

War of the Wasps

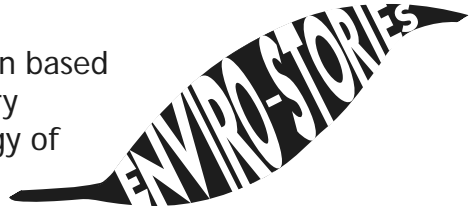


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Enviro-Stories Competition

Enviro-Stories is a competition based education program for Primary Schools based on the pedagogy of Kids Teaching Kids. Students where given the opportunity to learn about their local environment, write a story about it, then get their story published. These stories provide an educational experience that creates readers, written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids.



In 2009, the Central West Catchment Management Authority, in conjunction with the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, has provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative competition.

Central West Catchment Management Authority

The Central West Catchment is committed to work with the community to conserve, improve and manage natural and cultural resources. The catchment is located in central western New South Wales, flanked by the Barwon and Darling Catchments to the north and west, Lachlan to the south and the Sydney/Shoalhaven Basin to the east.

Cotton Catchment Communities CRC

The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC is an industry partnership leading research, education and commercialisation in the Australian cotton industry. The Cotton CRC aims to provide innovative knowledge to stimulate economic, social and environmental outcomes at farm, regional and national levels.

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The Central West Catchment Management Authority 2009 "Creepy Crawlies... life underground" Enviro-Stories Competition consists of the following books:

- Holly the Honey Pot Ant
- Ethan the Earthworm Saves the Day
- Emily Ant
- Edwina's Choice
- The War of the Wasps

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Once upon a time the wasps were completing their daily chores. Flying through the beautiful, luscious, green garden, searching for a bit of yummy food, building nests and sharpening their stingers.

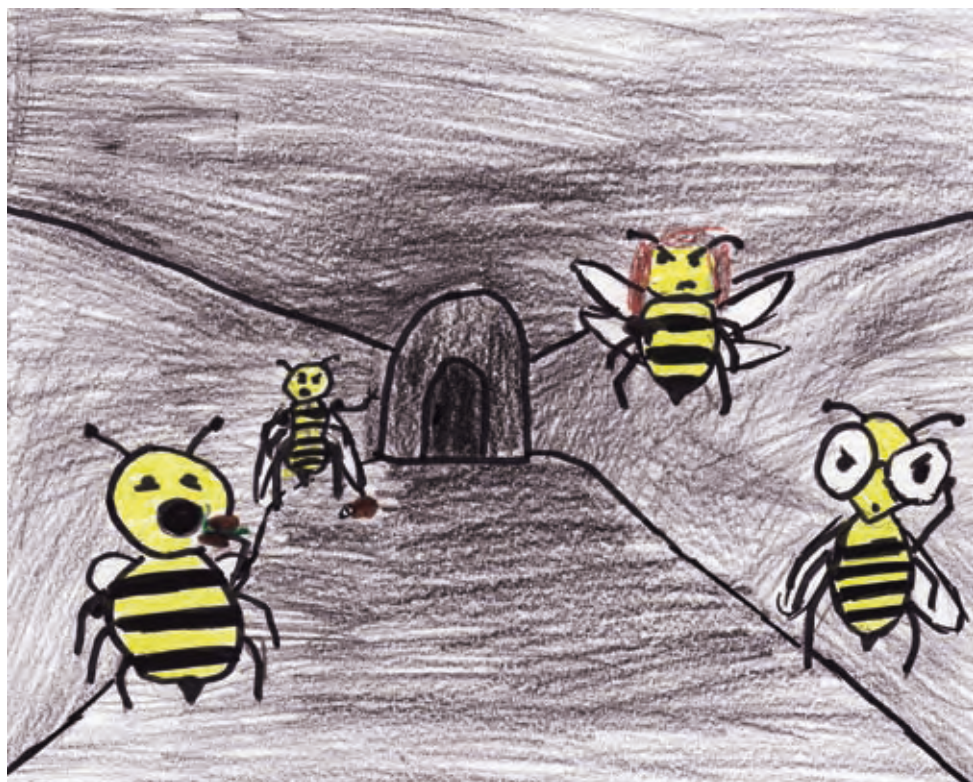
Poor Sting was left out once again by his relatives.



