



THE RAINBOW REPORTER

**A Carson Street School
Newsletter, written by
the students, for the
students**

With a whole semester behind us, I think we are ready for a cosy Winter holiday, staying in PJs all day, watching movies, with maybe the odd trip to the park to splash in puddles!! This issue of the Rainbow Reporter will be a great read for one of those rainy days.

Our friends in Banksia and Wattle classes have put together a brilliant edition of the Reporter, with plenty of fun activity ideas, and another amazing interview with someone who inspires us. This person is a famous author and illustrator and everyone will be familiar with some of his work.

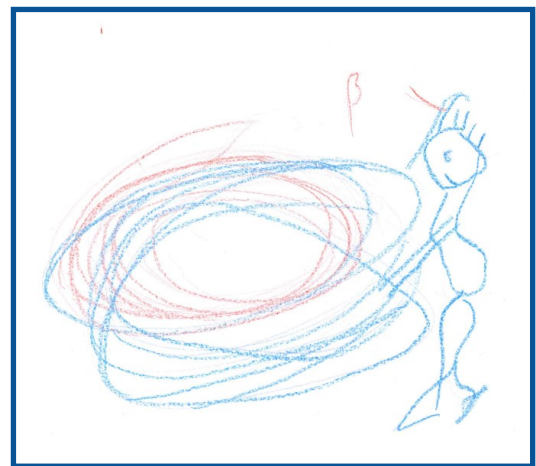
You will see the theme of illustrating throughout this edition; drawing is a great way to express ourselves and to relax. We hope the pages ahead inspire you to pick up some pens and paper at home and get drawing. I know I will be!

Thanks to our super Reporters for all your hard work. Happy holidays everyone!

Fun In The Playground

We are very lucky to have some fantastic places to play in our school. Michael and Tykeem have their favourite pieces of play equipment that they think you should try...just make sure they get plenty of time to play with them too!!

I like the Merry go Round. It makes me feel happy because it is quiet and I feel excited because it is fast!



Michael's illustration of him pushing the merry go round.



The swing is fast in the playground. I like to have a turn.

My Dream Garden

Christopher wants a garden for his birthday. He looked through some gardening magazines and has designed his own garden, using the plants and flowers that he likes. I'm sure you will agree that it is definitely worthy of a place at a flower show.



My garden is cool. I have trees and a clothes line. I will have seeds. I like the brick walls.



My Favourite Instrument

Eliana loves music and after exploring the music room she chose the castanets as her favourite instrument.



Why do you like the castanets Eliana?

“They are orange. They would be good in an orchestra! They would be loud in a bathroom or even on a ship!”

Do you have a favourite instrument? Use your AAC to tell Mr S next time you have music and you might be able to play it in a class orchestra or test out its loudness in the bathroom!



Meet My Friends!



Carlos' favourite part of the day is hanging out with some of his favourite people. He wants to tell you all about them.

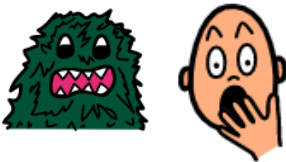


This is Shelby.

Shelby is sad when Tykeem is not here. I like to have lunch with her. We eat nuggets.

She says "Oh No!!" when she sees a monster.

Shelby helps.

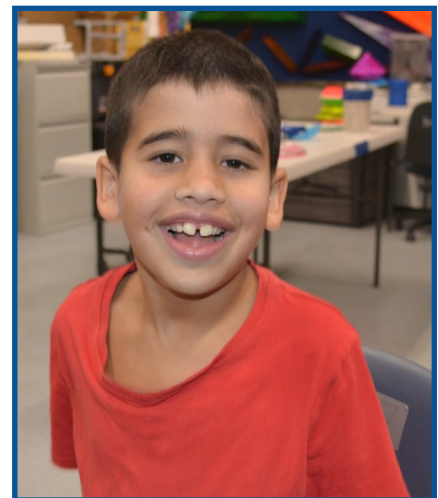


This is Tykeem.

Tykeem is funny.

He is going to be a firefighter tomorrow, with water.

Tykeem is going to wear yellow and I am going to wear green and we are going to the playground and beach together.



Meet My Friends!



This is Simba.

Simba is funny!

Simba is a boy.

Simba is in my class.

Simba likes cats.

We read stories together.



This is Deb.

Deb is mad!

Deb is a girl.

She has showers and does the ironing.

She closes the doors.

She wears goggles when she is swimming.

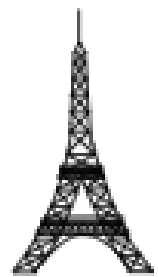


If you have a special person in your class, you should tell them all the things you like about them. They will feel great because you have been nice, and you will feel great for making them happy!

Be Kind To Others!

Shelby In The Hotseat

Jamie decided that he would like to interview Shelby for the Reporter. Shelby is an EA in Wattle class and Jamie wanted to know a bit more about her. Asking questions is a great way to make new friends.



Do you like chocolate cake?

I love chocolate cake! I like to make it too. I also like chocolate biscuits. Chocolate chip biscuits are my favourite!

For my birthday I went bowling and won a prize! What did you do for your birthday?

I went to Paris!! I went to the Eiffel Tower and climbed up lots of steps. It was very high and I was a bit scared.

Have you got a puppy?

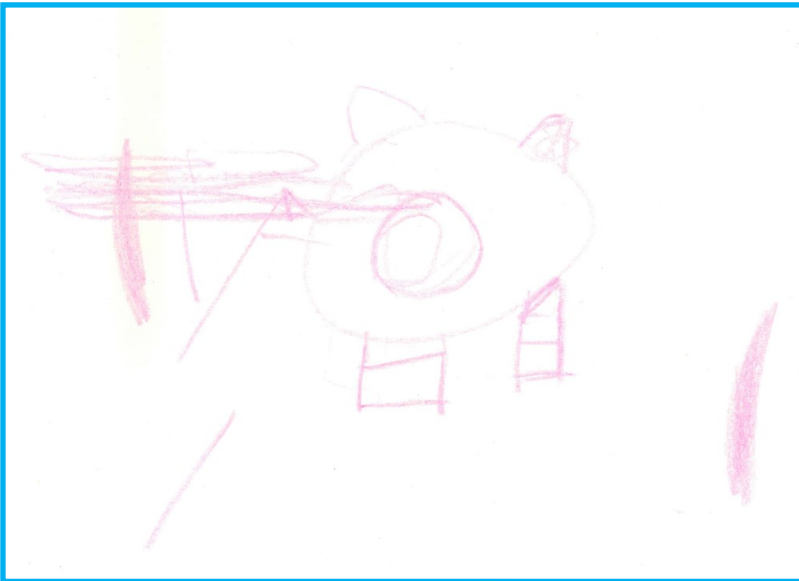
I have a big dog called Hugo.

