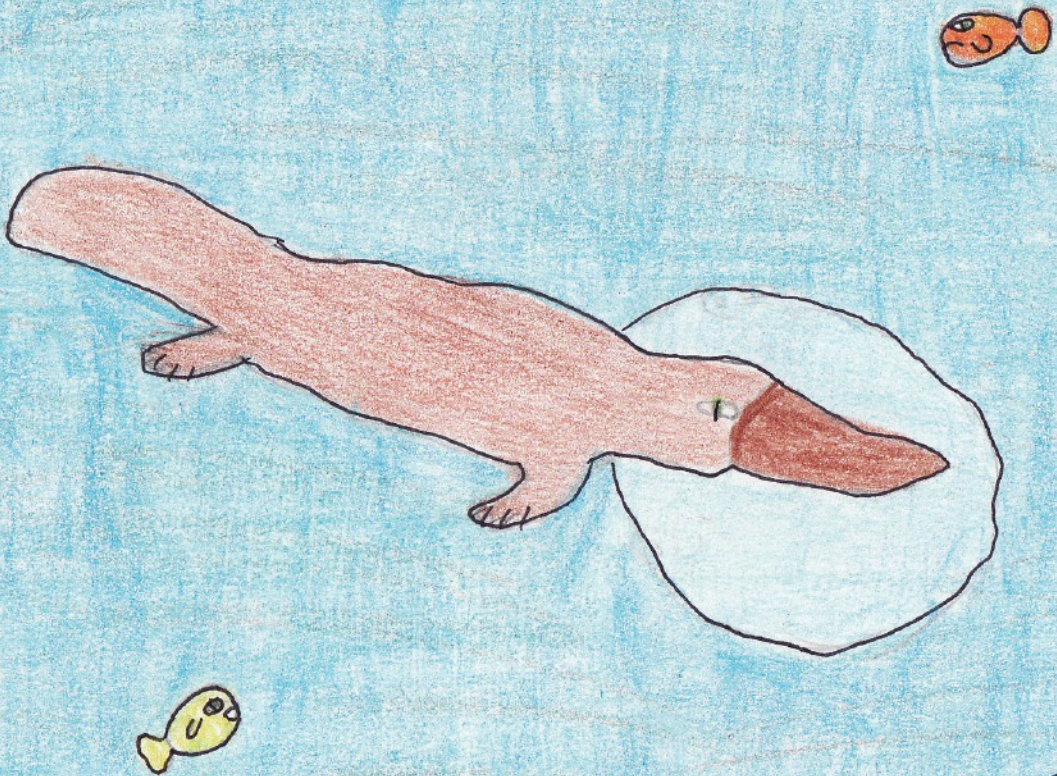


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## Enviro-Stories Education Program

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This program provides an education experience for kids through learning about the environment. The final product is a published story written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids and future generations.

In 2010, the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, in conjunction with the Central West Catchment Management Authority, provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative competition.

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## Central West Catchment Management Authority

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The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC 2010 “Fur & Fins, Feet & Beaks...What can you find at your local creek?” Enviro-Stories Competition consists of the following books:

- A Duck’s Life
- Blue-Bell the Cow
- Collie the Champion Carp
- Giggle Learns to Fly
- Pippy the Platypus
- Stop the Spread
- The Fantastic Five Friends
- Trouble on Wee Waa Lagoon
- Pob’s Great Search

