

Playing & Resting



Stories by W.A's 0-4 year olds
for Children's Week



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Playing, Resting, Discovering, Growing & Feeling Safe

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Message from the Minister for Community Services, Simone McGurk MLA.

“Whether we are young or old, stories connect us and add meaning to our lives. The 2020 Children’s Week Book Project invited children from across Western Australia to actively participate in the making of this book through the creation and illustration of their own stories.

As you read through the selection of stories, you will see children communicating their thoughts and feelings, using their language, imagination and creativity.

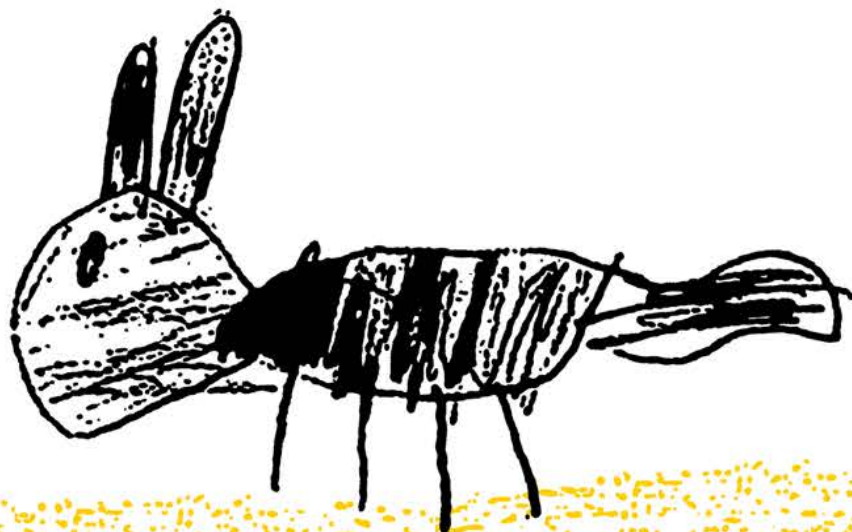
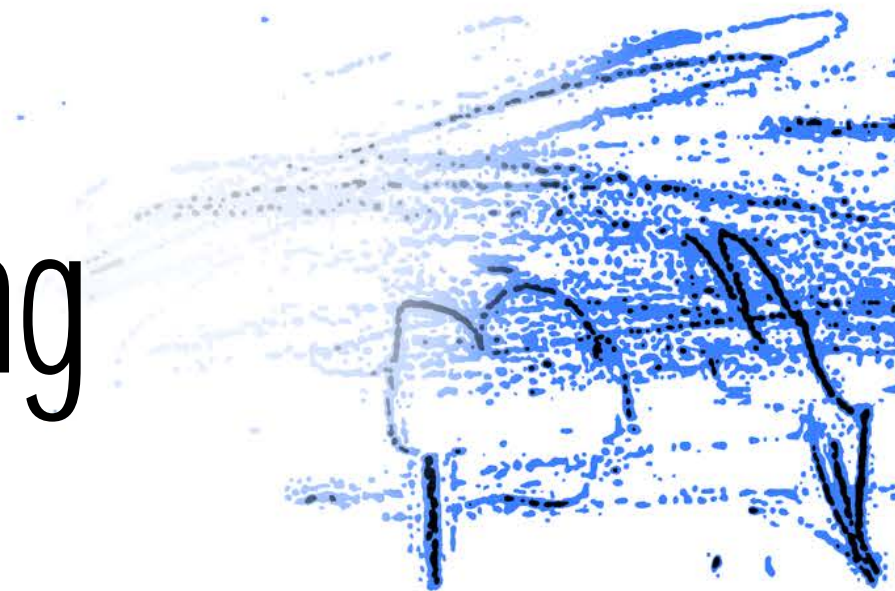
I found the stories inspiring and I encourage parents and carers to find a time in their busy day to connect and share these wonderful stories with their children.

Thank you to all children who submitted their stories.

Happy reading!”