Can you ride a bike?

I can...but last time I rode I fell off!! I haven't been on since!

Fun At The Farm

Avani and E both love the farm, especially the animals. They wanted to use the Reporter to share their favourite animals with you. What farm animals do you like the best?



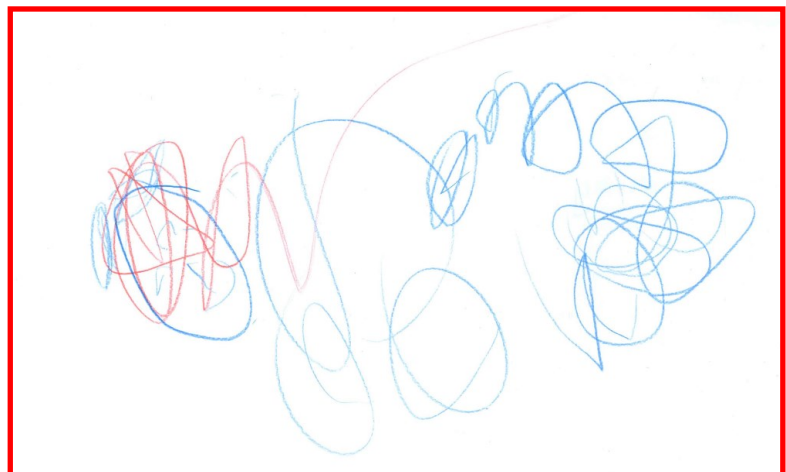
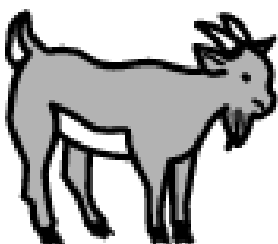
Avani loves pigs!

"I want to feed the pigs!
I would give them a sandwich and some soup."



E likes goats the best.

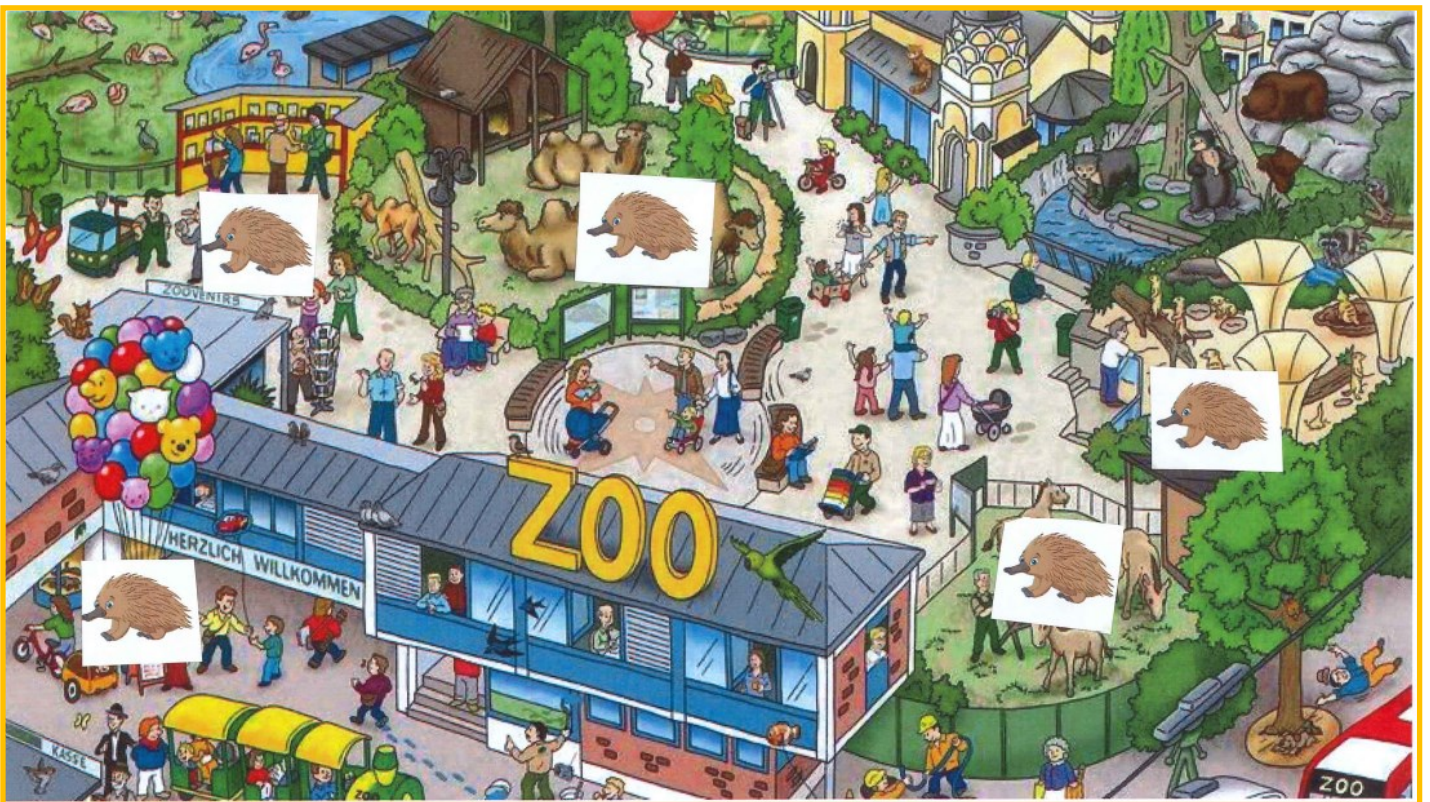
"Goats are clever. They are ok and pretty.
They are also stinky!"