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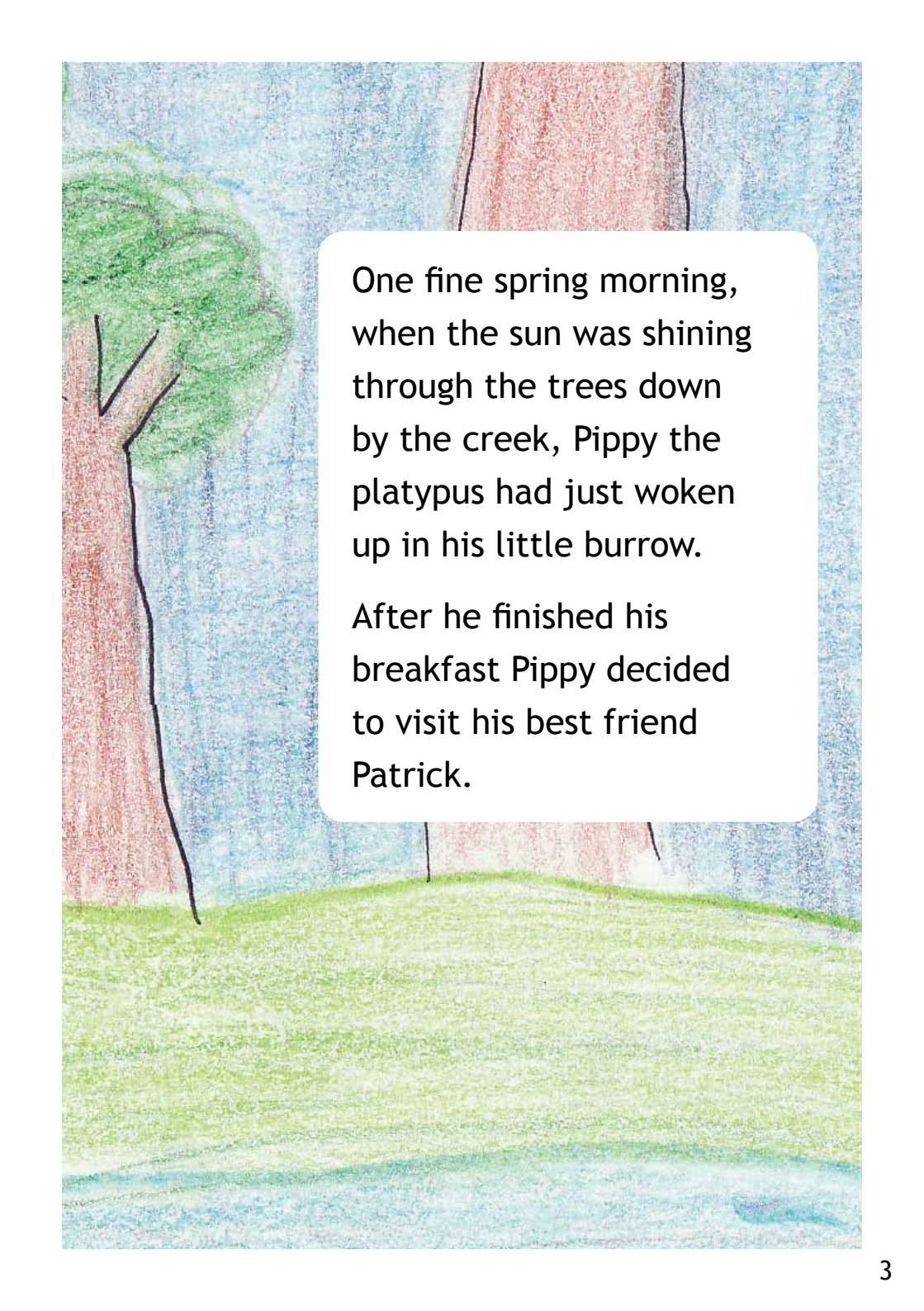
