there is a fire at Rapid Bay! We need the Paw Patrol"

Ryder got the pups together. There was Chase, Marshall, Rubble and Skye. Skye flew to Rapid Bay and the boys all drove really quickly.

When they got to Rapid Bay, Skye rescued all the school kids and took them to safety. Marshall, the red fire fighter truck, sprayed water on the fire. He kept going until the fire was all out!

Once the fire was all out, everyone was happy and the pups and the school kids all had a big party. Ryder and the pups said thanks to Davo for calling them to help.

After the party the pups and Ryder went home for a rest and the kids went back to school.

THE END

By David, 5, Rapid Bay PS



Paisley Lane

Baby puppies



by Paisley lane

this is a story about three little baby puppies and there mother Who was gone

Once upon a time there were three baby puppies called Sunny Stormy and Axel. They lived in a house that was made out of brick.



One morning they woke up and their mother was GONE. "were's mummy" asked Sunny. "oh my goodness" said Axel. "I want my mummy more than anything" said Stormy.



It was dark and scary in the house, they sat in silence. "she'll bring us toys and things that we enjoy" said Sunny. "I hope so" said Axel. "I want my mummy more than anything" said Stormy.



They sat and they thought. (all puppies think a lot) “I think you should all sit next to me” said Sunny. All three puppies supposed she got lost. “I want my mummy more than anything” said Stormy.



The baby puppies closed their eyes and wished their mum would come, AND SHE CAME! Soft and silence she swooped through the trees “mummy”, they cried and they danced and they were sooo happy. “WHATS ALL THE FUSS?” their mother asked, “you new i would come back” the baby's thought (all puppies think a lot).



"I knew you'd come back" said Sunny.
“and i knew it” said Axel.
“i love my mummy” said Stormy

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Years 3 to 4

Category winner

Queenie Hunt, Year Four
"Millie and the lightening on the run"
Yankalilla Area School

Shortlisted students

Queenie Hunt, Year Four
"Millie and the lightening on the run"
Yankalilla Area School

Olwyn Redenlinghuys, Year Three
"Inside the door"
Myponga Primary School

Charlee Carragher, Year Three
"Australian Outback"
Rapid Bay Primary School

Freija Davis, Year Three
"Lila And Amelia With Their Magical Treehouse"
Myponga Primary School

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Millie and Lightning on the run