Where's the Echidna?

Isabella recently went on a trip to the zoo and asked "Where was the echidna at the zoo?" She decided to turn that idea into a game for you to play.

She has hidden five echidna's in this picture. Can you find them all?



Our Future Handyman

Simba wanted to learn more about using tools. After some practice with some small hammers and a cork board, Aiden, our handyman, thought Simba was ready to try the real thing!

Simba helped Aiden by hammering nails into a plank of wood. Using two hands to hold the hammer and keeping his eye on the nails, Simba did an amazing job! And what did he think of it all?

“It was so cool!! I liked it!!”



We're very sad that Aiden is leaving us soon, but it looks like he has been training up an apprentice to take over. Great work Simba and thank you Aiden for all your help.

Anyone for enchiladas?

Fletcher used his AAC device to ask to make enchiladas. Yum!

He got an enchilada kit from the supermarket and used chicken, capsicum, zucchini and cheese inside his wraps, before cooking them in the oven.

Fletcher said "Yes!" when asked if he had fun cooking his meal and a big, loud, "yeah yeah!" to loving the smell... we all loved the smell too Fletcher!



Interview with...

This term we took part in National Simultaneous Storytime, reading the book 'The Speedy Sloth' by Rebecca Young. The Student Council developed a fun board game for everyone to play, where the students could take part in the race just like Spike the Sloth, but with some crazy things happening along the way, as chosen by the councillors.

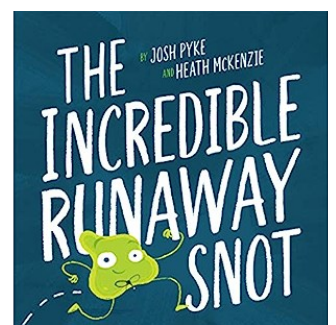
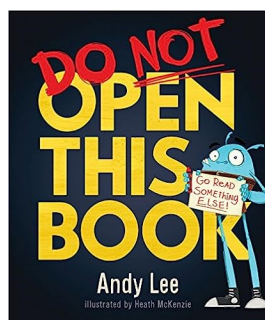
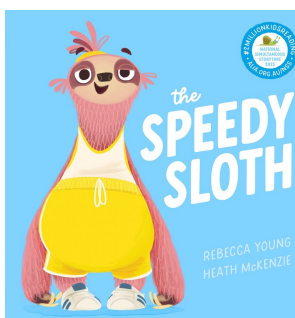
Books are great for reading and listening to, but what makes books even more exciting and interesting are the illustrations...those are the pictures you see on the pages. The illustrator of the Speedy Sloth is Heath McKenzie and he has written and illustrated so many books that we know and love. Heath was very excited to be interviewed by the Wattle and Banksia reporters and said that their questions were a lot more interesting than the questions he usually gets asked.

So here is our interview with Heath McKenzie. Thank you Heath for your time and your fantastic answers that made us all smile.

Our Speedy Sloth inspired board game.



Just a few of Heath McKenzie's books:



Interview with...Heath McKenzie

Do you love your family? Mia– aged 9

Yes I love my family very much! I have a wonderful wife and two fabulous kids, a daughter aged 10 and a son aged 8. They're all very talented, funny and caring.



What do you eat for breakfast? Eliana– aged 8

During the week I have muesli with a little milk, yoghurt and honey. On the weekends I have two slices of toast, one with Vegemite and butter and the other with peanut butter (crunchy) and a cup of tea.

What is your favourite story?

Fletcher– aged 9

That's a tough one. As a kid I remember loving 'My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes', 'Bottersnikes and Gumbles' and 'The Magic Pudding'!

Do you have a sore on your hand? Simba, aged 5

Not at the moment, no.

What pills do you take for diarrhoea? What's happening with the Rabbitoh's? Christopher– aged 7

I think the best treatment for diarrhoea would be to keep the fluids up, drink plenty of water, some hydrolyte for sure! Though probably pop along to the doctor if it doesn't go away in a few days!

As for the Rabbitohs, I'm afraid I can't help! I'm an AFL fan here in Melbourne.

Interview with...Heath McKenzie

Do you think cows are funny?

Avani– aged 8

Sometimes! They're very gentle and lovely too!

What is your favourite bus?

Tykeem—aged 7

*McKenzie buses are my favourite (I think you can guess why!)
Second favourite, double decker.*

What did you have for lunch when you were at school? Carlos, aged 7

My Mum usually made us a sandwich (could be salad or cheese and Vegemite usually), with a slice of cake or some biscuits and a piece of fruit. And a juice box. This was back in the 80s– these days I'd have a water bottle.

What do you think is funny?

Elizabeth-aged 11

Lot's of things! Though I always find funny cat videos funny!

What is your favourite animal?

Emilie– aged 11

I love elephants!

Do you like to splash in the sea?

E– aged 11

When the temperature's right, I absolutely do love to splash in the sea!

What present are you going to give me for my birthday?

Isabella– aged 10

Happy thoughts and best wishes.