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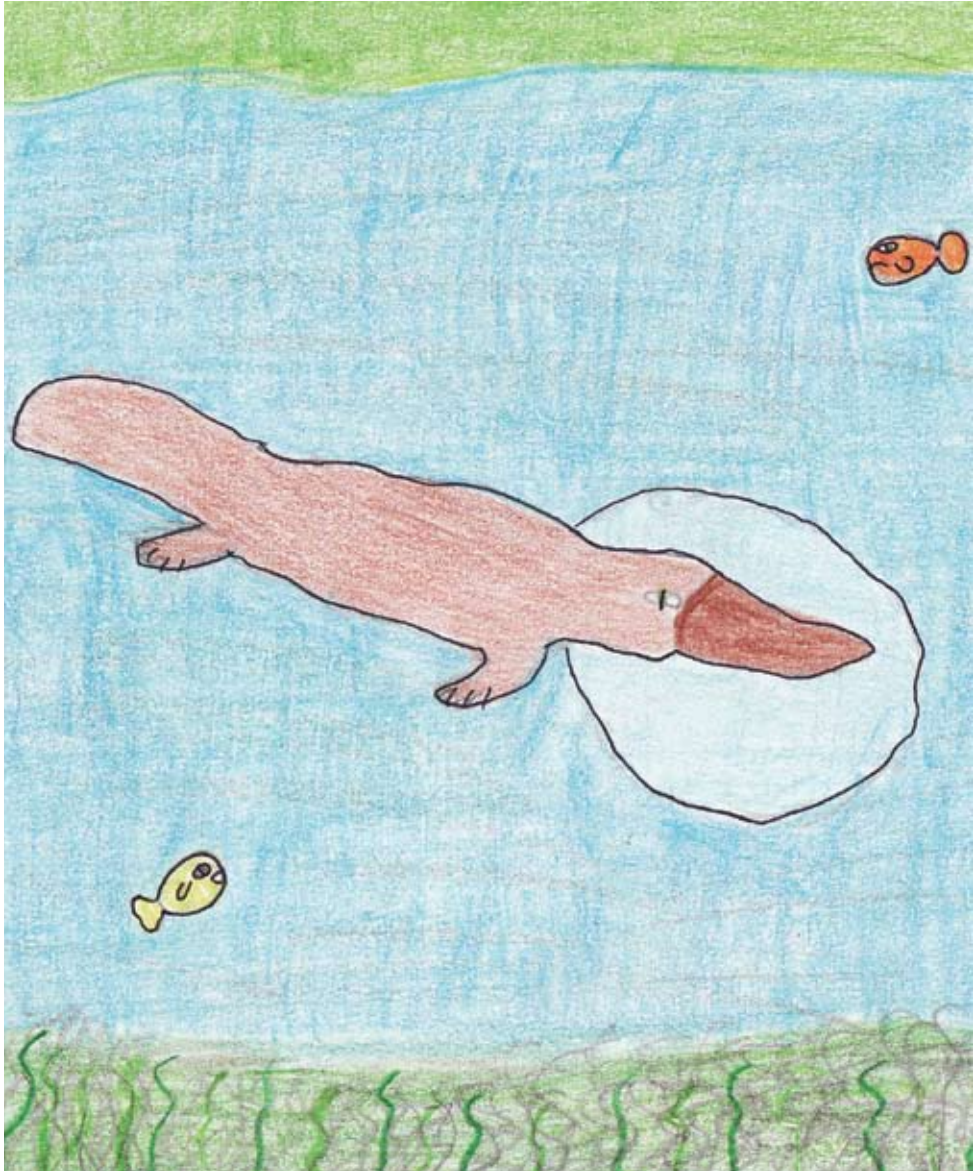