Dangerously, Sting flew over towards a beehive under a big tree. He felt that he did not belong with the wasps.



The bees guarding the front door of the hive gave him a suspicious look. As he was a very small wasp they took him through to see the Queen. Sting bravely went through the dark entrance.



Sting walked through the dull, dimly lit passage towards the Queen's office. Every bee that he passed froze and gave him a devilish stare. They were mortified he was allowed into their hive.

Sting and the guards came to the end of the passage and he noticed a large door in front of him. The guards told him to enter.





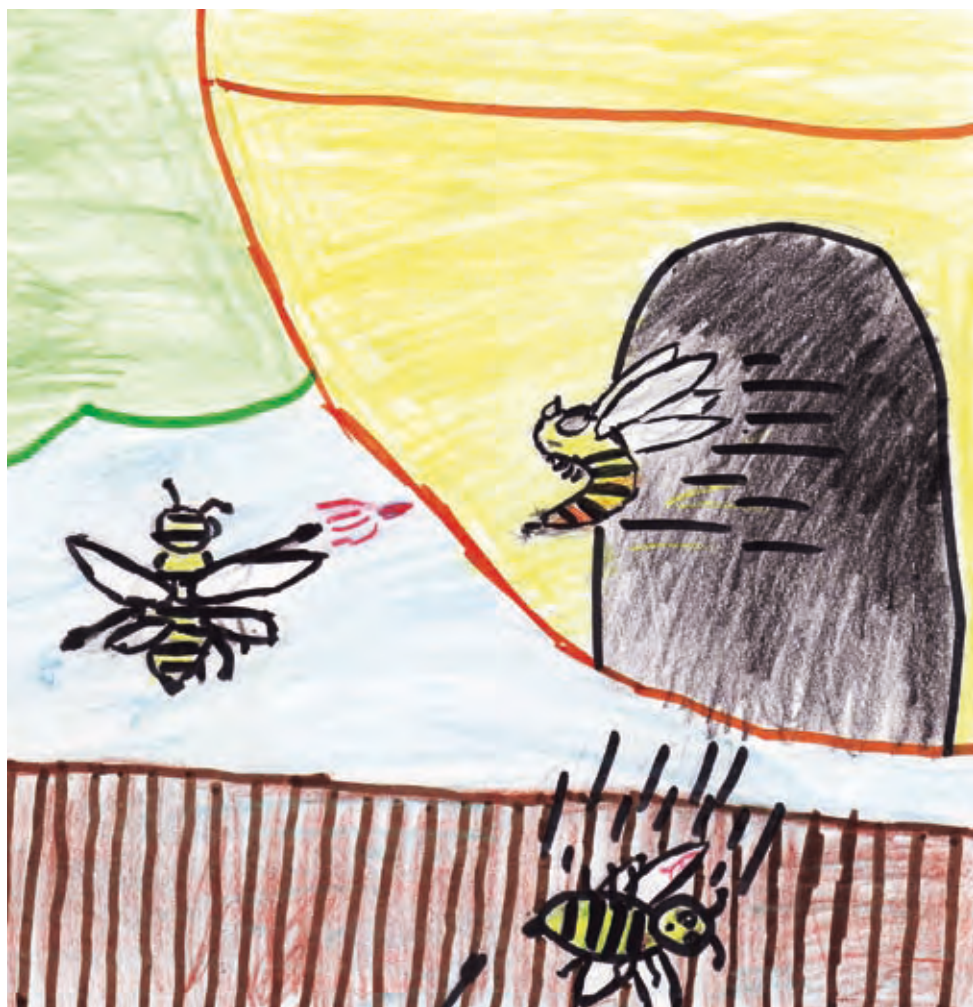
Compared to Sting, Buzzy the Queen Bee was massive.

"Excuse me Miss Buzzy," said Sting in a trembling voice.