Playing & Resting

During the day I like to play,
I play with trucks and play-doh and sand.
Sometimes by myself, sometimes with my friend Yasmin.
Sometimes I play noisy and scream when it's raining.
Sometimes I play quiet and I whisper secrets to Yasmin.
Sometimes I pretend that I am a bird.
During the day I like to play, I play until I am tired.
And when I'm tired I go to my bed,
I lay down my head and dream of playing
with my Nene in Darwin.



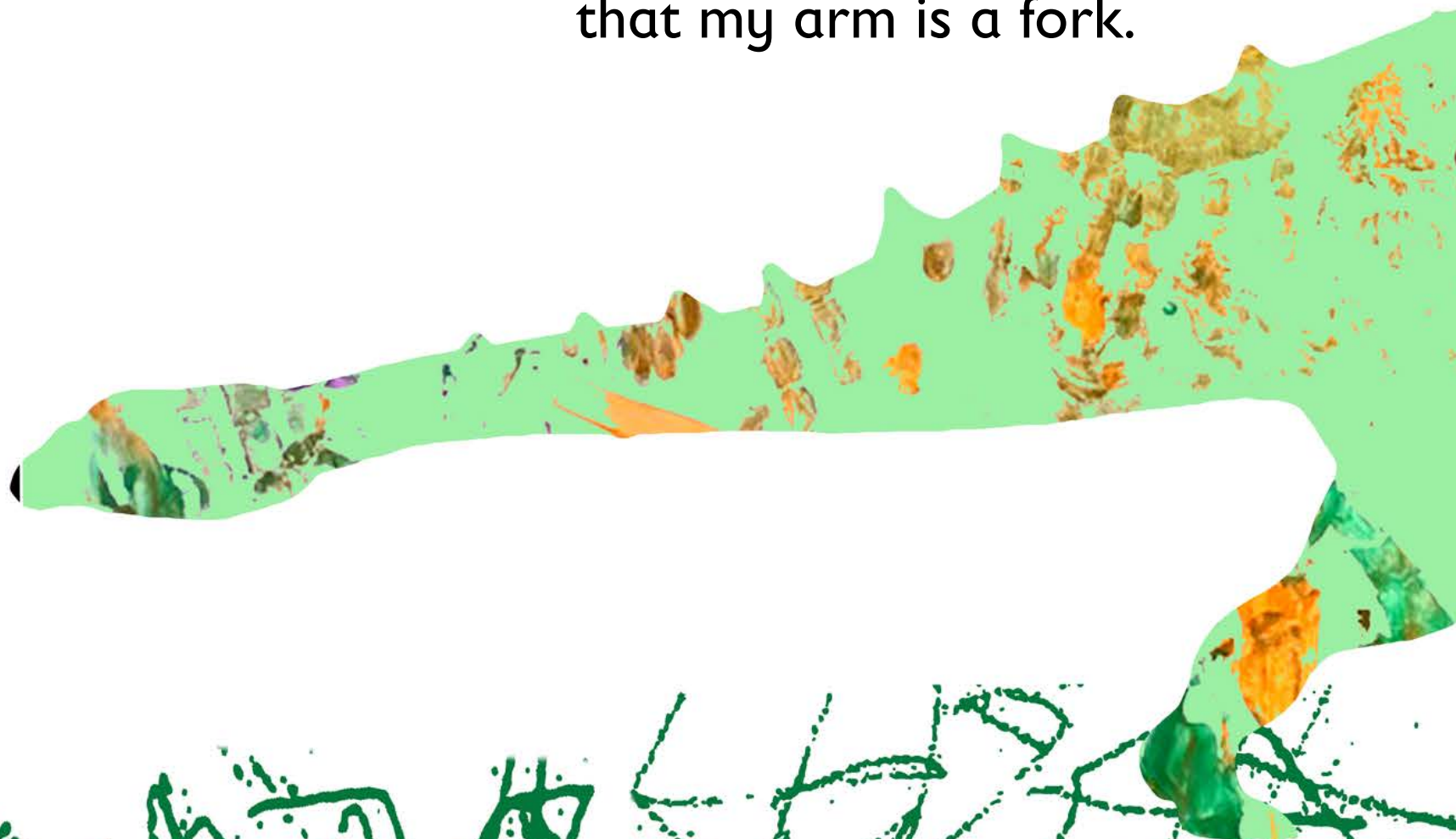


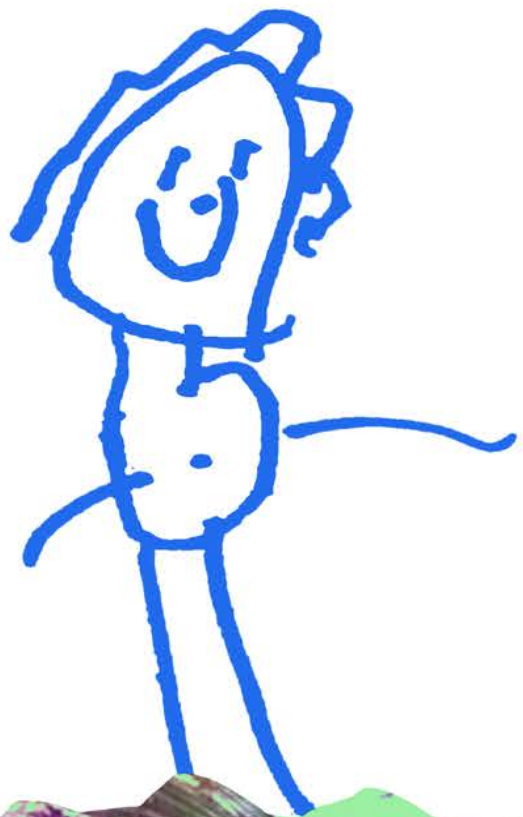
During the day I like to play, with my Anklyosaurus, Ellie.
I play by myself or with my friends Rio and Ollie.
Sometimes I play noisy -

ROOOOAAAARRRRR!!

Sometimes I play quiet
and do yoga.

Sometimes I pretend
that my arm is a fork.





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I play until I am tired.
When I'm tired I go to my bed,
I lay down my head, and dream of...

ankylosauruses.

*Article 31 – You have the right
to play and to rest.*

Discovering


I spy with my little eye...

Big things like ngurra (home) and small things like toys.



I once found gold! It was miny-miny (one mile) and yellow coloured.





I like to discover new things.
I tell my nana all about them.

I know all about necklaces,
and how to ride Darren's scooter.

I could teach you if you like?

And maybe, if I do, you can tell me more about lizards?

