

Greta the Green Butterfly



St. Joseph's Primary School, Kempsey
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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 PeekDesigns, 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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St. Joseph's Primary School, Kempsey

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Kempsey is located in the beautiful Macleay Valley, on the Mid North Coast of NSW.

St. Joseph's plays a vital role in laying the foundation for your child's lifelong learning, ensuring that each student develops into a happy, resilient and successful person, with realistic and achievable goals, and strong morals and values.

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In a small, coastal village lived
Greta the butterfly, who had
beautiful bright green wings.

She loved to fly over the village,
watching the changes in nature.



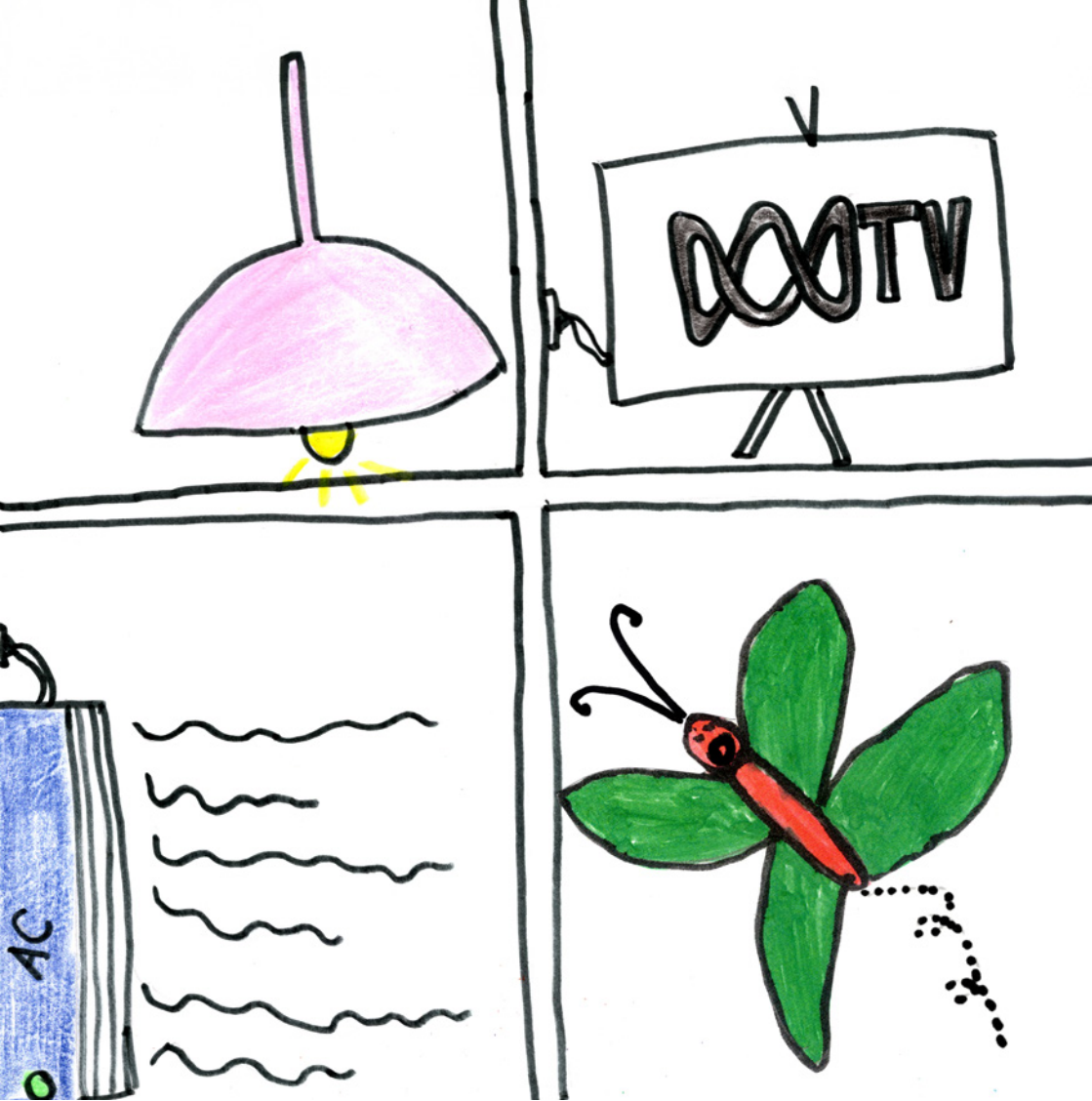
Each morning, Greta enjoyed playing
hide-and-seek in the veggie garden
with her insect friends.

She loved everything about nature.



After she had finished playing, Greta always had a snack and went for a flutter around the village.





One morning, as she fluttered about the village, she noticed something that worried her.