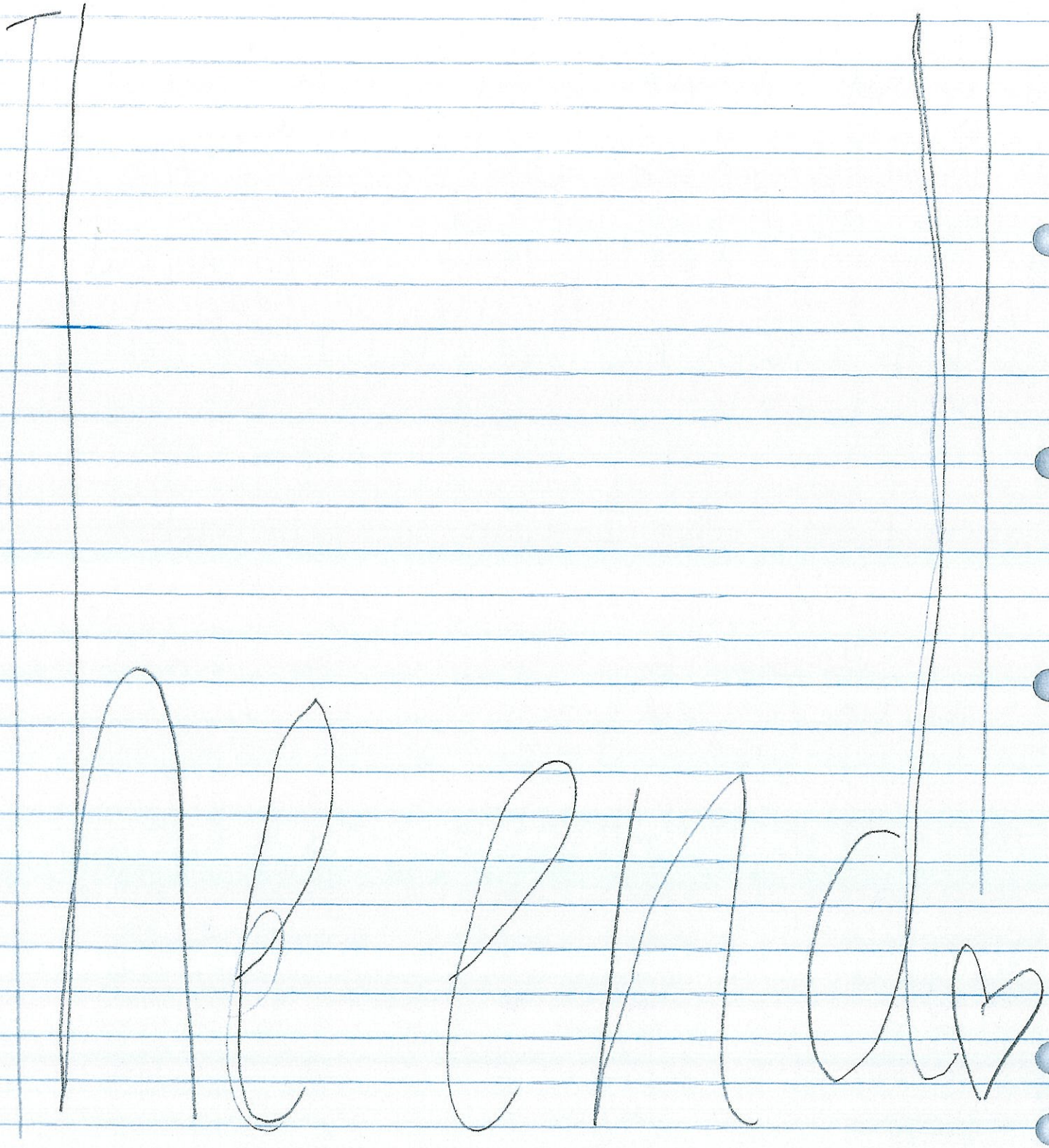
One day Millie's mum and dad couldn't afford to look after her and they sent her out to the forest to look after herself. Millie was scared she was only ten and had never been by herself for more than two hours before. She walked with heavy steps she was really tired so she decided to find a safe place to sleep for the night. Millie woke up to see some eyes looking at her, she realized the eyes belonged to a wolf! "Please don't eat me"! She screamed. "Eat you?" "Why would I eat you?" Asked the wolf. "Because you're a wolf and in the stories, I've read wolves eat little girls". "Well, I certainly don't eat little girls I only eat fish and plants". "My name is Lightning" said the wolf, "I am a weather wolf". "What's a weather wolf?" asked Millie. "A weather wolf is a wolf that can make a certain type of weather depending on the mark on their head I can make lightning". "After all that I forgot to ask you what your name is", Lighting said. "My name is Millie", said the little girl. "Millie, I need to tell you something". "What do you need to tell me?" asked Millie. "It's not safe here the other wolves do like eating kids". "Well, where can we go that's safe?" Millie asked. "I don't know, I'm already on the run from a wicked wolf called Shadow". "One time I was walking with my mum and dad and we came across this old ruin" Millie said "I think it was near here" so Millie and Lightning set off to find the old ruin. After about ten minutes they found it but they saw shadow was there asleep 😵 so, they tiptoed away until lightning said "see that tree over there it has a secret tunnel underneath it" "that's cool" Millie wisped so they went down the tunnel. When they were in the tunnel Millie tripped over something it was gold! So, Millie and lightning dug it up and Millie tied it to lightnings back with some vines. When they got to the end of the tunnel it was right behind Millie's house so they went in and gave Millie's mum and dad the gold and they said that they would adopt lightning as a pet because he kept their daughter safe! 😊

