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The Kookaburra of Delacombe **by May Ko**

Long, long ago in the Dreamtime, in a gigantic, woody, oak tree near a billabong known as Delacombe, there lived a kookaburra called Dinja. As the sun played hide and seek with the clouds Dinja the kookaburra, who was fun, jubilant and overjoyed woke up. As he watched the sun rise he began to laugh incredibly loud.

Dinja got out of bed as quick as an emu and ate his breakfast. Soon he went out for a walk, but he started to feel lonely, so he decided he would build a school in the Delacombe billabong in order to meet more animals. He worked cooperatively with a small group of kookaburras. He was working as hard as a wombat, building happily when...

Crash! Smash! Bang! All of a sudden a storm blew up hitting half of the school. Surprised Dinja ran as quick as a flash to see what had happened. When he arrived at the spot half of the school had been wrecked by the storm.

Dinja thought really hard about how he would save his new school. Suddenly an idea popped into his tiny head. He started to laugh, chuckle and giggle. Soon lots of kookaburras, drongos and gang-gangs flew down to the school to make the storm go away by laughing very loudly.

As dawn slowly emerged Dinja finished repairing the final touches on his new school. He decided that he would hold a big celebration for all of the animals who would be attending. Animals from all over attended Dinja's corroboree to celebrate the creation of Delacombe Primary School and decided that as he had created such a fantastic place for them, he should be made the school logo.

From that day on Dinja the kookaburra became the Delacombe Primary School logo.



How Delacombe Primary School Got Their Logo by Stephanie Cameron

Once long ago an Aboriginal dad and his nice and helpful daughter were hunting out in the bush. Back in this time Kookaburras couldn't laugh. The daughter was named Chloe and she could turn into a kookaburra whenever she wanted to.

As they were sneaking through the bush suddenly a dingo jumped up from out of nowhere. Chloe was about to scream. As her brave father covered her mouth he threw a spear at the dingo and said, "We will eat this dingo for dinner and also some grubs!" So Chloe bent down to get some big, juicy, fat grubs from under a tree. She passed them to her dad.

They snuck home as Chloe's mum said, "What's for dinner?" Chloe said, "A dingo and some juicy, fat grubs!!" The fresh yummy food was lined up on the table made of thick stone but Chloe didn't eat. Her belly felt hot and she felt sick so her mum sent her to bed to see what the morning would bring. Chloe was still sick in the morning and the cold was even worse than before. She vomited all day. Green, slimy spew was dripping down her face as she cried for hours and hours. Her dad said, "It was that tree she touched," and ran into the bush with a laser sharp axe and cut down the tree. Chloe was still crying when he got back.

He sadly said, "I will go and get some water for Chloe" and he walked to the creek. He suddenly heard spirits singing. He got scared and ran home with the bucket of fresh water. He heard someone saying, "Chloe is starting to die!!" and he ran home as fast as a dingo. Unfortunately when he got there Chloe had already died.

Suddenly Chloe turned to dust. Misty, white smoke was everywhere. Chloe turned into a kookaburra spirit. Her powers were making kookaburras laugh. After her death her dad made a school so that children could learn but mostly so he could teach children not to touch plants unless they know they won't make you sick or even worse, die!

"The kookaburra is going to be the logo of my school so I can remember Chloe", said her dad.

That's how the kookaburra became Delacombe Primary School's logo.



The Kookaburra Story by Abbey C-S

Three tribes; the kookaburra, emu and rainbow serpent gathered together and started to fight for no reason. The tribes didn't have to have a reason to fight; they just didn't like each other. They were in a forest; it was dirty, noisy and dark. Kookaburra didn't want to get into another fight.

Spears were flying everywhere; you name the direction the spears would go. Kookaburra flew up into a gumtree and stayed there. The animals set a deal and the deal was whoever could fight the longest got everyone's home. Rainbow Serpent said, "I'm gonna win!" He was very modest. Everyone said, "I'm gonna win" but Kookaburra didn't say anything.....

Kookaburra came down. Ring! Ring! Ring! The deal was on the table, so they started. Emu threw the first punch. It was on like Donkey Kong. Kookaburra thought to himself, "I don't want to get caught up in this so I'm going to fly up into a tree and stay there." So he did.