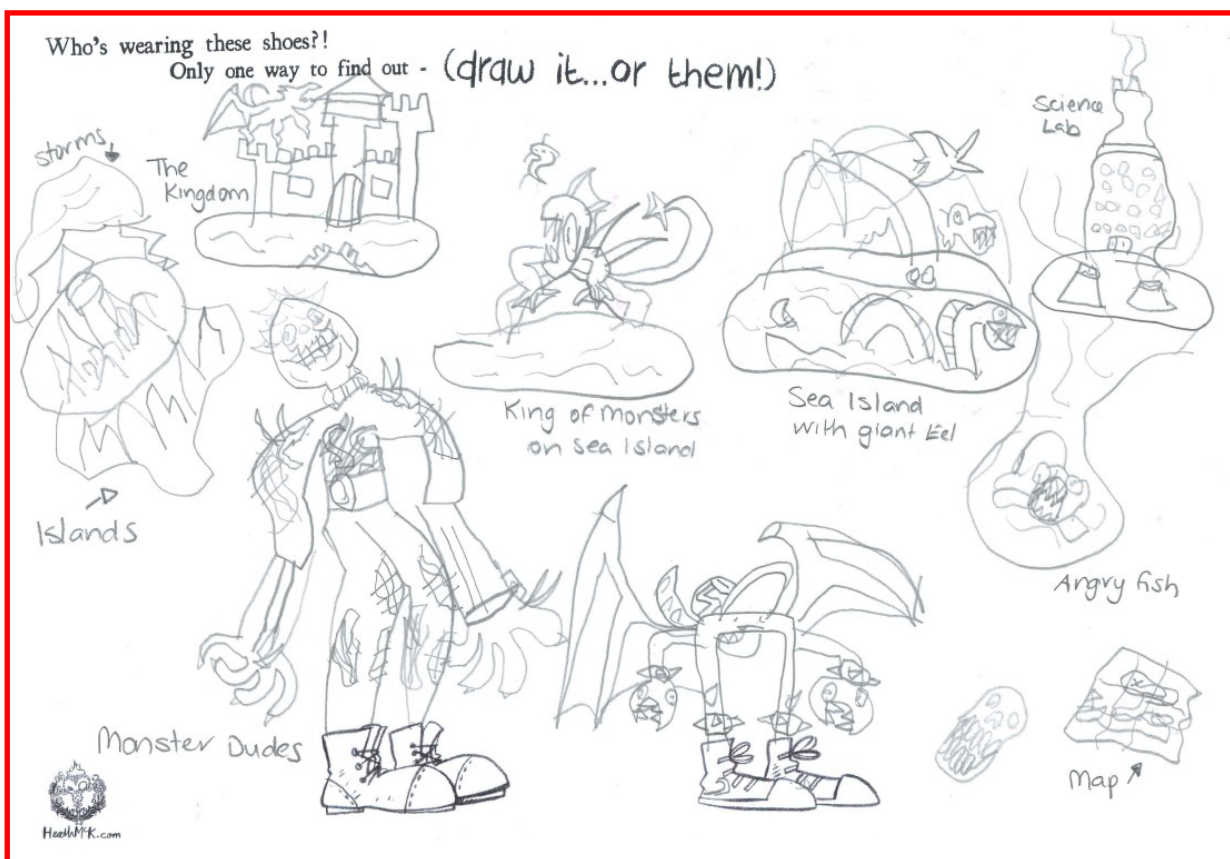
What is your favourite time of day? Michael– aged 10

I like different times for different reasons but I'll say dusk! That's when the sun is setting so the sky is all colourful.

We Can Be Illustrators Too

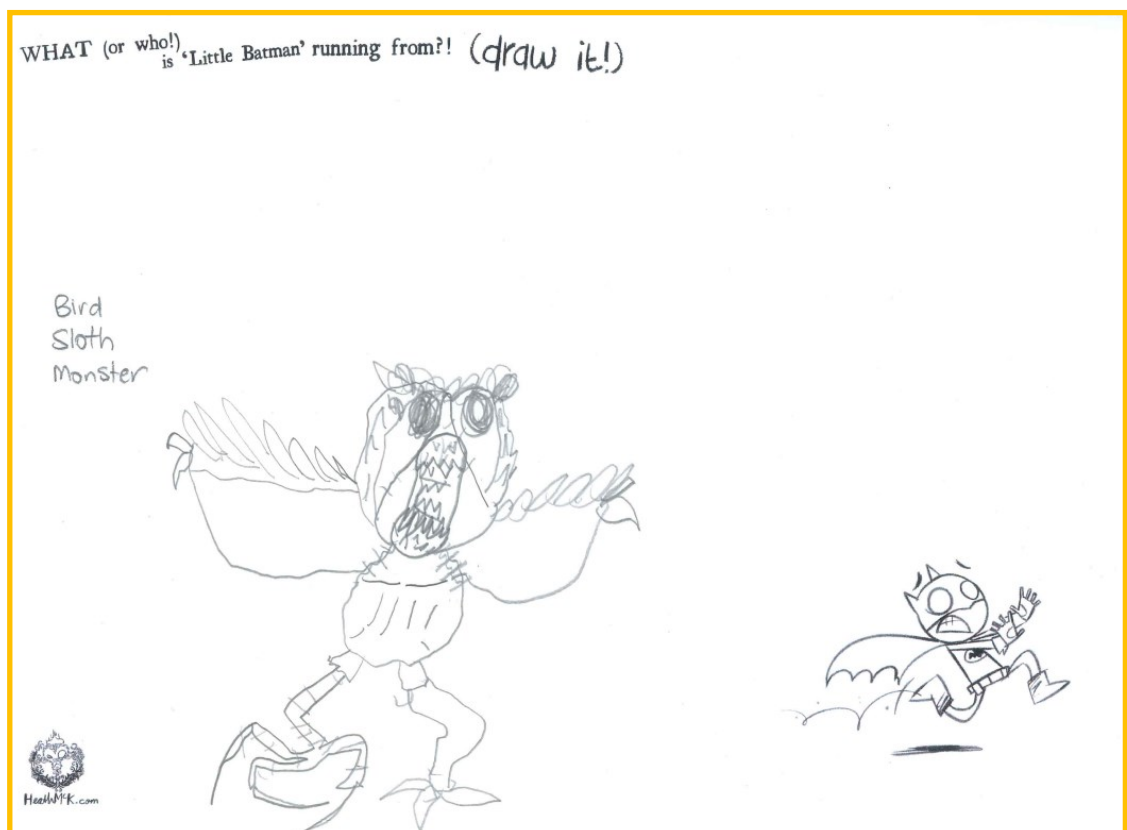
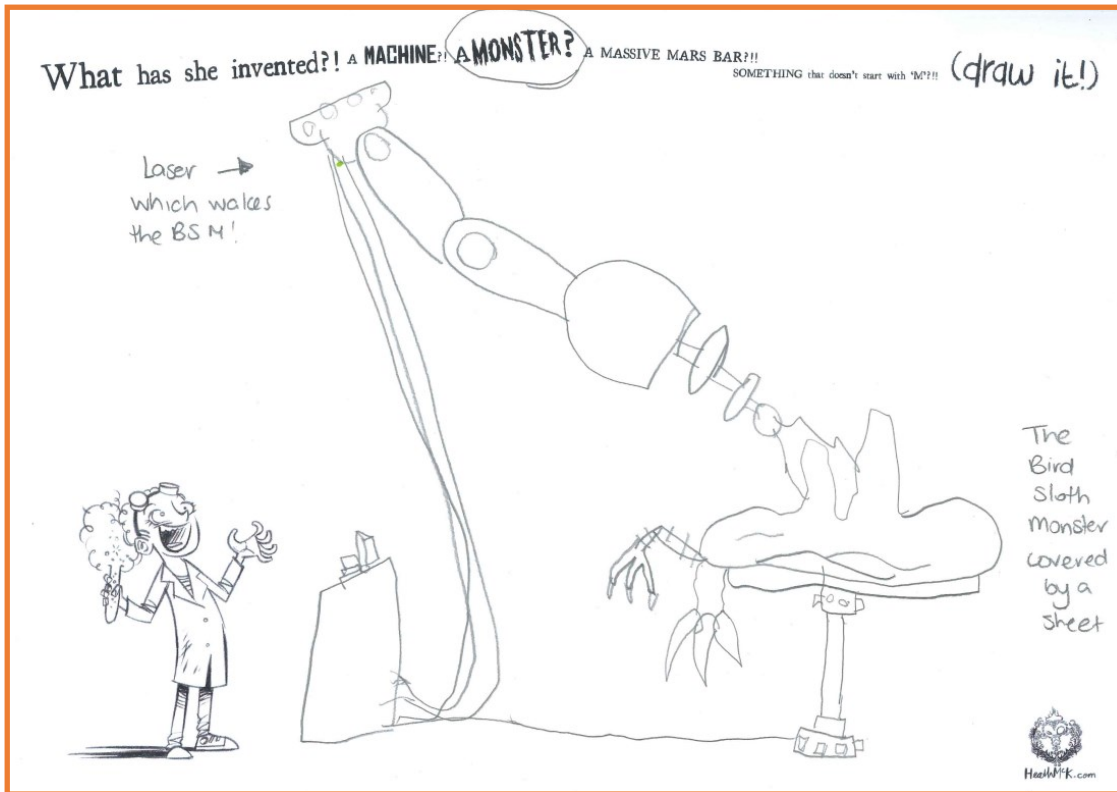
Heath McKenzie is a fantastic illustrator and on his website you can find some activities where he has started the drawing and you get to finish it off.