Queenie

Inside the Door

written By Winnee R

I wake up, my timers going of. I look out the window, it's dark. I look at the clock it's 3. I run over to Mum's bed, she's not there. I look all over the house. I can't find anyone. I walk all over the neighbourhood no one. I feel a cold tingle at the tip's of my finger's, it creap's up & up. I think I should probaly check school, I duno. I did anyway as I was walked the breeze started getting colder & colder. There was no one, But I could check the library for ledgends. "Hmmm!" I didn't now what to do. I went Back home, But when I opened the door, what in the world! I walked in, I was terrified, I was shaking all over. It was like a Galaxy world. The door slamed shut, I felt like I was going to cry. "so, let me get this straght, I am stuck inside my "house" that's a galaxy, well... uhh, I don't really now what it is!" I saw a flash Behind me, I started feel my heart Beating in my chest what was that! it walk into the light, OOOOOOwww! it's so cute! it's a little galaxy colored monkey. "I'm going to call you cosmo. I picked cosmo up, But as soon as I did several door's went flinging toward us, finaly a way out. I tried opening all of them, Nope locked "this is impossible! I peered threw the gap in the door, it was my room. I needed to get threw, But I didn't have the key, just then cosmo shaped his tail like a key. "yes great idea cosmo" I opened the door there it was my Room



Australian Outback

By Charlee

The animals were waiting to hop on the bus to the Tasmanian Devil stop, where they do tree planting. The animals are Laila the echidna, Charlie the blue tongue lizard, Indigo the dingo and Brock the wombat.

When they arrived, the echidna rolled out of the bus using her spikes to protect herself. The wombat tripped over the rubber rope and fell onto his back with his legs in the air. You should have seen him! He looked like a turtle upside down. The lizard couldn't work out how to unstrap himself with the seatbelt, and the dingo jumped over them all! What a disaster to the start of tree planting! The bus driver Natasha helped the lizard unclip his seatbelt so he could slide off the bus. Unfortunately, the lizard fell down the stairs of the bus and found himself caught up in his tail! The dingo helped the lizard untangle himself so he could move with the pack.

All animals are off the bus and walked over to the field to eat their fruit. After they ate their fruit, they geared up and then they got ready to tree plant. The echidna

found it tricky to put protective gear because of her spikes and the lizard didn't fit anything because it was too big! The pack made the decision to not wear any of the gear. They used shovels to dig the holes, put gels in the bottom and put the plant in. The cone was placed around the plants to protect them. Then, they moved to another area to continue to plant. They planted at-least 500 plants to help the environment. After all spaces were filled, they headed off to eat their recess and recharge with food.

We hopped on the bus and was going back to school camp. Natasha turned the key, and no sound came from the bus. We soon realised the bus broke down! All the animals got off the bus and started to stroll up the long, steep hill.

Finally, the animals made it safely to the school camp and were ready to settle in. When they arrived, they headed in to have some yummy lunch.







Lila And Amelia With Their Magical Treehouse

Sssssssshhhhhhhhhh. The heavy rain was gushing on the window of Lila's bedroom. Lila was listening to music in her room. She had a little sister. Her name was Amelia. This night there was lots of thunder and lightning, which Amelia doesn't like because it scares her. It was around dinner time and Amelia was downstairs watching television with Dad, while Mum was cooking chicken wraps for dinner. About half an hour later Mum yelled out, "Lila, come down stairs, we are having dinner!". Lila took her headphones off and she walked down stairs.

Lila walked to the dining room and sat down in her seat. Dad told Mum that the food was delicious, while Lila quietly ate her dinner. Amelia got straight into her food and smashed it. There was a huge mess! Lila finished her food and put her plate in the dishwasher. She grabbed her phone from the kitchen counter, sat on the couch and watched youtube. Mum asked, "are you ok Lila? You seem quiet tonight". Lila answered, "I am ok, just a bit tired". "Ok" replied Mum.

Amelia, Mum and Dad finished their food and Dad started watching television again. Mum started cleaning the kitchen and Amelia was playing games on her tablet. The house was very quiet for a bit until Amelia started screaming because she died in a game. Lila complained that Amelia was screaming, "it is not a big deal Amelia". Amelia got really angry and cried, "It took ages to get to that stage! THEN I DIED!!". Lila replied, "I don't really care, it's not a big deal, you can always do it again".

Amelia went silent and Lila could obviously tell that Amelia was fuming with anger because she had a very angry expression on her face. Dad laughed, "come on Amelia, it is not a big deal". Amelia gave Lila the bombastic side eye. Well, she tried to. Mum yelled "girls stop fighting over a really silly thing". Amelia shouted "she started it". Mum answered "you two please stop fighting". "fine" Lila shouted.

