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Kempsey Adventist School
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Enviro-Stories

Enviro-Stories is a 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.

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Kempsey Shire Council

Kempsey Shire Council's corporate vision is to lead and work with our community to build and inspired, connected Macleay Valley. Our community is at the heart of our decision making and plays an essential role in setting our strategic direction.

The Kempsey Shire Council Local Government Area is located within the NSW Mid North Coast and covers an area of 3,380 square kilometres with a population of approximately 30,000 residents.

The principal town in the Shire is Kempsey, located approximately halfway between the state capitals of Sydney and Brisbane, and between the regional centres of Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour.

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Kempsey Adventist School

Kempsey Adventist School is a community-oriented, co-educational institution offering Christian education from Pre-Kinder to Year 12. The school has a strong pastoral care program and focuses on the holistic growth of individual students.

Kempsey Adventist School has continued to focus on student literacy and numeracy and the Waratah Project, as supported by Australian Independent Schools NSW, which work together to improve outcomes for all students, inclusive of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

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Waffles the Wonder Dog was no ordinary pup. His soft, curly fur smelled like chocolate cake and warm waffles. He wore a bright red superhero cape and a blue hat; always prepared for an adventure.

With a gentle woof and a twinkle in his eye, Waffles flew through the sky, ready to help anyone in need. Dry and fluffy, he smelled of fresh bubbles and puppy shampoo, making him as comforting as a cuddly teddy bear.



One bright, cheerful lunchtime, the school playground buzzed with laughter and chatter. Children unwrapped sandwiches, sipped from their water bottles, and raced around with their friends.





But all was not well... Rubbish littered the grounds, food scraps were tossed carelessly, and water taps were left gushing.

Waffles hovered above the chaos, his tail drooping with worry. "In this time of changing climate our Earth deserves better," he thought.

Without hesitation, Waffles swooped down from the sky, his cape snapping in the breeze.

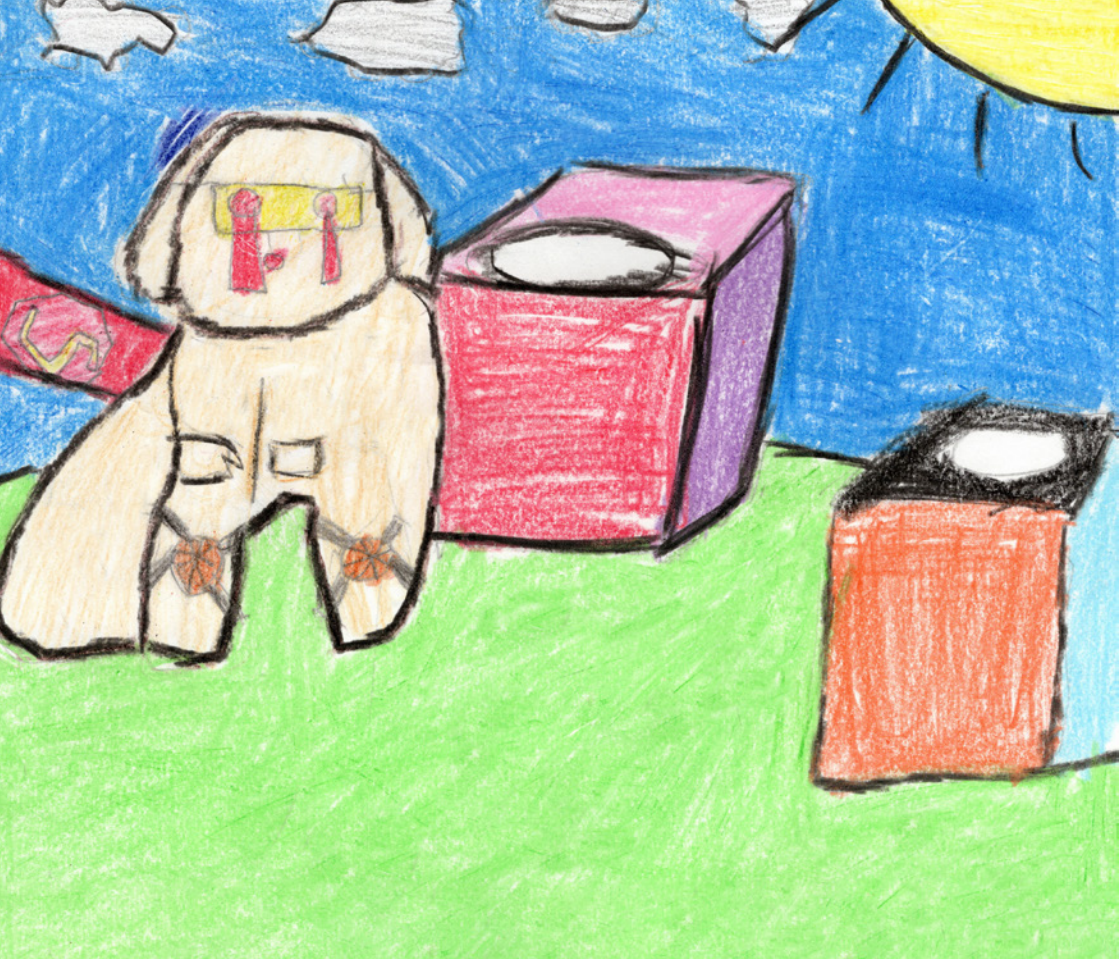
With a soft thump, he landed on the playground and barked a call to action: "Let's fix this together!"