One of Carson Street's best illustrators is Cyril from the REACH class. He loves to draw...it is his favourite thing to do! He chose to use three of Heath's drawing starters and create his own masterpieces. I think Heath will be very proud of what you have done Cyril. Turn over for more amazing illustrations, showing that everyone's drawing style is different...that's what makes art so amazing!



Illustrator: Cyril

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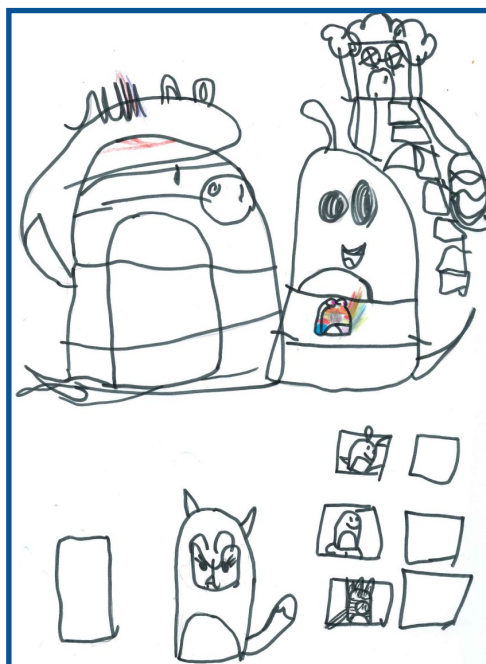
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You may remember in the last Rainbow Reporter, Emilie wrote and illustrated her first story. Well, here's the sequel! We hope you like it.

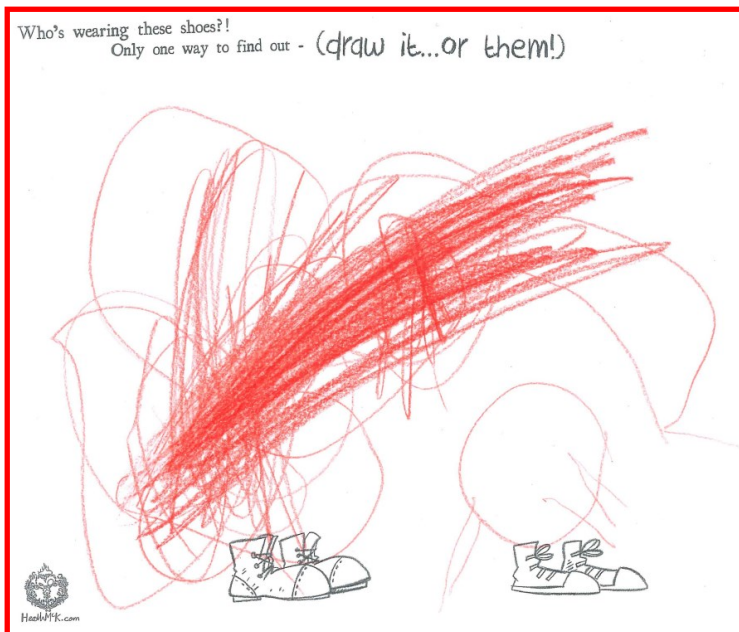
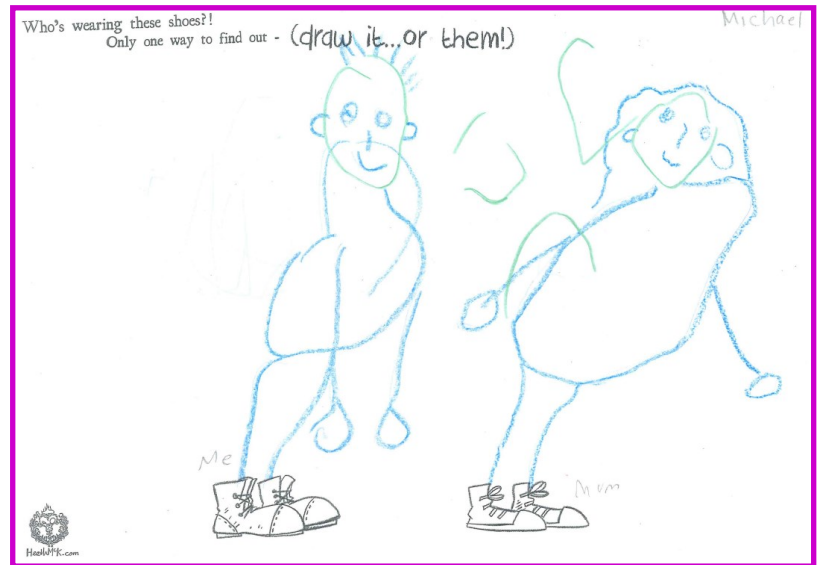
Squishy Mallows had lots of fun by Emilie Kelly