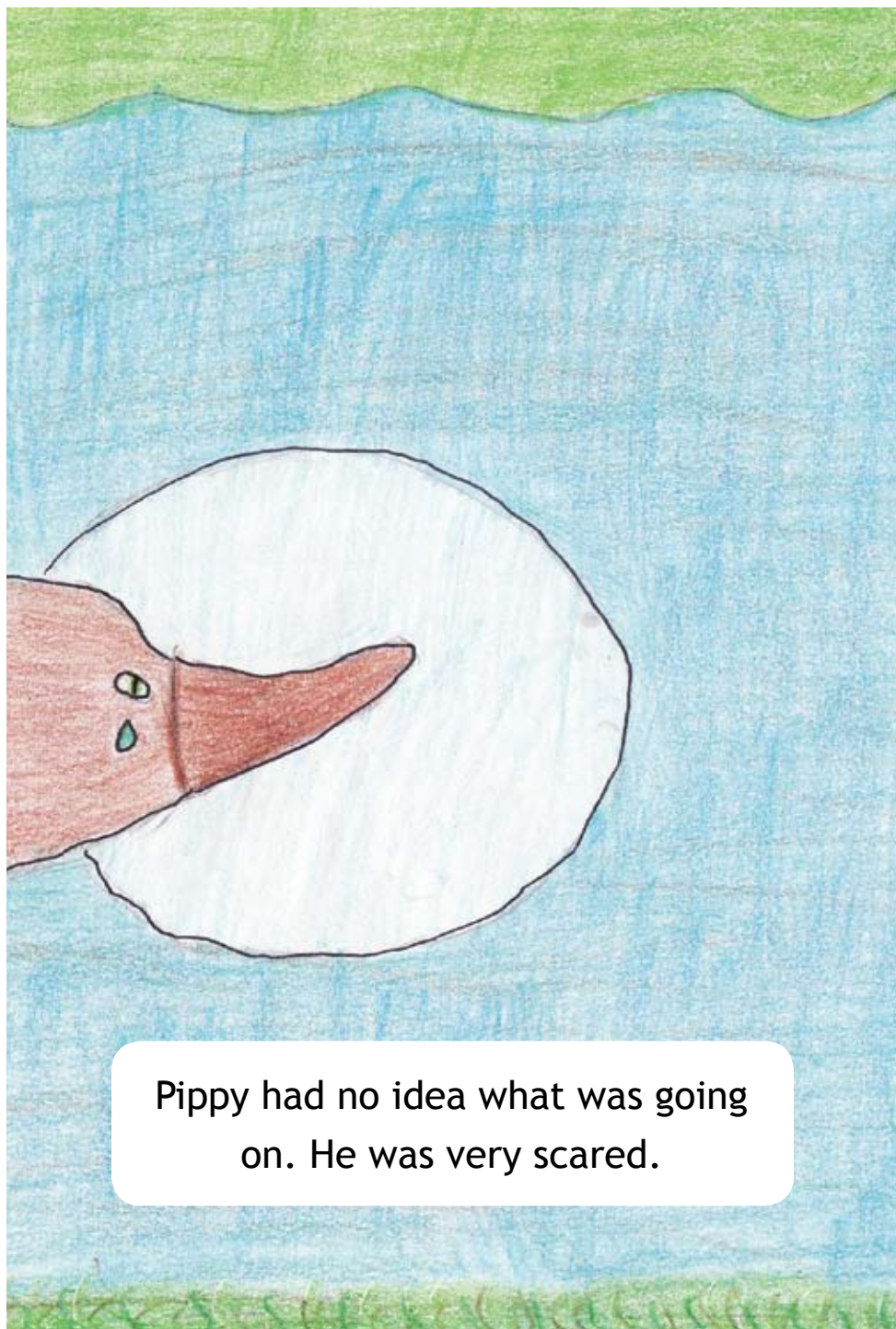
One fine spring morning,  
when the sun was shining  
through the trees down  
by the creek, Pippy the  
platypus had just woken  
up in his little burrow.