Rainbow Serpent was trying to choke them but it didn't work. Kookaburra just stayed sitting up in the tree looking down at Emu and Rainbow Serpent fighting. They tried to scare each other but they didn't have the mighty roar like a tiger so they weren't scary.

2 hours later! It went on and on, Kookaburra thought it was never going to end. He just sat there in the shady tree and looked down. It was just like watching a movie, just without the popcorn. He just watched and watched for about 8 hours. It wasn't an eye opener. Kookaburra even had a nap, it was that boring. Rainbow Serpent stayed on its tail and kept on going. Emu stayed on his feet as well. Kookaburra thought they would collapse but they didn't. They had more energy than he thought.

Eventually the Rainbow Serpent gave up so Kookaburra had to come down and fight like a man. Kookaburra was frightened to go and fight Emu. Emu was tall, he had giant feet and he liked to fight with his belly. Kookaburra came down and knocked Emu out, it was amazing.

That's how the Kookaburra became Delacombe Primary School's totem.



The Kookaburra Story by Destiny Ryrie

Cuckka! The birds were laughing, the emus were playing tiggy and the echidnas and kangaroos were playing hide and seek. The sun sparkled on a lonely, tiny and shy kookaburra. Everyone adored him until three large, scary and tough kookaburras angrily flew to the gum tree which was as tall as a rocket. The animals were as scared as a lamb.

The next day the sun shone as bright as the moon at night. All the animals were as happy as a puppy. Emus ran as fast as a bullet and echidnas were napping. Taipan was slowly slithering across where the other animals were when he heard.....

Arrggh! Bang! Whoosh! Angry clouds exploded with heavy rain! Then an enormous willy-willy came towards the billabong!! Kookaburra tried to build a tall, rocky and hard wall but it didn't work out. It was a catastrophe! But suddenly a tree with a nest that had eggs in it was about to fall. The kookaburra was strong and held up the tree.

It was about time the animals found things for the kookaburra to slowly wrap around the tall, rough and hard tree. Suddenly kookaburra heard something exciting..... CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

All of the kind, friendly and perfect animals adored him. Then old Boobook came flying down. "Good job Kookaburra!" said old Boobook. Someone familiar, royal and famous came dancing down to Kookaburra. "I have a great job for you as Delacombe Primary School's logo." Kookaburra jumped with excitement.

In the distance soft flames began to sparkle as kookaburra began to look around. Gorgeous green grass grew. Red roses rose from out of the dirt and smiles were all over the place. Every day a smile came to kookaburra since all the animals smiled at him.

From that day forth Kookaburra was D.P.S.'s logo because he trusted everyone and saved the day.



The Kookaburra Story **by Jai Knowles**

Under the sea was there once lived a lucky principal. It was late so he headed to his house. When he got into his bed he had trouble falling asleep. He had a feeling that something bad was going to happen.

In the morning he got out of bed to make some breakfast. Clang! A plate was slammed on the bench waiting for some toast to be on it. Cachang! Some toast flung onto the plate. After the lucky principal ate the crunchy toast, he went out and got lost in the woods!

Growl! "What was that?" asked the principal. He turned around and the bushes shook! Out came a starving dingo. It started to chase him!

The principal ran as fast as a diving eagle! Finally he stopped at a dead end. He couldn't see the dingo anymore! He was safe; at least he thought he was. Scratch! There was a massive cut on his leg. After seeing the dingo pounce at him. Then it jumped back. Before it could jump again the principal whistled and his strong, heavy and smart kookaburra picked him up and flew him to safety.

But then a sharp branch fell on kookaburra. It cut his wing! Unable to fly, kookaburra was eaten by the dingo!

Ever since then the lucky principal made the kookaburra the totem of Delacombe Primary School.



The Kookaburra Story by Teagan Brennan

Kookaburra was kind. She was fluffy, soft and white as a polar bear. She had a razor sharp beak but she was still gentle. Kookaburra had a great life but she was lonely.

Kookaburra went out to get some food. She was flying through the nice, blue sky. Kookaburra found other birds but they were different. She went down and the other birds were picking on her so she got some food then went back home. The air was as cold as snow and then.....