The house went quiet again. Mum yelled "bedtime". Lila answered "ok". Amelia screamed "NOOOOOOOOOO"!!. Lila walked to the kitchen and put her phone on charge, and walked upstairs. But Amelia would not get off her tablet. Amelia yelled "I WANT TO FINISH MY GAME!!!!!!!!!". Dad yelled "you can do it another day. Now go to bed!" Amelia dropped her tablet on the couch and went to her room.

Amelia and Lila got dressed in their pj's. Dad tucked Amelia in bed and Mum tucked Lila in bed, good night they both whispered. Lila had a bit of a hard time getting to sleep but on the other hand Amelia fell straight asleep. Do you wanna know why Lila can't get asleep? Because Amelia was SNORING THE WHOLE ENTIRE TIME!!!!!!!!!! But eventually Lila got to sleep.

Suddenly she woke up in a forest and she saw Amelia and they ran to each other. Amelia shouted "where are we?" Lila yelled "are we in a dream?" They started to walk around the mysterious forest. Suddenly Lila found a piece of paper. "It is a map," cried Amelia. "Let's follow it". So that's what they did, they followed it to a giant treehouse.

"WOW," Amelia yelled. "I wonder if there's anyone here"? asked Lila. They ran to the door of the mysterious treehouse. but Lila stopped at the door and she read a little note carved in the tree. The note said the home of Amelia and Lila Sky. Lila was amazed, Amelia was stunned. Suddenly Amelia dashed through the door and started to explore. Lila quietly walked through the door. As soon as she walked in there was a kitchen, a bathroom and two little bedrooms. Amelia was in one of the rooms that said Amelia's room on the door. Lila walked in Amelia's room and she saw Amelia rolling around on a fluffy carpet. "What are you doing"? Asked Lila. "What does it look like?", replied Amelia. After that Amelia got up and cried "it is my dream bedroom, go look in your room" Amelia instructed. So Lila did. She looked at the sign on the door that said Lila's bedroom. She opened the door and she saw inside her dream bedroom that she only saw in dreams. She would ask her parents to have it but they always exclaimed that it is too expensive. Lila was so excited she lay down on her new bed and was so happy, but when she heard a knock on the door she raced down stairs and opened the door. There was no one so she ran back to her room. Suddenly she woke up. She was in her bedroom in her normal house. She whispered, so it was all just a dream? She walked down stairs. she saw her Mum, Dad and Amelia there on the couch watching television. Mum asked "did you have a good sleep Lila?" "yes I had a great sleep" replied Lila. She sat on the couch with everyone else and watched tv.

Freija

Year 5 to Year 7

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Ayla Knigge, Year Five
"Millie The Magic Puppy"
Myponga Primary School

Lilly O'Brien, Year Six
"The Punishment"
Yankalilla Area School

Diesel Barry, Year Five
"Asparargus and the amazing portal gun"
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By Addi, RBPS, Year 5



Student 2

Mille The Magic Puppy

Once upon a time, in a cosy little cottage at the edge of a quiet village, there lived a small family consisting of a little girl named Lily, her mum, and their beloved dog, Millie. Millie was no ordinary dog; she was a fluffy bundle of joy with a twinkle in her eyes that always seemed a bit magical. Every day, Lily would take Millie on a short walk to the letterbox and back, a journey that both looked forward to, though it wasn't far.

One particularly eerie night, Lily was tucked in bed when she heard a strange sound coming from downstairs. It wasn't frightening, but it sounded like magic—soft chimes and gentle whispers. She sat up in bed, her heart racing. "N-no, it can't be," she whispered nervously to herself, trying to convince herself it was just her imagination. With a deep breath, she snuggled back under her blankets and eventually fell asleep.

The next morning, Lily woke up, had a quick breakfast, and eagerly took Millie for their usual walk. As they strolled along the garden path, she noticed something extraordinary—a tiny spark of magic flickered around Millie. Her eyes widened in amazement. Without wasting a second, she ran back inside to tell her mum.