After he finished his  
breakfast Pippy decided  
to visit his best friend  
Patrick.

While he was swimming along the creek, a big plastic bag became caught around his furry head.



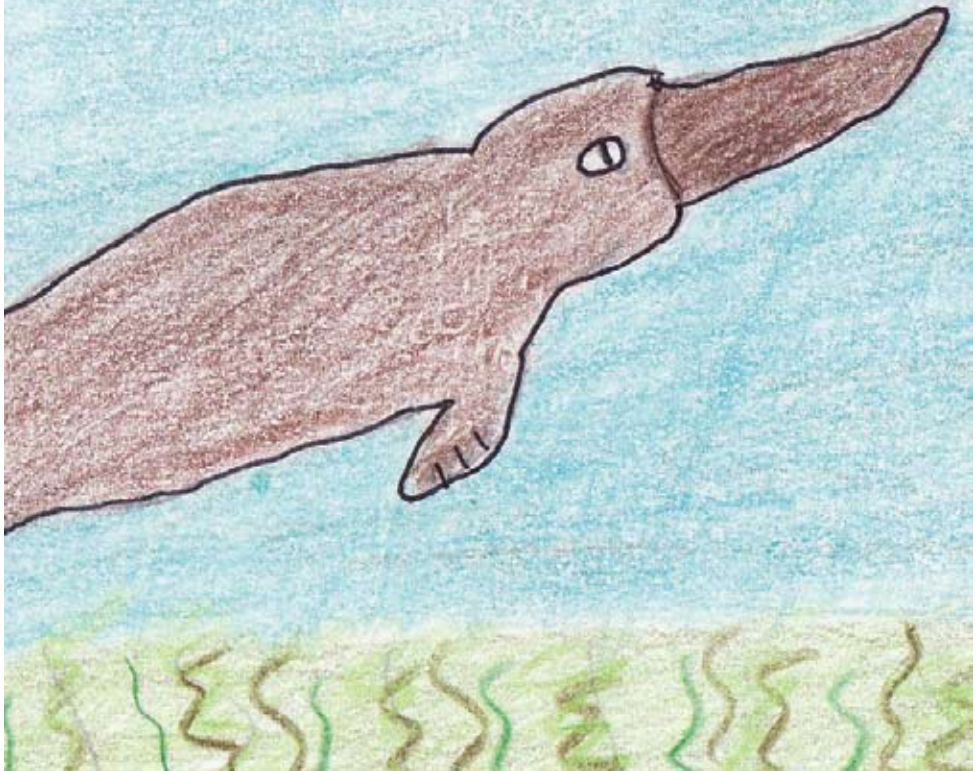




Pippy had no idea what was going on. He was very scared.

Patrick saw Pippy struggling to get out of the bag.

He swam over to his side.







Patrick tried to help but didn't know what he could do.



A class of students came down to Billy Creek to learn about the environment. There was a smart little girl named Bella and she noticed that a platypus was struggling for his life.