This time, Squish Mallows ran around in circles! They had fun. Then they jumped on the trampoline. Squish Mallow said, "I love bananas!" Then they went to the beach. At the beach they had lots of fun. They put on a dress and a t-shirt. Then they went to school, then to the movies and then to Coco Puff's house for a sleepover for 100 weeks! They said, "Have fun Emilie!" and they went to sleep. They ate grapes and blue chips. "Don't touch the ice cream!", said Squish Mallow. So, they put it in the cupboard where it was safe and didn't move. Suddenly, a bad guy (Teddy Bear), stole the ice cream. Squish Mallow screamed and then Squish Mallow policeman said, "You're under arrest Teddy Bear. You're in big trouble!" When Teddy Bear went to jail, Squish Mallow, Coco Puff and Rainbow Zebra lived happily ever after. The End.



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'Me and Mum', by Michael



'A little monster and a big monster', by Simba

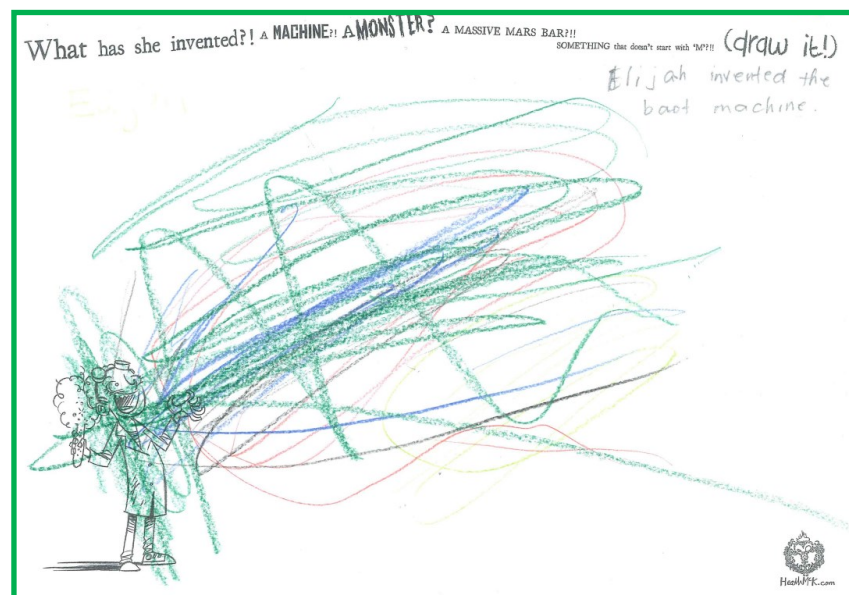
'A monster', by Simba



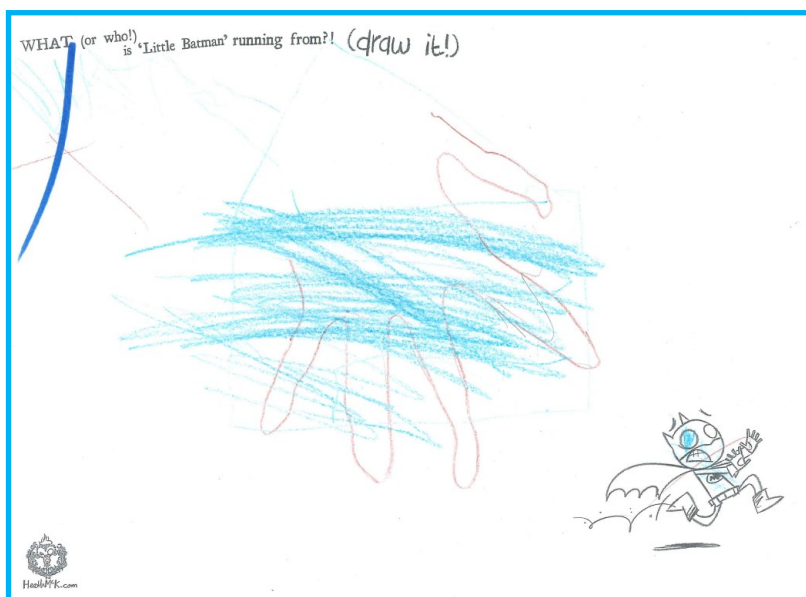
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'A big ball', by Carlos



