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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 2011, the Murray Darling Association, Murray Catchment Management Authority and Burrumbuttock Public School provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative program.

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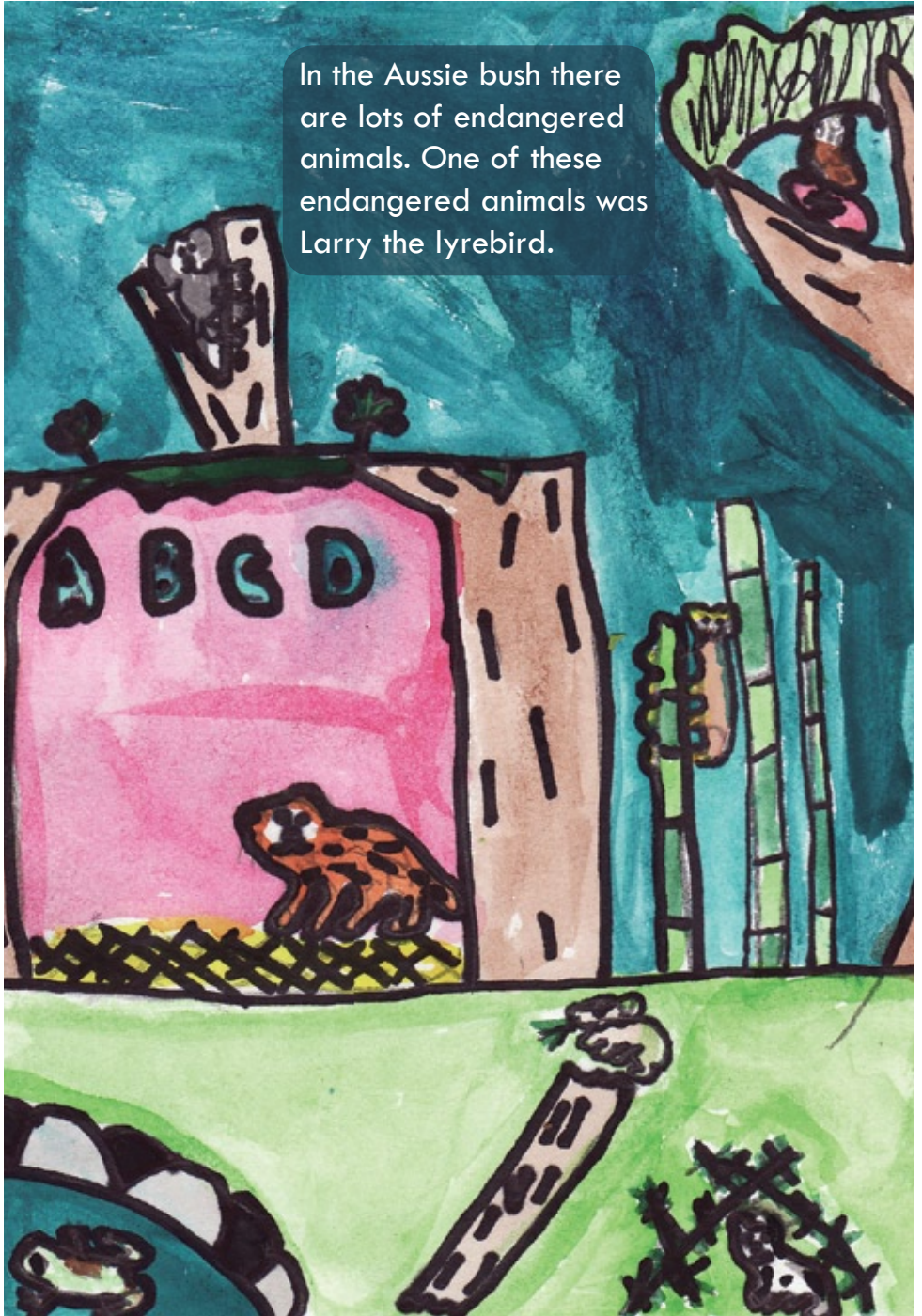
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In the Aussie bush there are lots of endangered animals. One of these endangered animals was Larry the lyrebird.





Larry was a liar. He lied to everyone all the time, even his mother and his teacher.

One day Larry decided to play with Wally the wombat who was new to the area. Wally didn't know that Larry the lyrebird was a liar.





Larry constantly won all the games that he and Wally played.

Wally wondered how Larry kept winning and soon realised that he was lying.

Wally was angry and decided he did not want to play with Larry anymore.

Wally walked away and decided he did not want to play with Larry anymore.

Wally told others of how Larry was a liar.





Larry couldn't understand why no one would play with him. Nat the numbat tried to explain to him, "If you want friends you have to stop lying."