"Mum! Mum! I saw something magical!" she exclaimed breathlessly.

Her mum, busy with morning chores, just smiled and said, "That's nice, dear," not taking her seriously. Lily frowned but decided she would gather proof. That night, she set up cameras around the house, determined to capture any magical occurrences.

As the house slept, Lily stayed up, watching the cameras from her tablet. Suddenly, there it was—a shimmer of light, and Millie was surrounded by a magical glow. Lily's eyes were glued to the screen as Millie began to transform. The little dog's form changed, and before Lily could gasp, the screen went black.

The next morning at school, Lily was still in shock. During lunch, she gathered her friends and told them everything. But they just giggled and shook their heads. "Lily, you have such an imagination," one of them said.

Determined to prove she wasn't making it up, Lily rushed home after school. She went straight to her mum and showed her the security camera footage. To her utter confusion, the footage was gone.

"What? But it was right here!" she exclaimed, feeling a mix of frustration and bewilderment.

That night, Lily was more determined than ever. She heard the familiar magical sound and crept out of bed. She woke her mum and together they tiptoed downstairs. To their astonishment, instead of finding Millie, they saw Lily's friend standing in the living room.

"Why are you here?" Lily asked, completely puzzled.

Her friend, looking just as confused, suddenly barked. Lily's eyes widened in realisation.

"Mum, I think Millie is magic!" she whispered. "She can shapeshift into other people and animals!"

Her mum stared in disbelief, but then her face lit up with excitement. "WOW, THAT'S AMAZING!" she exclaimed.

Lily giggled happily, relieved that her mum finally believed her. They watched in awe as Millie transformed back into her fluffy self, wagging her tail happily. From that day forward, Lily, her mum, and their magical dog Millie lived joyfully in their little cottage, always eager to see what other magical adventures awaited them.

THE END

Written by Ayla Knigge aged 9.

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The Punishment

please don't leave, I need you in my life" I said while tears ran down my face.

Me and Kiara have been best friends since I could remember, she's always been there for me and ive always been there for her. I never pictured anyone else to spend my life with, I knew I would always be happy as long as I'm with Kiara.

Kiara and I always hung out, all day every day. Each Wednesday after school I would always get to go to Kiara's house, it was always a blast, but sometimes Kiara's mum Sam, wasn't the greatest host, sometimes she would even try to make excuses so I couldn't come over, she say things like "Oh Kiara has homework" or "oh we are going out as a family" even though Kiara would say to me at school the next day that she was so bored and did nothing, plus we don't even get homework

Kiara and I are responsible kids, we don't like getting into trouble so we always tried to stay out of it, but sometimes we can get a bit chatty in class, so chatty that the teacher Mrs H made me stay in from class "Serena! Enough talking you're staying in from break!" Kiara did not like that, "what!? That's not fair she wasn't even doing anything" Kiara shouted across the class, "would you like to come and join us than?" "Sure, if that means I get to be with serena" we were both on the other sides of the classroom that break so we in fact did not get to be with each other.

That teacher also ended up calling our parents, we thought she was just bluffing when she said that so when we got home it was definitely the worse surprise ever. I explained the story to my parents and Kiara did the same, I thought my punishment was bad until Kiara told me hers the next day at school. "Serena, I'm really sorry but my mum said I can't hangout with you anymore" I couldn't tell if she was joking or not, until she burst into tears. "What why? That doesn't make any sense" I said as I felt my eyes filling up with tears, "I'm so sorry serena, she said you were a bad influence on me and that I need mature friends" "but I am mature! I've never made a bad influence on you or anyone ever! I don't understand" "I'm sorry." Kiara said as she turned around and walked away. I was in a complete state of shock, I couldn't believe it, why would her mum do this? I stayed a lot calmer than I would have thought, I guess I thought that it would have been over in a day, I didn't think Kiara could ever commit to this. later that day when we were passing in the farm I smiled and waved "hey Kiara!" she looked over than immediately turned back to some other girls. I kept telling myself she didn't hear me, and it was just a coincidence. When the bell went for home time, I ran to Kiara's class so I could walk with her, but she had already left, I tried to ignore it and went home.