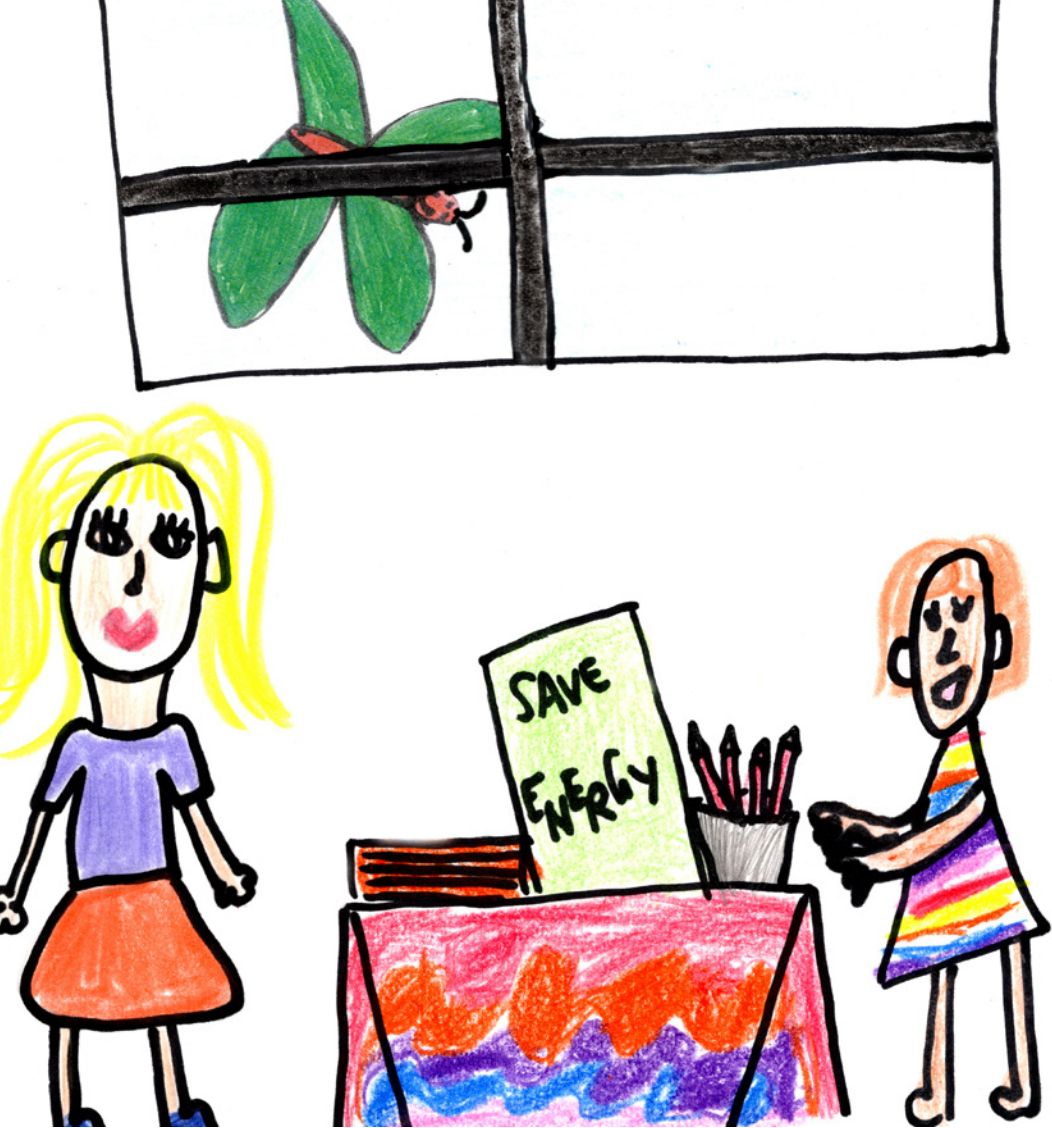
As she flew by Mia's window, the TV, air conditioner, and all the lights in the house were on, but no one was inside.

That evening, she landed on Mia's ear and whispered, "Make sure you only turn the lights on when you are in the room. This will help save energy and protect our earth."



Mia replied, "Sure, I can do that.
And I can tell my friends to do that too."






So, the next day Mia told all her friends what Greta had said.

They decided to make posters to tell all the people in the village how to save energy.

Greta set out on her daily flutter the very next day and was again worried by what she saw.

Mac was throwing all his unwanted toys and old clothes into the garbage.





That evening, Greta landed on Mac's ear and whispered, "Hey Mac, all your old toys and old clothes can go to the op shop so other people can use them. This will reduce landfill and help protect our earth."





Mac replied, "Sure, I can do that.
And I can tell my friends to do that too."



The following day, Mac told all his friends what Greta had said.

They decided to make posters to tell all the people in the village how to reuse clothes and toys too.



Every single day, Greta continued flying over the coastal village she loved so much, looking for ways for the villagers to protect the earth.



And every single night, she landed
on the ears of children whispering to
them all the ways they could help.



Day after day, the village children made posters of all the things they could do to protect the Earth so they could teach other children and adults how to help too.

After a short time, the children had made posters about reducing energy and food waste, reusing clothes and toys, and recycling.

Greta, the beautiful green butterfly knew that with the help of the village children, the earth was in safe hands.



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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