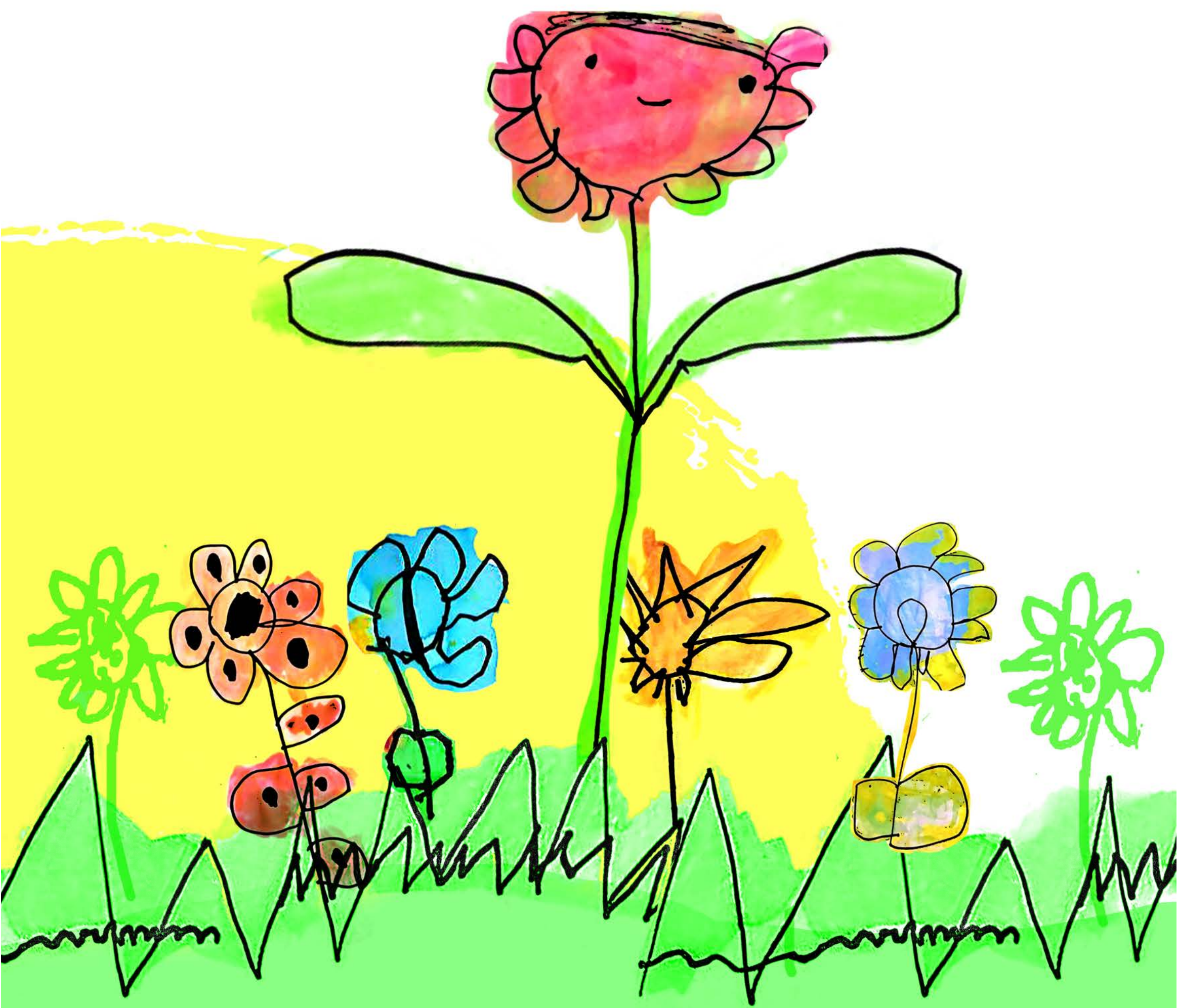


Article 13 – You have the right to discover, to find out things and share what you think with others by drawing, talking or writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends others.

How To Bloom

If I was a flower I'd be big as the moon and more beautiful than a sunset. Good food from the ground would make me strong, and water would help me grow tall, even taller than a giant. I would grow all the way up to the sun!





If I was a flower, I wouldn't want yucky things like slugs and snails in my garden. Weeds and bugs could make me sick. I'd need a gardener who could pull out the weeds and plant seeds.



With a little care, and a little sunshine I could be
happy like a moth!



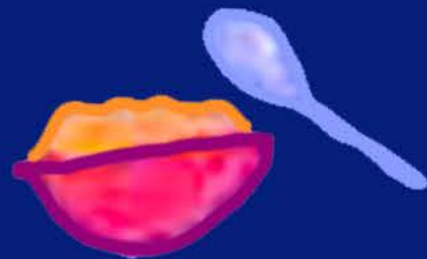
Article 24 – You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.

Moon Kid

What if the man in the moon wasn't a man at all,
just a kid like me?

What if he flew down to earth in a space rocket and
crashed in my backyard?

If he was hungry, I'd feed him my favourite dinner
(Basgetti!).



If he was cold I would get him dressed in a jumper (but
he wouldn't want to wear pants).





If he was scared I'd say, "don't go into space again!" and I'd let him live in mum's room where he'd feel safe and warm.



In the morning he could come with me and play tennis and no one would know he was from the moon because he would be just like any other kid.