Waffles explained that every bit of rubbish mattered. Scraps could be composted, recyclables saved, and only true waste thrown away. This reduces the amount of waste that goes into landfill, which reduces the greenhouse gases going into the air. The children gathered around, eager to listen.

Waffles continued, telling them how important it was to save water and use clean energy sources if they really want to help the planet.



Together, they sorted food scraps into the compost, juice boxes into recycling, and other general waste into the rubbish bin.

Waffles wagged his tail with pride as the playground began to shine.

The leftover food was given to the school's clucking chickens, who pecked and gobbled the treats with delight. The students laughed and shared stories as they fed the grateful birds.





With fresh compost in their hands, the children worked beside Waffles to nourish the school's vegetable garden.

Soon the carrots, tomatoes and lettuces were thriving; their leaves bright and healthy.

The excitement spread quickly. Even the principal rolled up her sleeves to help. Teachers, parents and students all pitched in, turning the clean-up into a joyful celebration of teamwork.

The principal even employed contractors to install solar panels so they could harness free non-polluting electricity from the Sun.

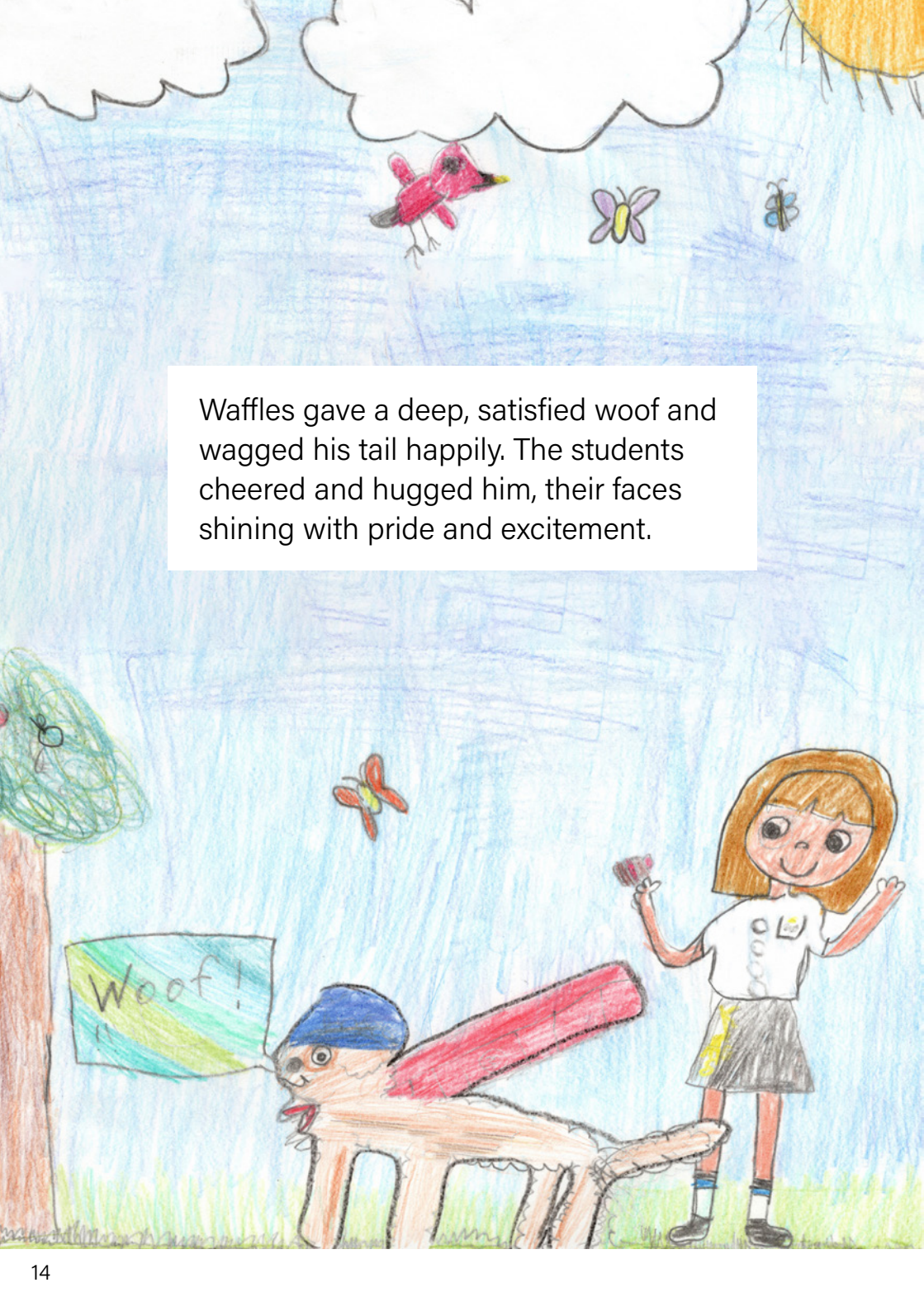




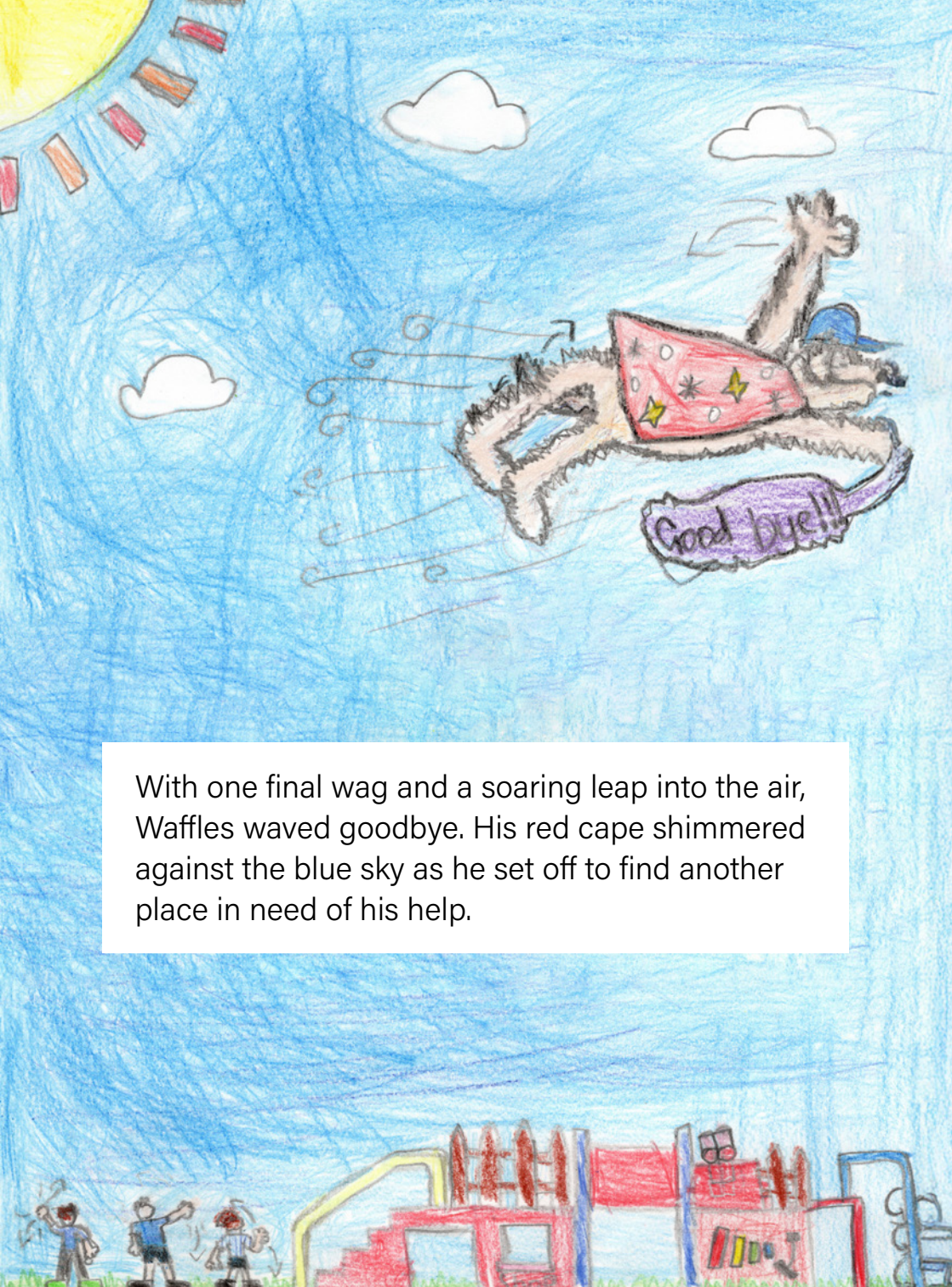
Waffles presented "Hero of the Planet" stickers to every helper. Former litterbugs beamed with pride as they earned their badges, promising to stop wasting food and protect the Earth from that day forward.

In no time, the schoolyard sparkled. The taps were turned off tightly, rubbish was sorted properly, and the gardens blossomed under the sun. The chickens clucked contentedly in their coop.





Waffles gave a deep, satisfied woof and wagged his tail happily. The students cheered and hugged him, their faces shining with pride and excitement.



With one final wag and a soaring leap into the air, Waffles waved goodbye. His red cape shimmered against the blue sky as he set off to find another place in need of his help.



Waffles the Wonder Dog would always be ready – whether to cuddle a sad child, rescue a messy playground or teach the world how to care for our precious planet.

He truly was a wonder!

Climate change in the Macleay region

Even in the Macleay region, climate change is a big challenge. By learning, preparing and working together to take action, we can build a safer, cleaner and more sustainable future for everyone.

How climate change affects us

- Hotter temperatures and heatwaves.
- Heavier rainfall, floods, and droughts.
- More intense storms, including hail and strong winds.
- Sea level rise, which can damage coastal areas.
- More bushfires and days with high fire danger.
- Impacts on plants and animals, including where they live and how they survive.
- Changes to our health, water supply, and food production.

What can you do to help?

- Save energy by turning off lights and using less electricity.
- Use clean energy like solar power, if possible.
- Walk or ride your bike instead of using a car.
- Eat local food and don't waste it.
- Recycle and compost to reduce rubbish.
- Plant trees and look after your garden.
- Get ready for extreme weather by learning what to do in a fire, flood, or heatwave.

**Small actions, when done by many people,
can make a big difference!**



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