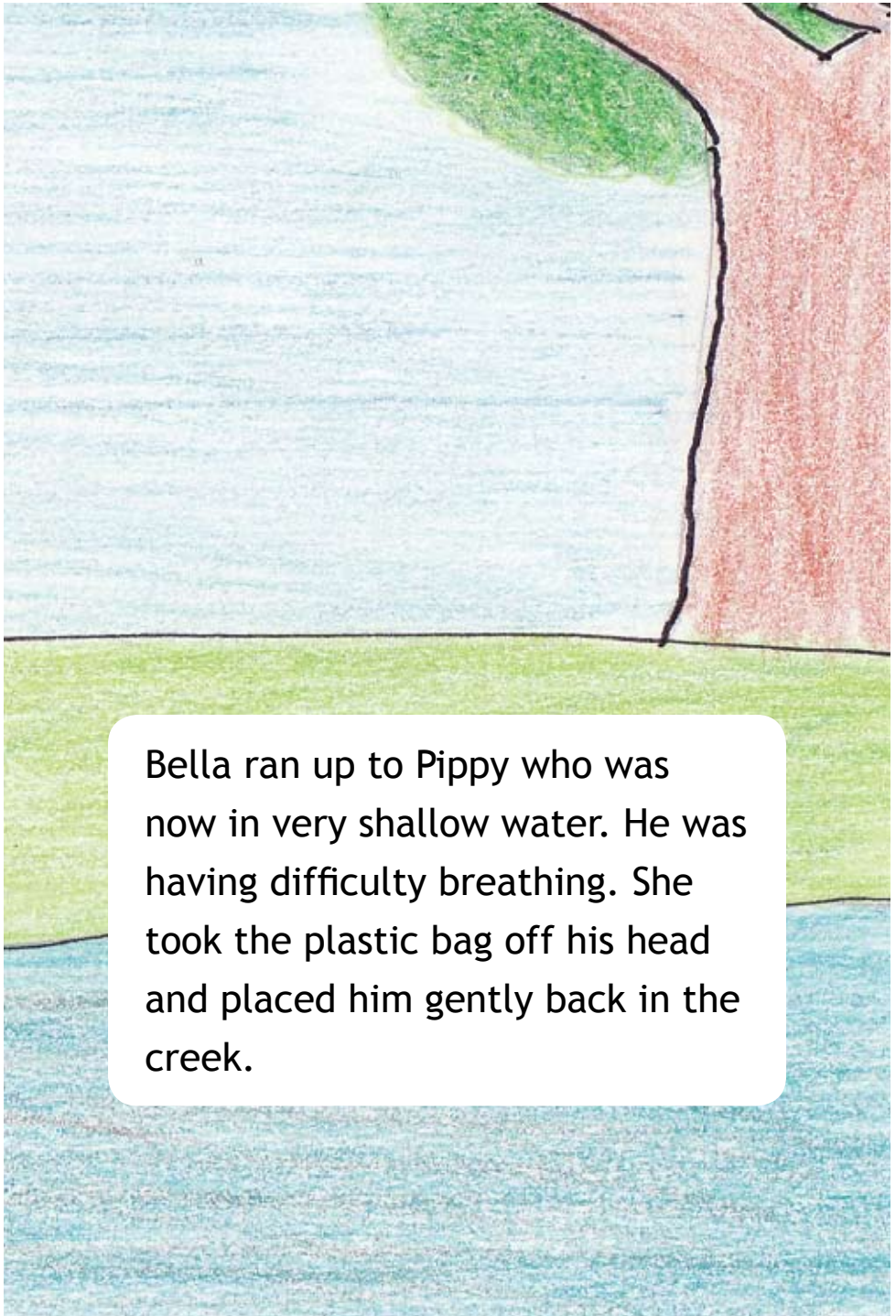


She asked for permission to rescue the platypus and her teacher said “Yes!”