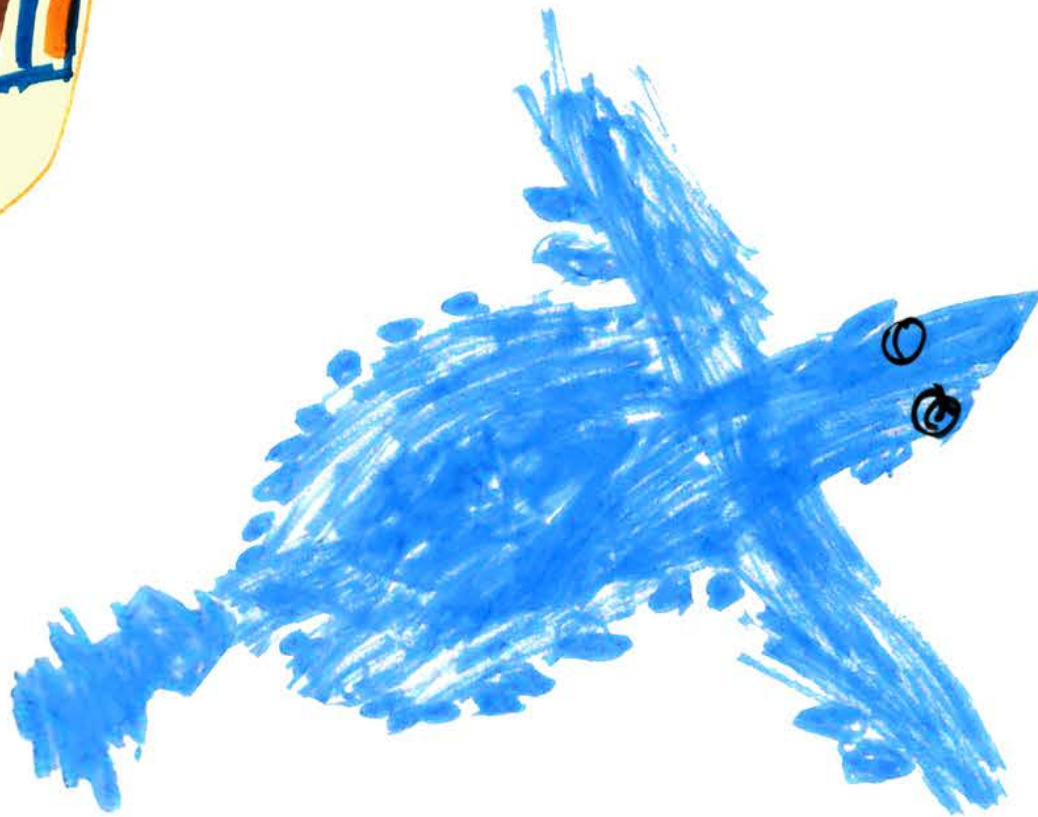


Article 27 – You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met. You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things that other kids do.