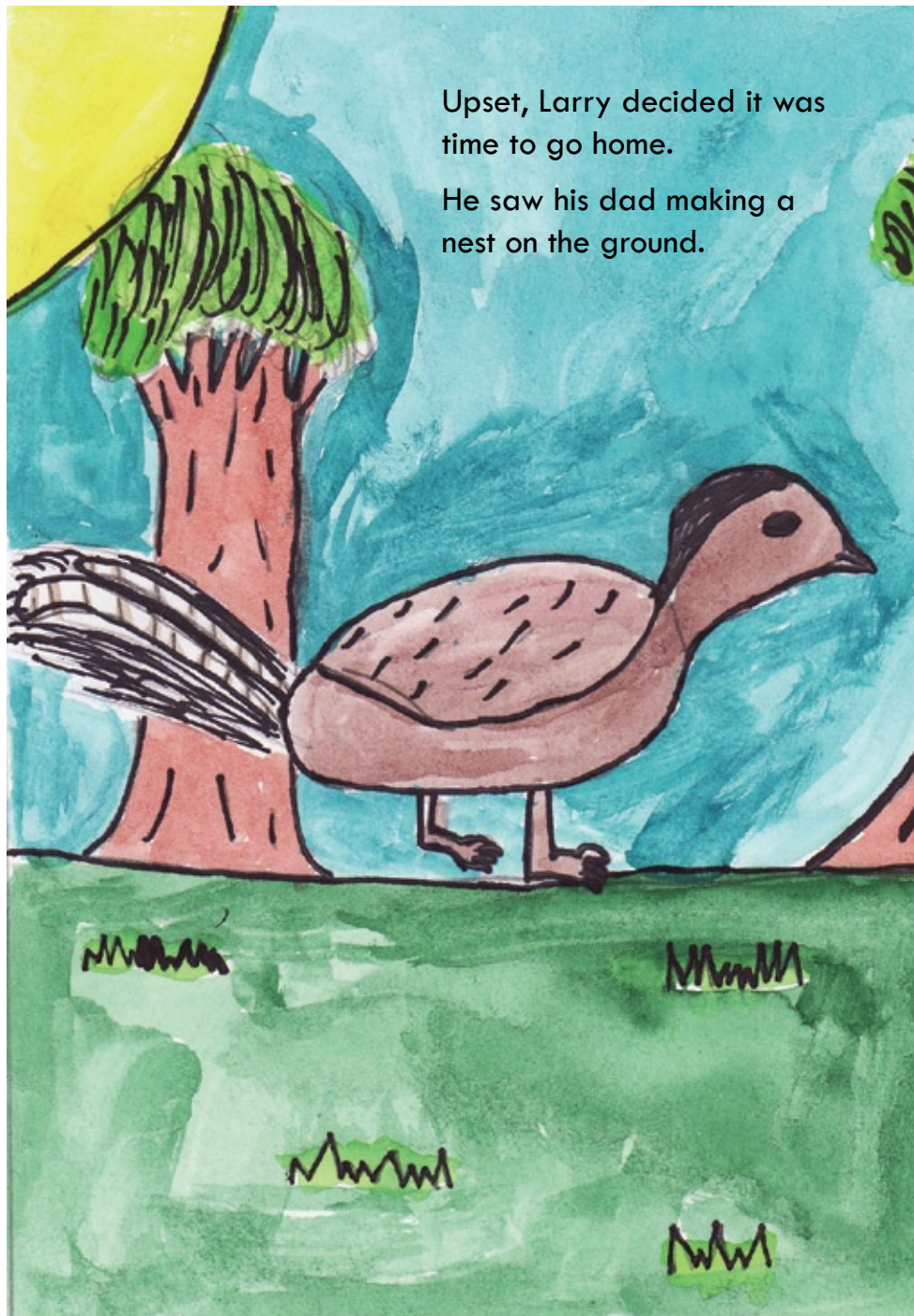




Larry had to watch as the other animals played together without him.

Upset, Larry decided it was time to go home.

He saw his dad making a nest on the ground.