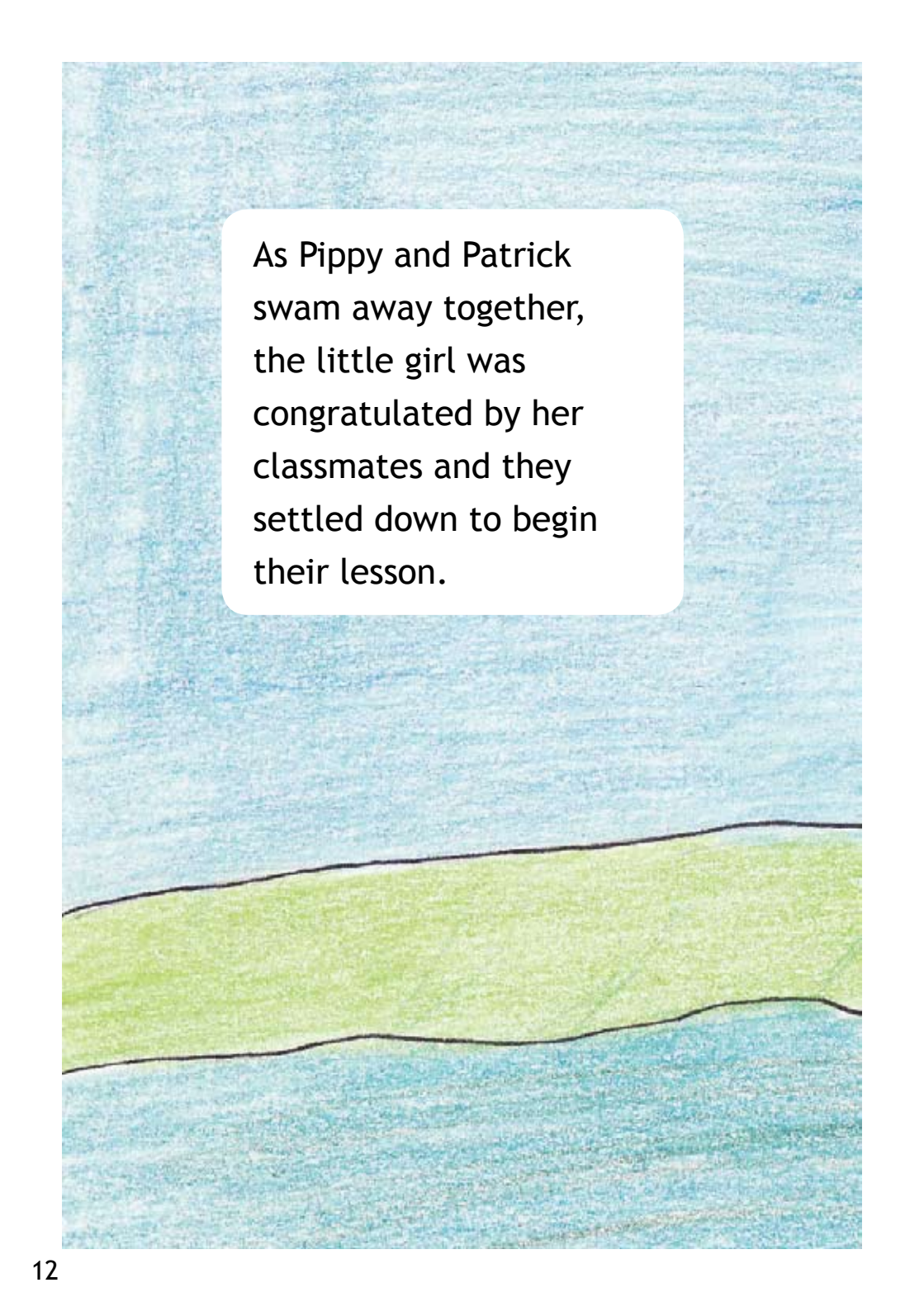








Bella ran up to Pippy who was now in very shallow water. He was having difficulty breathing. She took the plastic bag off his head and placed him gently back in the creek.

The background of the page is a textured, watercolor-style illustration. The top half is a light blue sky. Below the sky is a green hill with a dark brown outline. The bottom half is a blue sea with a dark brown outline. The overall style is soft and artistic.

As Pippy and Patrick swam away together, the little girl was congratulated by her classmates and they settled down to begin their lesson.