Safe



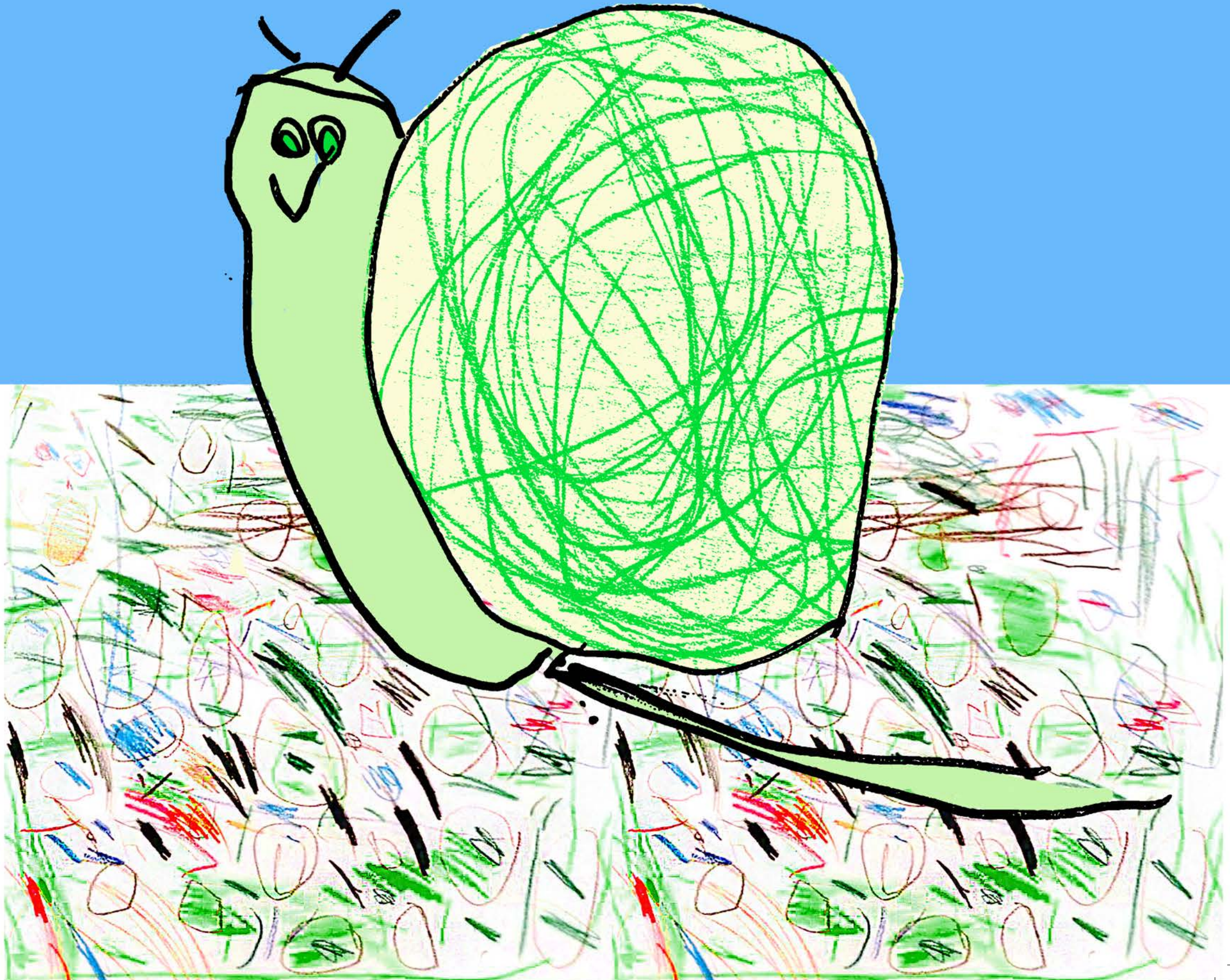
If I was a little caterpillar I would be fat and rainbow coloured. I would make a cocoon out of rainbows and it would keep me safe.