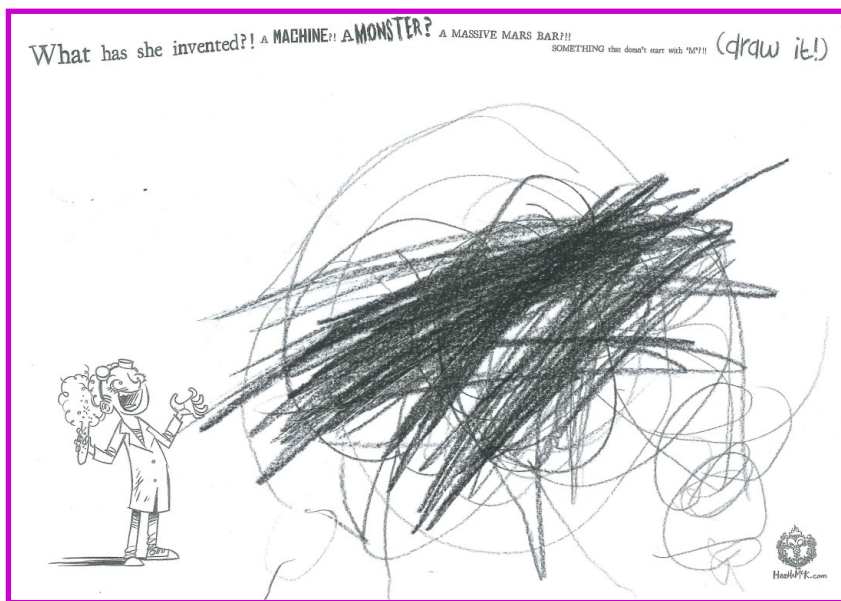
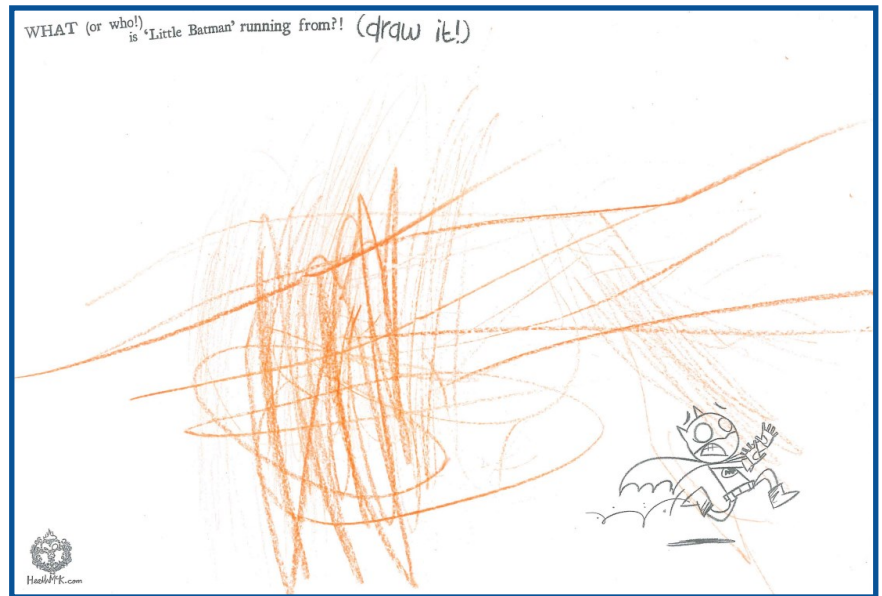
'A boat machine',
by E



'Jamie's Giant Hand!',
by Jamie

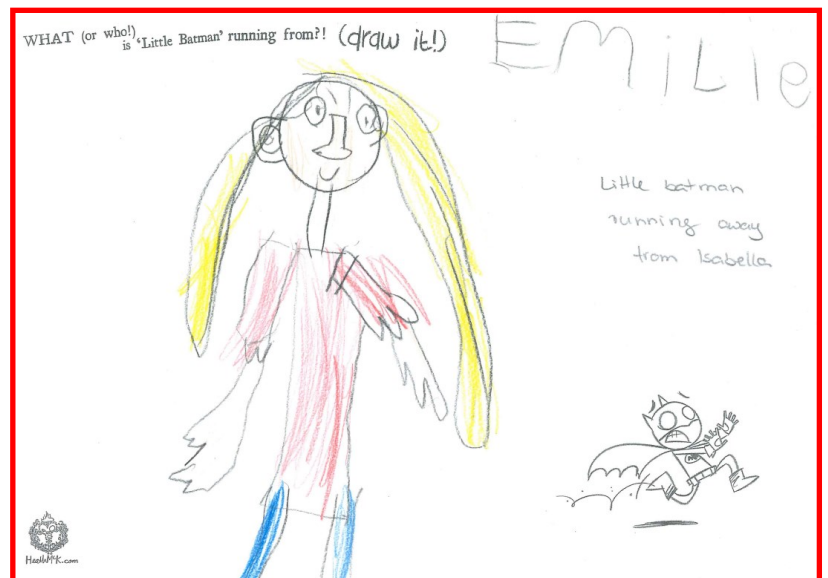
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'A monster', by Carlos



'A robot', by Simba

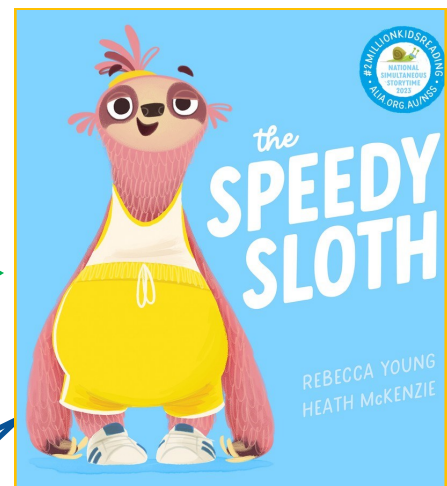
'My friend Isabella', by Emilie



Reading Corner

Banksia read the story of *The Speedy Sloth* by Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie and have provided their review below. If you like the sound of this story, you can borrow the book from the library and even play the board game again.