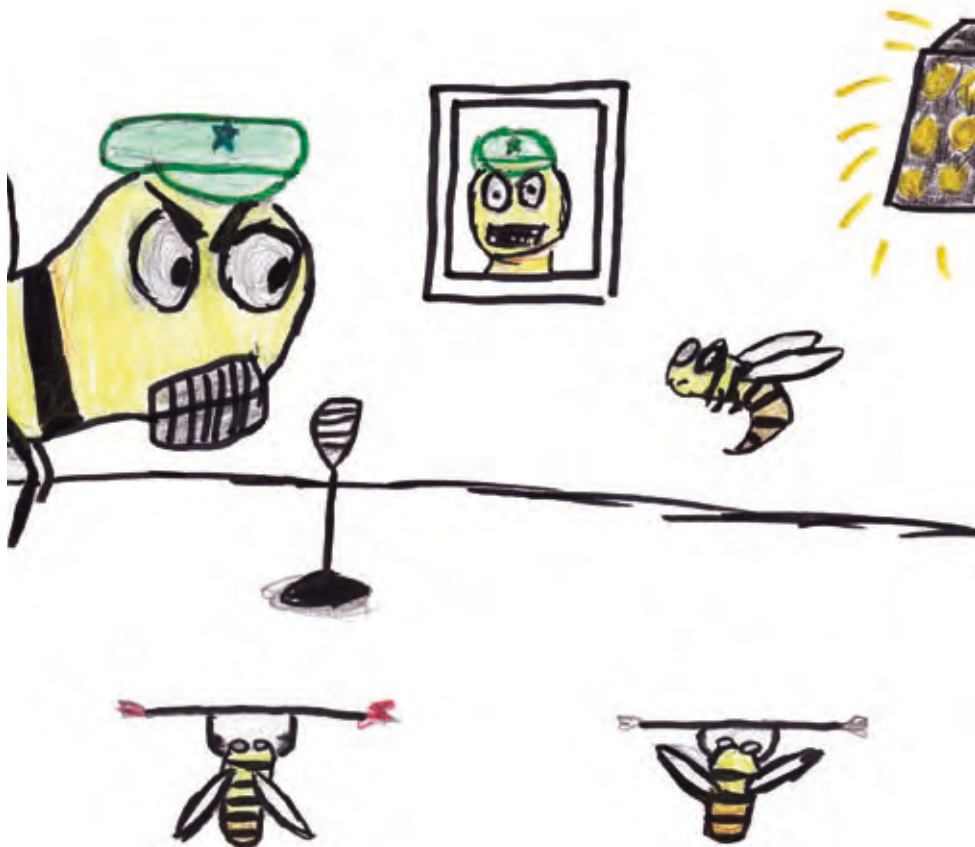
"WHAT!" snapped Buzzy.

"I got left out by the wasps I want to join the bees."

Buzzy stared at him, laughed, then said, "It's an intruder, get him!"



Sting flew away so fast that you could barely see him, but he got caught at the entrance. For his size he was an excellent fighter, he cut through the bee guards like butter.



Sting flew all the way back to the wasps nest to tell the Wasp Warlord what had happened.

The Warlord was mad at Sting, but enraged at Buzzy. She had gotten angry at Sting for no good reason.





The Wasp Warlord was so furious that he declared war on the bees and prepared for battle.

They sharpened their stingers, rested their wings, fuelled up their jetpacks and prepared their sap weapons. The war began!!!

As the wasps flew out to battle, the bees raced at them at top speed. The bees were dodging left and right, but surprisingly, the wasps flew straight past them towards the hive. The bees were puzzled.



When the bees noticed that the wasps were invading the hive, they were scared. The wasps were trying to knock it off the tree.

The bees turned around and started shooting at the wasps with their sap guns, for Buzzy was still inside.



The wasps got out their sap guns and started to shoot back. Bee after bee, and wasp after wasp, fell out of the sky. They crash landed on the soft grass and dragged themselves to safety. Some could not get to safety so the medic bees and wasps rescued them from the battleground.



The bees soon realized that they had no chance. Their Queen was in too much danger so they decided it was better to surrender to the wasps.

The bees were marched in to stand in front of the Wasp Warlord.



When he noticed the fear in their eyes the Warlord felt sorry for the bees. Instead of being mean to them, he made them his friends.



The next day the bees and the wasps celebrated their new friendship. The Wasp Warlord and Buzzy, the Queen Bee, fell in love and got married.

As for little brave Sting he got promoted from worker to squadron leader.

They all lived happily ever after.



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