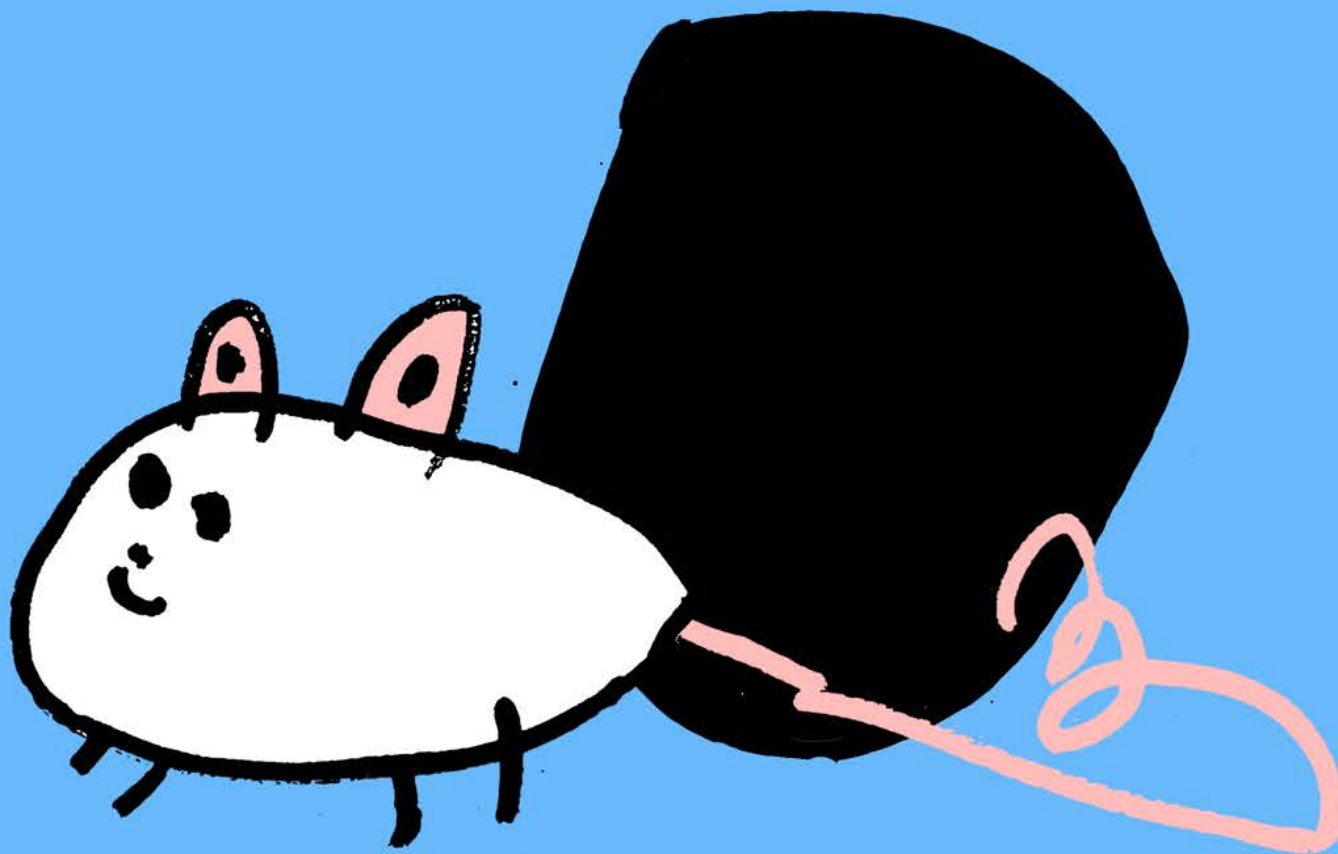
If I was a little chick, I would live inside an egg that was big and round and blue. My mummy would be a blue bird and she would keep me safe.



If I was a little snail I'd be little and slippery.
I'd have a curly shell and it would keep me safe.



If I was a little mouse I would make a house inside a wall.
There would be a hole for me to go inside and it would
keep me safe.



If I was a little ghost I would be friends with other ghosts.
I would live inside a haunted house and it would keep me
safe from anything scary outside.



*Article 19 – You have the right to be safe, protected from being hurt or mistreated in
body or mind.*

The Little Bat



There was once a little bat named Barnaby. He was an excitable kind of bat. One day Barnaby fell from the roof of a cave and hurt his wings. After that, he couldn't fly anymore.

At night when the stars were shining like treasure in the sky, all the other bats would fly away to the hills to learn how to do batty things from the oldest, wisest bat.

All Barnaby could do was hang in his tree and feel miserable.



The other bats could see that their friend was sad. So they decided that instead of flying away to the hills they would invite the oldest, wisest bat to their tree. From then on, the oldest, wisest bat would come and teach them in Barnaby's tree and they would fly together, each taking turns to carry Barnaby as they learned how to do bat things all together.