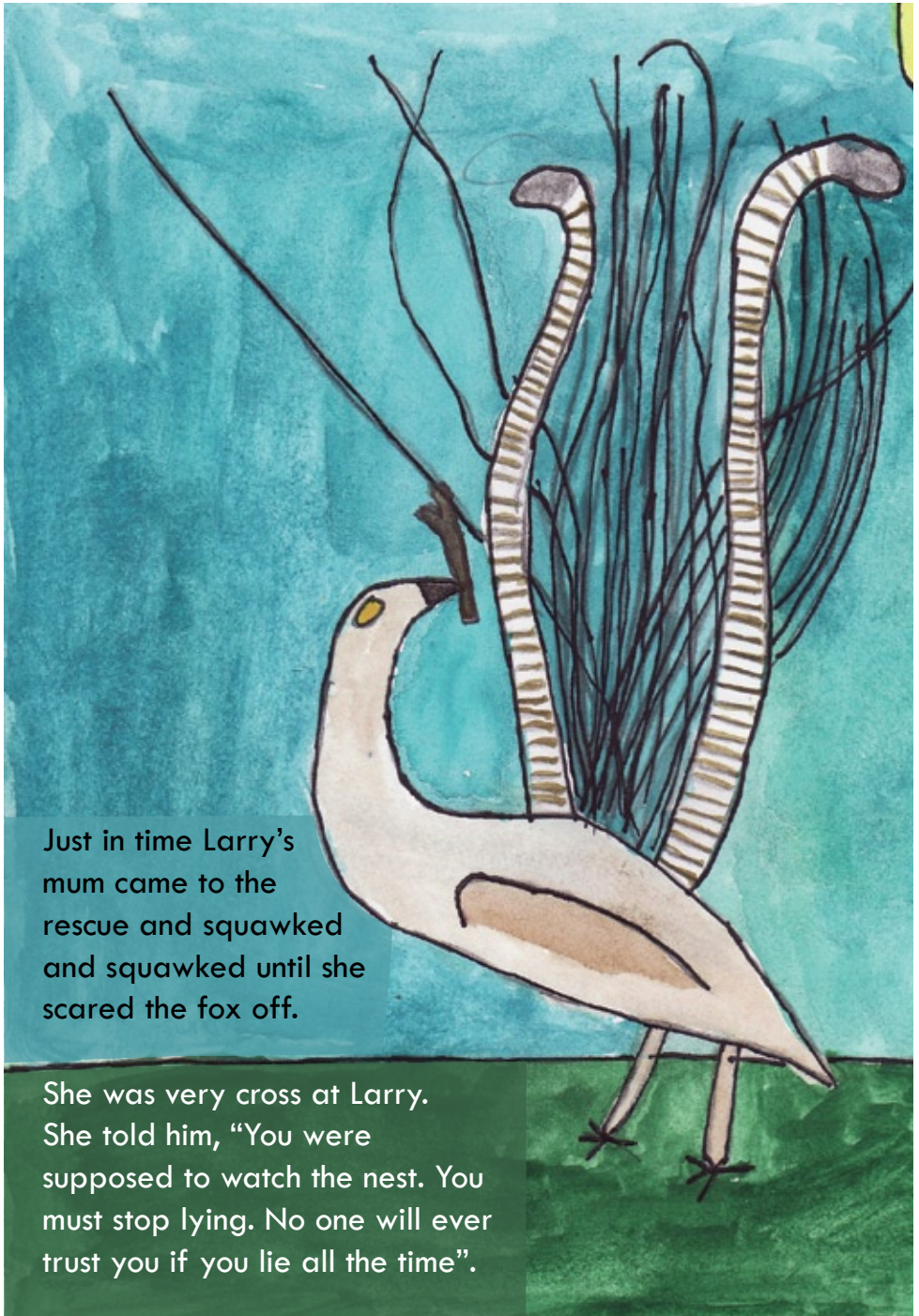


Larry's Dad asked him to mind the nest why he searched for food. His Dad said, "We can't leave the nest alone or feral animals might steal and eat the egg."

Larry lied and said he would. As soon as his Dad left Larry went wandering.