I loved the sloth. She loved to eat spaghetti. She's a winner! I would recommend this book to a friend and I'd read it again! Emilie— aged 11



Yes, I liked this book! I like Spike's shoes because they look like mine. I like her hair because it looks like mine! Mia— aged 9

This book was noisy! Yes, I'd read it again.
Isabella— aged 10

Thank you. I loved it. I liked all the animals.—
E— aged 11

I thought it was funny. I want a toy sloth! Michael—
aged 10

Reading Corner

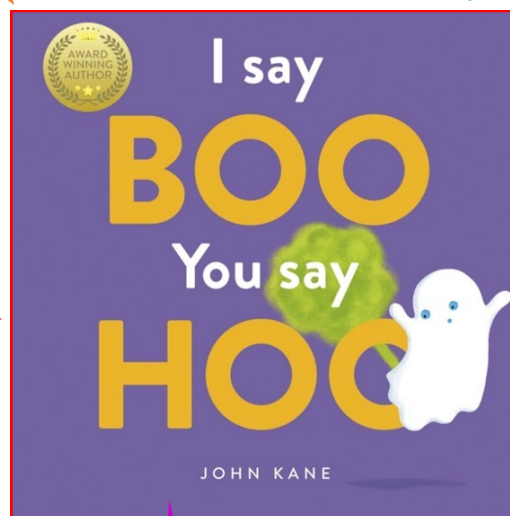
Wattle read 'I Say Boo, You Say Hoo' by John Kane. This book is good to read with your big voice, device or switches, as there are lots of things to call out! You can also find this book in our library. Wattle chose some opinions words to describe the book to you.

EXCELLENT!
Christopher—aged 7

COOL! Carlos –
aged 7

FUN! Simba
— aged 5

FUN! Jamie –
aged 8



GOOD and
FUNNY!
Avani – aged
8

BEAUTIFUL- Eliana–
aged 8

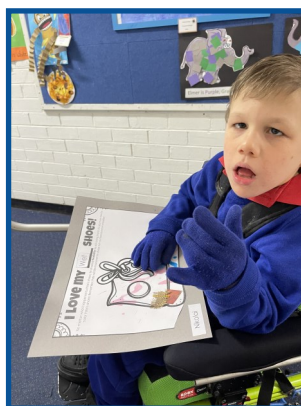
FUNNY- Fletcher–
aged 9

BORING!! Tykeem–
aged 7 (Tykeem
wanted to read the
Speedy Sloth
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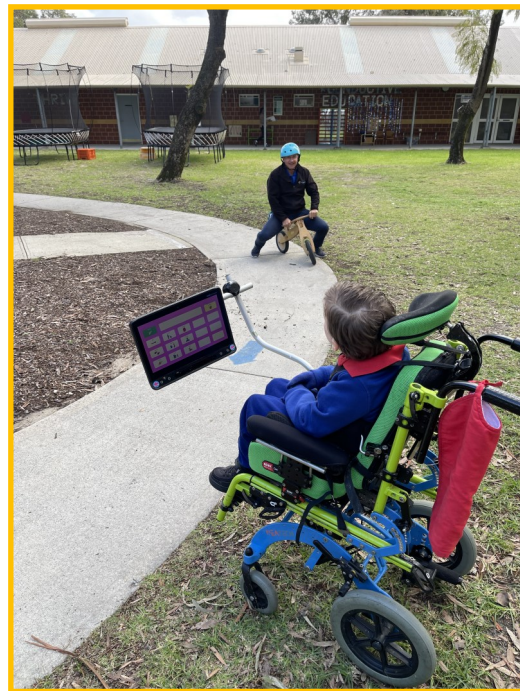
Principal for the Day

This term's Principal for the Day was Adrien. Without knowing that we were working on a top secret Reporter featuring an illustrator, Adrien said "We should read a book outside and draw a picture". So that's what we did. Classes read a story and created a piece of art inspired by the book, to decorate our Art Gallery. Maybe their art work will inspire you to choose that book to read!

See over the page for what other adventures Principal Adrien got up to!



Principal for the Day



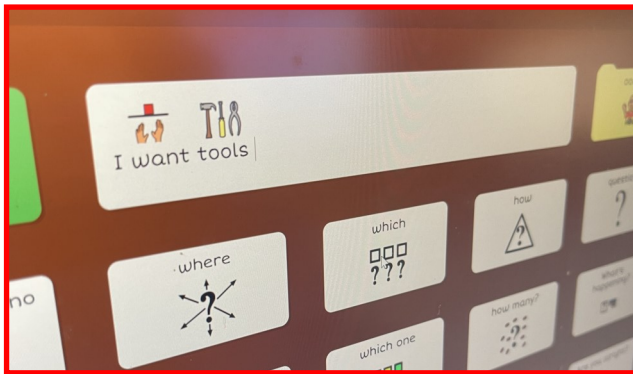
Adrien started the day by meeting his Deputy, and once he realised that he wasn't working hard enough he suggested "bike-playground" on his eye gaze. He took Mr Salleo out for a quick ride around the track, which motivated him to work really hard for the rest of the day.



He then hosted an 'Ask the Principal' session, using his Yes and No pages to give the staff the hard truth. "No" the admin team are not allowed their school holidays, but "Yes" Shona was allowed to go home early" and "Yes" Emily was allowed to buy coffees for her team.

Principal for the Day

He then looked around his office for the day and used his eye gaze to say “I want-tools”. He confirmed that there were some renovations to be done! Joined by his trusty apprentice builder, Wayne, the boys made improvements to the office which we are sure Mrs Hamling will approve of when she returns from Long Service Leave. (Hall and Farmer builders are available for all your renovation needs!)



You may remember that in the last edition of the Rainbow Reporter, Adrien was a Toilet Inspector. From checking out our school facilities, to boss of the school for the day...Adrien, you are most definitely the Achieving Kind!

Faction Update

This term's Faction Event was organised by **BLUE** Faction Captain Tykeem. Using his device, he said he wanted everyone to earn points by 'read, read, read'.

Boxes were set up in The Rainbow Room for tokens to be posted when our friends read an entire book with a helper, helped with the reading of a book to the whole class by turning pages and pointing out things in the pictures, read a book with eye gaze, or read aloud independently with their voices. Thank you Tykeem for teaching everyone that reading books makes us The Learning Kind.

We also had our annual Faction Quiz and with the points added up, we have a change of leadership...GREEN Faction are now in the lead....but it is so close! What will next term bring!!!



1097 points



1068 points



1003 points



871 points

Have a great end of semester break everyone, stay warm, have some fun adventures, and we shall see you all soon.