

Francesca the Fruit Fly



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Creative Catchment Kids

Creative Catchment Kids is an initiative of Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. It aims to improve engagement between our funding partners and school students by providing opportunities for positive and authentic ventures that encourage students to develop creative solutions to agriculture and natural resource management issues.

www.wirraminna.org/creative-catchment-kids/

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre

The Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre is located in Burrumbuttock, north of Albury in southern NSW. Since 1995, the centre, which is adjacent to Burrumbuttock Public School, has provided opportunities for discovery and learning about the natural environment, the ecology of the local woodlands and the beauty of native plants.

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Enviro-Stories

Enviro-Stories is an innovative literacy education program that inspires learning about natural resource and catchment management issues. Developed by PeekKdesigns, this program provides students with an opportunity to publish their own stories that have been written for other kids to support learning about their local area.

www.envirostories.com.au

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Local Land Heroes - Pests in Irrigation

In 2015, students involved in the Creative Catchment Kids program researched and wrote stories about their 'Local Land Heroes' who are involved in pest management in and around the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. These heroes are local individuals, couples, a business or industries that have made a difference in their local community by contributing to the management of pest animals and plants. The program was generously funded by Riverina Local Land Services.

Local Land Heroes is part of Enviro-Stories, a PeekDesigns education program.



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"Hello I'm Francesca the fruit fly, I am looking for a new place to go and lay my eggs."



"Ahhh here's a nice farm," said Francesca.
"It has many apricots and orange trees and
fruit for me to lay my eggs."



"Bzzzz, hello I'm Barry the bee, who are you? I have never seen you around beeee-fore."

"I'm Francesca the fruit fly, see you later," said Francesca and she started to fly away.



"Wait! Beeee-ware of the magpie, he will try to scare you away," warned Barry.

"Thanks, bye!" said Francesca.



"Hello there," said a magpie.

"Oh, hello," said Francesca with caution as she remembered what Barry told her.

"Who are you?" said the magpie.

"I am Francesca the fruit fly and who are you?"

"I am Murray the magpie."



"Be careful! The farmer has traps everywhere and he hates fruit flies. They lay eggs in the fruit and once the maggots hatch, they eat the fruit from the inside out," said Murray.

"Wow, thanks for your advice," said Francesca taking notice of Murray's warning.



"Hello there beautiful," said a nearby frog.

"Hi," said Francesca.

"Who are you? I must know," said the frog.

"I am Francesca the fruit fly and who are you?"

"I am Fred the frog," said Fred with love in his eyes.



"Wait! Have you seen any water around here?" asked Fred.

"You will have to wait for rain or until farmer Frank waters his crops," replied Francesca.

"Oh, okay. Thank you beautiful."

Francesca smiled as she flew away.

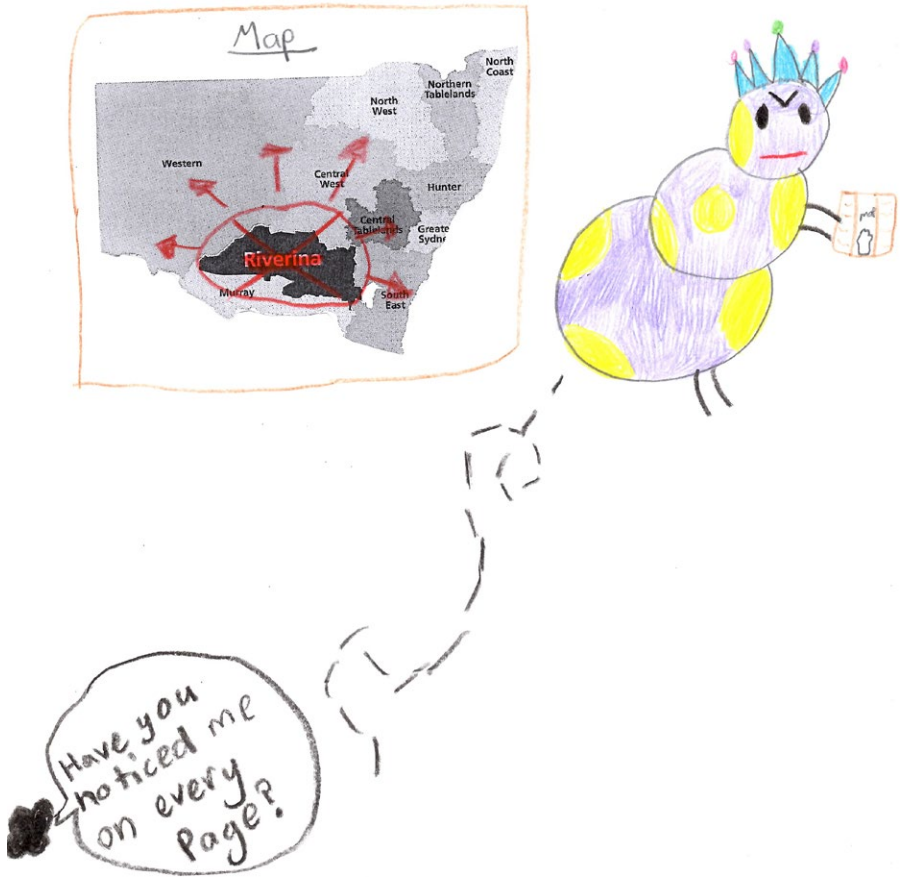


Francesca finally found a nice place to lay her eggs. It was a lovely tree full of juicy, ripe apricots.



Brummm... beep beep beep.

"What's that?" asked Francesca to no one.
"Oh no! They are coming to take the fruit
away. Now I will have nowhere to lay my
eggs," thought Francesca.



"I will have to go and find a new place to lay my eggs, somewhere away from Yenda and out of the Riverina."

Francesca flew away from the Riverina feeling very frustrated.



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CONGRATULATIONS

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre and the Creative Catchment Kids Program won the 2015 NSW Junior Landcare Team Award and will be competing in the 2016 National Landcare Awards.