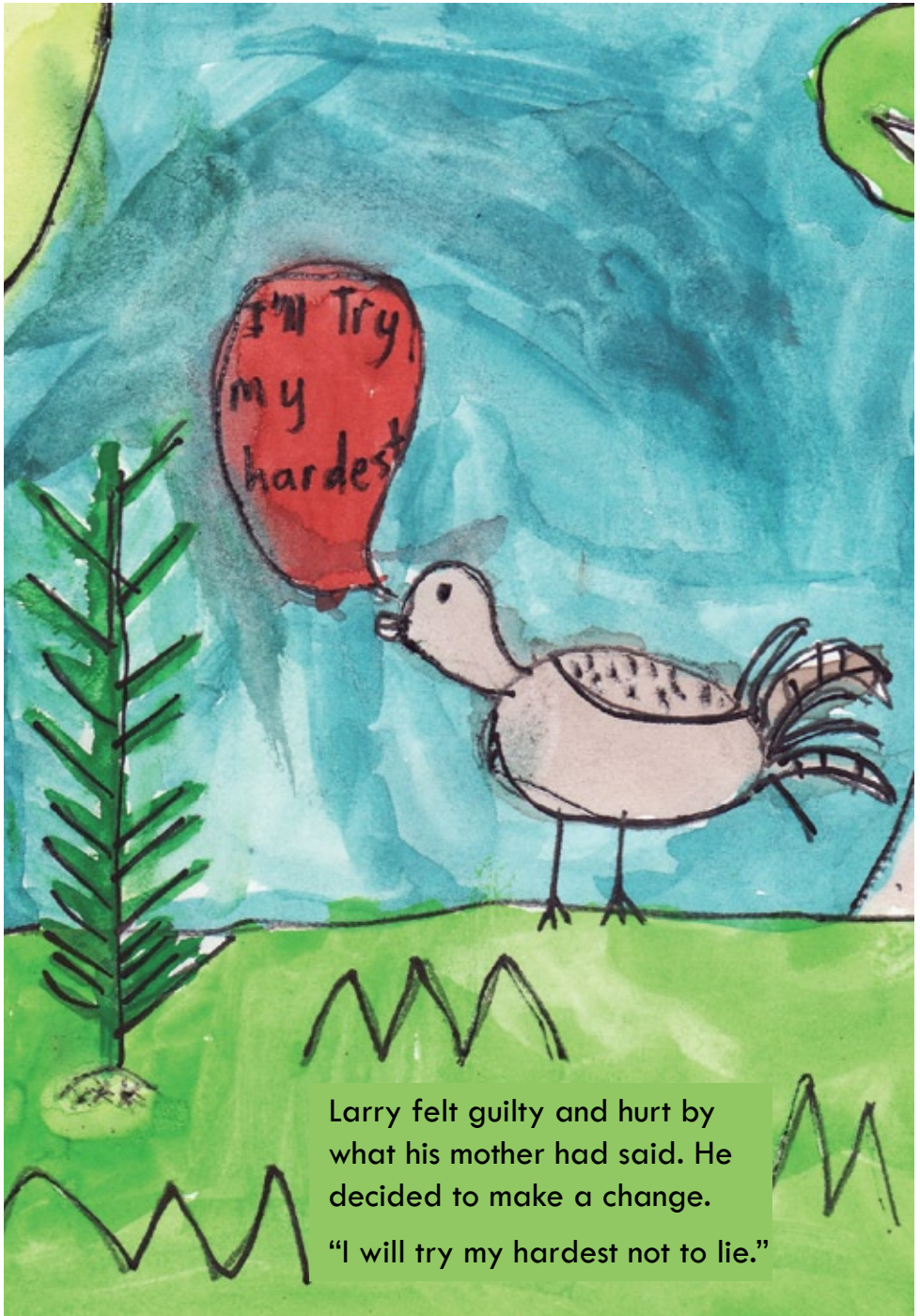


A feral fox came wandering by and spotted the egg in the unattended nest.



Just in time Larry's mum came to the rescue and squawked and squawked until she scared the fox off.

She was very cross at Larry. She told him, "You were supposed to watch the nest. You must stop lying. No one will ever trust you if you lie all the time".



Larry felt guilty and hurt by what his mother had said. He decided to make a change.

"I will try my hardest not to lie."

Larry found his friends and apologised to them  
telling them he would not lie anymore.  
He also told his dad he would not lie.





After a few weeks the egg hatched and Larry had a wonderful little brother.

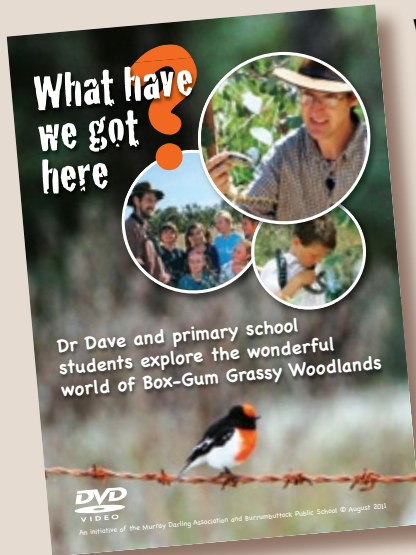




Larry wanted his little brother to not make the same mistakes that he had.

He decided he would teach him that it is wrong to lie!





## What have we got here?

In this DVD, students from Culcairn, Yerong Creek, Pleasant Hills and Henty Public Schools as well as Dr David Watson from Charles Sturt University, explain why Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands are so special.

The DVD covers the importance of Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands, Aboriginal issues, why the woodlands are so fragile and threatened, some inhabitants and how students can appreciate and protect these special landscapes.

Check out DVDs about Dr Dave, Murray, Sammy and Stanley at: [www.ourriverourfuture.org](http://www.ourriverourfuture.org)

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