I started to realise it was real, me and Kiara will never be together ever again. As the weeks went on it felt like torture, I didn't have my best friend to talk to. Kiara must have felt the same way, we both became very sad and lonely, and it was hard to think about anything else.

My mum became very worried as I couldn't do my schoolwork or even eat my meals properly. She decided to call Kiara's mum, who admitted she was also worried about Kiara and perhaps she had made a mistake and the punishment was too harsh.

The next day I was so happy to see Kiara running towards me "its over! The punishment is all over!" it finally happened even though I thought it never would. But it did! Me and Kiara were back together better than ever, and I was so happy, I could be with her and finally go back to our lives.

Diesel Barry

Student 9

Asparagus And The Amazing Portal Gun.

One morning, Something incredible happened - it Started raining ice cream! Chocolate, Vanilla, Strawberry and every flavour you could imagine fell from the sky. High above, in a flying purple cube, lived a green alien named Asparagus. Asparagus was enjoying a mint-chocolate-chip Shower when he decided it was the perfect day for a walk.

As he floated down to the ground, Asparagus Spotted a strange, glowing object. Curious as ever, he walked up to it and found a portal gu with a purple handle, green body, black tip and blocks Scope. With a mixture of excitement and caution, he picked it up and pointed it at his flying cube. Zap! a portal opened, and he was instantly back home. Asparagus was amazed by what had just happened and promised himself to use the gun for good.

The next day, Asparagus woke up, brushed his teeth, had a shower and got dressed. He was ready for a adventure. Stepping outside, he named the portal gun Barry. With Barry in hand, Asparagus travelled t Egypt, California, Western Australia, New ~~South~~ South Wales and Queensland.

After all his travelling, he was exhausted and went strait to bed.

The following morning, Asparagus followed his usual routine. As he stepped outside, he saw ~~Someo~~ Someone getting robbed. Without hesitation, he rushed down to help. It was indeed a robbery, and the thief was escaping with a bag full of money and Something important. Asparagus knew he had to act fast.

First, he teleported in front of the robber, then shot a portal behind him, creating a loop that trapped the thief. Asparagus reached in grabbed the bag, and handed it back to the rightful owner. The town cheered for his bravery, and Asparagus became known for his heroic deeds.

That evening, Asparagus ~~qui~~ decided to have a movie night. He used Barry to pop to the shop for some ~~snakes~~ snacks. But when he used Barry to get home, Something went wrong. He found himself in the Ender Dimension, facing an enormous Ender Dragon!

With no wepons, Asparagus quikly crafted a ~~Swo~~ Sword, ~~shield~~ shield, mace and bow and ~~arr~~ arrow

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from End Stone. He used the bow to signal his presence, then hid and waited for the dragon to perch. When it did, he sprang into action. Stabbing the dragon multiple times in the body and then in the eye, blinding it. With ten more powerful jabs of his mace, the dragon was defeated.

Suddenly, Asparagus was back in his flying cube. He disintegrated the portal gun with his built in lava ~~dispenser~~ dispenser, deciding it was two dangerous to keep. He went about his day, feeling proud of his adventure, until - THUD! A falling ice cream truck hit him and that was the end of Asparagus. The End



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JJ'S BOOK OF ANIMALS



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This is a Cat.

The cat is brown and white.

A male cat is called a Tom.

A female cat is called a Molly.

A baby cat is called a Kitten.

A group is called a Clowder.



This is a Horse.

They have a mane for their hair.

A male horse is called Stallion.

A female horse is called a Mare.

A baby horse is called a Foal.

A group of horses is called Herd.



This is a Cow.

The cow is has black and white fur.

A male cow is called a Bull.

A female cow is called a Heifer.

A baby cow is called a Calf.

A group of cows is called a Herd.



This is a Dog.

He has brown and white fur.

A male dog is called a Stud.

A female dog is called a Bitch.

A baby dog is a Puppy.

Dog groups are called Packs.



This is a Pig.

I am pink.

A male pig is called a Boar.

A female pig is called a Sow.

A baby pig is called a Piglet.

A group of pigs is called a Passel.



These are Sheep.

They have wool for fur.

A male sheep is called a Ram.

A female sheep is called an Ewe.

A baby sheep is called a Lamb.

A group of sheep is called Flock.