Boom! Bang! Clang! "Oh no," said Kookaburra. She couldn't believe her eyes. Sticks and leaves were everywhere. From nowhere a flash of light struck down in front of her. It had broken her tree so she couldn't build another nest there. Kookaburra flew as fast as a flash. She flew faster, and then the lightning struck her wing. She started falling.

Then a mother kangaroo caught Kookaburra in her pouch. Kookaburra and the kangaroo became friends but Kookaburra still had a broken wing. The kangaroo took Kookaburra to Kangaroo Care. They looked for a bandage but they couldn't find one so they went out to find one. Kookaburra said, "I need to find a new home."

They finally found a bandage then they found something beautiful in a place called Delacombe. It had everything Kookaburra needed. The amazing tree had water, food and a nest so she didn't have to build one but sadly Kookaburra couldn't fly. Luckily she was a good climber!

And that's how the Kookaburra became the Delacombe logo.



Bush Fire **by Emily Shearer-Cox**

One sunny day Kookaburra was swooping down ready to have morning tea. Kookaburra sat in the gum tree, he peeked into a hollow. There were some bugs, grubs and honey. “

Mmm, grubs, my favourite. Yum! So much honey. Wow! I am full.”

Just then he caught a glimpse of smoke and smelled a terrible smell. “Oh no, this can’t be good!” Kookaburra sighed. Just as he was about to fly off a scream filled the air as the fire closed in.

“HELP US!”

Kookaburra tried to flap out the scorching hot fire but he had no luck. He tried to say, “Follow me,” but they couldn’t hear him. The fire nearly hit them.

Suddenly.....he decided to laugh. “HaaaaHa!” The kids followed, then they were safe. Unfortunately one had a broken wing. Kookaburra said, “I will build a school so you will not get lost.”

After the building was finished, sadly, Kookaburra died.

“We should represent this school with our totem as the Kookaburra because he started this school,” said all of the students and teachers.

That is how Kookaburra became Delacombe Primary School’s totem.



The Cooperative Kookaburra by Zane Foster

Long ago there was an unidentified creature that thought everything was funny. It was cheeky, cooperative, cunning and a little chunky.

It all started with that creature. It was a memory making Monday Morning. He woke up and was flying to school. As he shot across the sky as fast as a superman he saw potoroos, taipans, dingos, yara-ma-yha-whos, wonga-wongas and waratahs.

He flew and flew. Then in the distance, he saw a happy, joyful and perky flock of birds. There was four species: Gang-gangs, Drongos, BooBooks and Brolgas. The flock was about 30 seconds away from colliding with him. He was as scared as Mr Jelly but he knew he had to face it. He closed his eyes for 10 seconds, but it turned out to be 20. EEEEE! He yelled.....