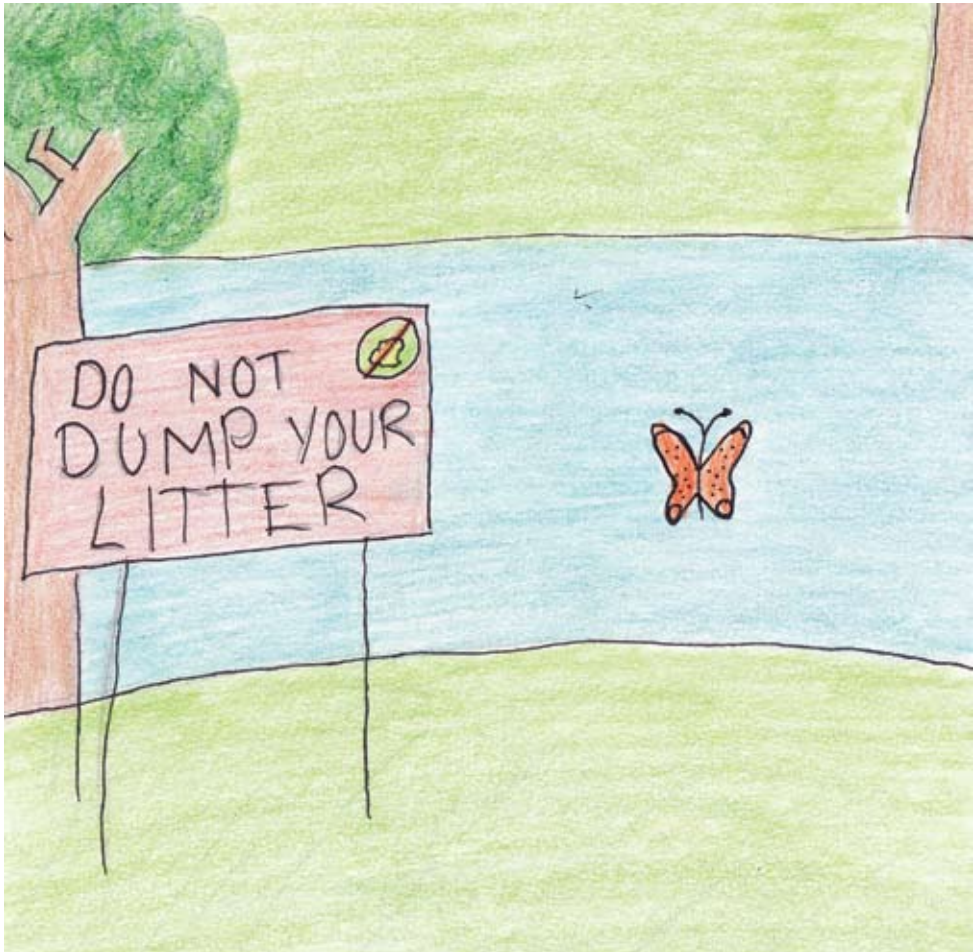




The teacher told her students how precious these beautiful animals are. Everyone was lucky they were able to see them as they are very shy creatures.



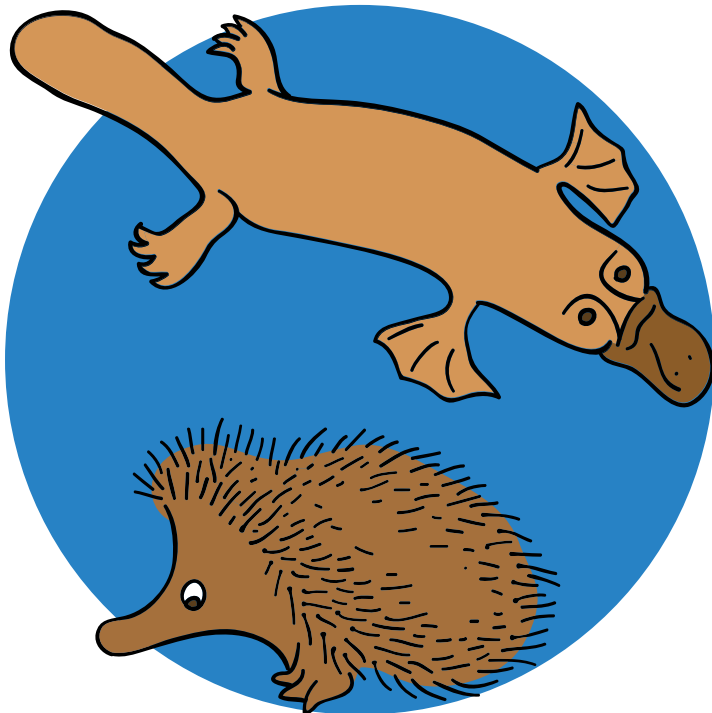




*So just remember to never, ever litter as it harms the habitats of our unique monotremes.*

## Monotremes

A monotreme is a mammal that lays eggs. There are only two species of monotremes in the World and these are the Echidna and the Platypus. The mother lays her eggs in a burrow and when the babies hatch, they drink milk from their mother's teat.









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