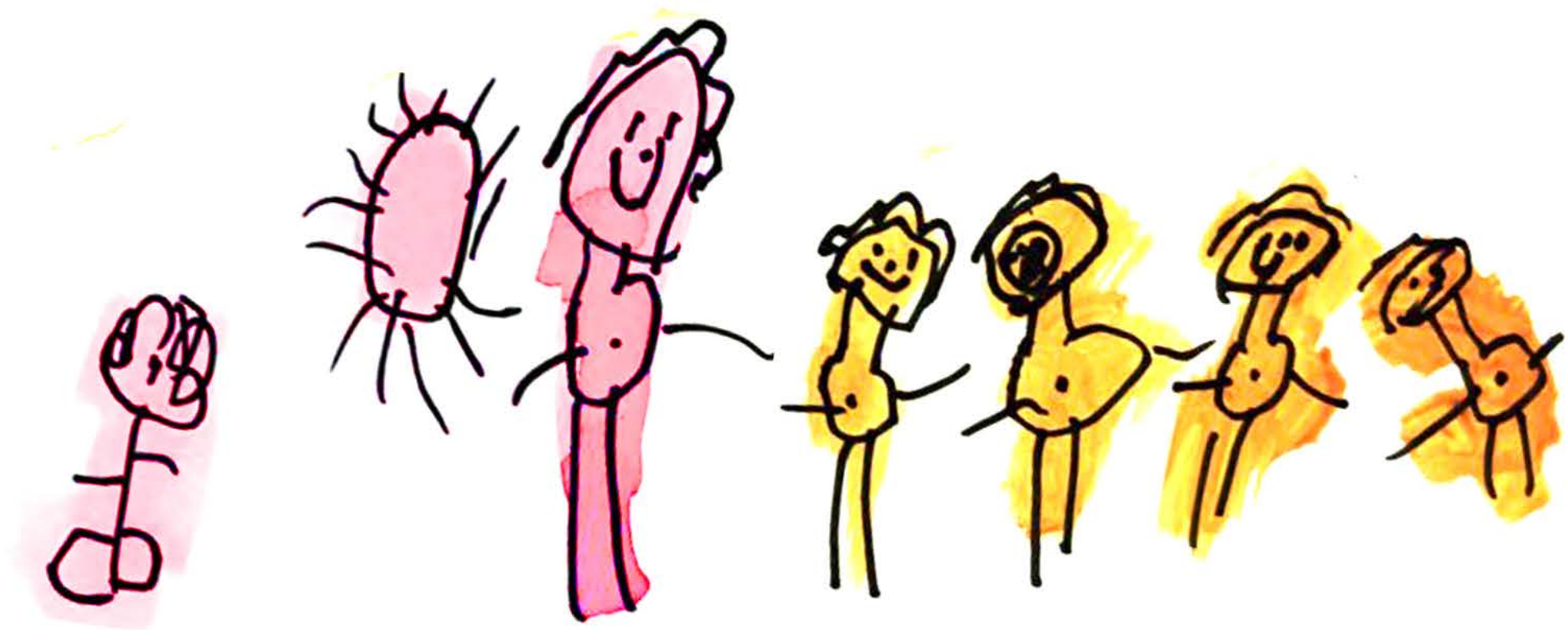
Article 19 – You have the right to special education and care if you have a disability, as well as all the rights in this convention, so that you can live a full life.

About This Project

Children's Week in Australia celebrates the interests, opinions, talents and Rights of all Children by promoting the articles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Children's Week Book Project was a statewide initiative designed to connect and unite the children of Western Australia for Children's Week 2020.

With the support of award-winning WA Author and Illustrator, Briony Stewart, three story outlines were created for age groups 0-4, 4-8 and 9-12 years. These stories explored the Rights of Children and invited children to add their voices and make them their own. WA children from schools, early learning centres, libraries, community centres and families at home, sent through hundreds of creative stories with beautiful illustrations to match.



A selection of entries from multiple WA regions were compiled into the three collaborative books. Books that were written and illustrated by children, for children.

The Children's Week Book Project was brought to you by Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation. This project was guided by Author and Illustrator, Briony Stewart, and proudly supported by Lotterywest and Healthway promoting Go for 2 & 5. A special thank you goes out to all children who entered and to the teachers, educators and carers who supported their children to enter.



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