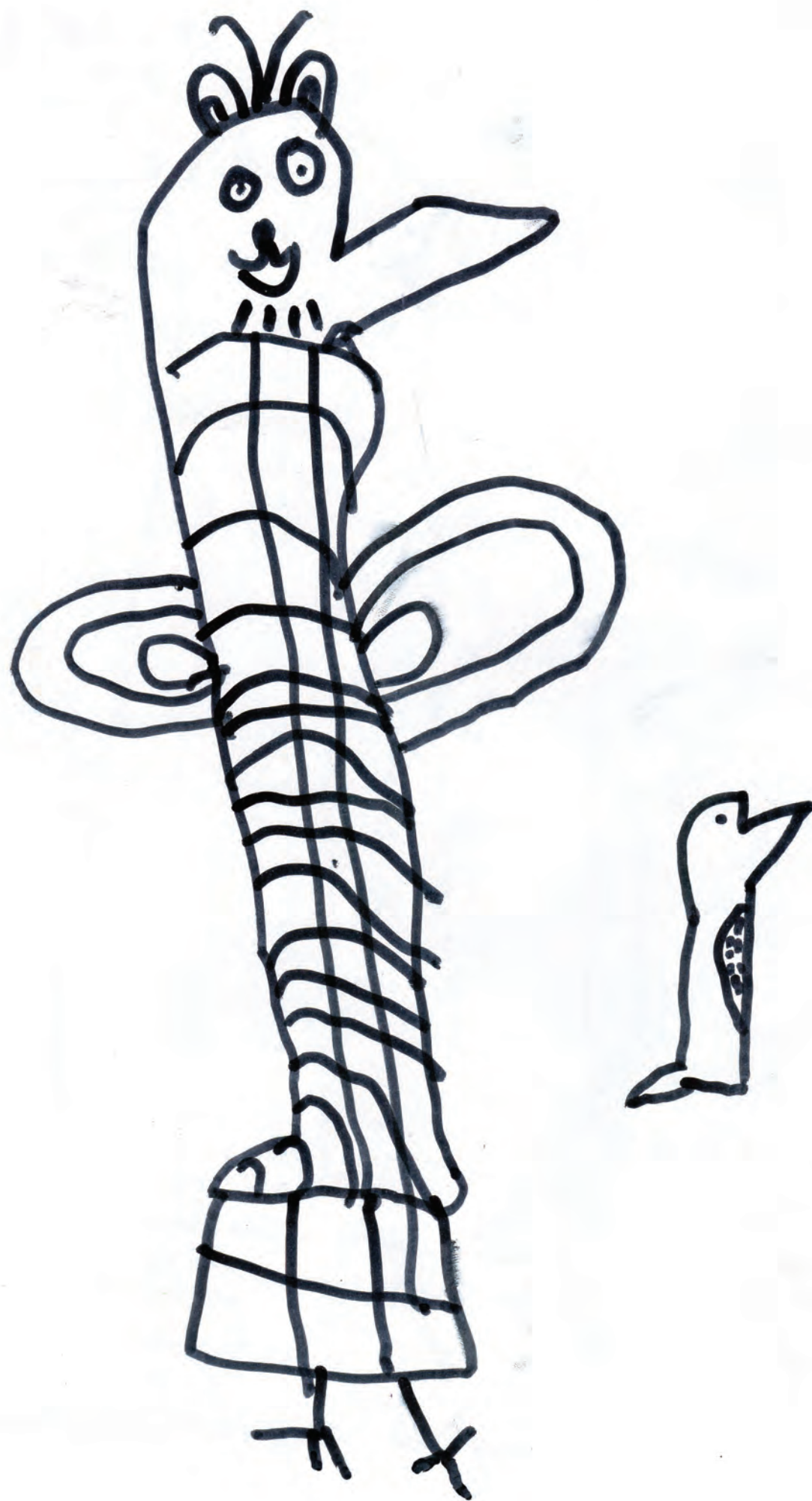
“GO AROUND!!!” He cooed, but it was no use. He then realised that he had to go THROUGH the flock. He said to himself, “I wish someone went to my school, so I wouldn’t have to travel so far”. He said it over and over again. Then, one of the birds heard him. “We’ll join your school!” “Yeah” The flock yabbered all together.

Two months later, he decided that only teaching birds was boring. So, that afternoon, he made up his mind and decided to make his school inclusive. The news got around like a bushfire.

Unfortunately one morning at 6.00am, some dingos found the school and started destroying it. When the kookaburra found out, he was really mad, and didn’t know what to do.....

The confused creature cried a little tear. He had never been in a situation like this but suddenly he remembered something: his emergency call! He coughed so it wouldn’t muck up his screech. He opened his jaws and sent out a deafening call. At once aboriginals came with waddies. “Go away, or we will kill you with our nulla-nullas”, threatened the heroes. After five seconds, three dingoes were running away in fear. Luckily the bullies only created 25 percent damage.

That was how Delacombe Primary School was named and the kookaburra became its logo.



The Kookaburra Story by Abby Wright

As the sun played hide and seek with the clouds, the desert sand created a willy-willy. The kookaburra tried to stay calm, settled and safe up in his tee. The billabong's waves made crashing sounds and the animals tried to have a drink.

The indigenous people had a waddy to find their food. As the kookaburra flew as high as a gum tree, he saw a shining reflection against the sun. He dove down to see what it was. It was a letter stating that there was to be a competition. It said it was only for birds, so he entered.

The next day he was at the competition and all of the birds had done their act and now it was time to see who had won.

The boobook said, "The winner is.....Drongo!"

All of the other birds were clapping, except the kookaburra. The kookaburra didn't clap. He was shocked! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! All of the clapping stopped him from thinking. He flew straight backstage and to the judges.

As dawn emerged, the kookaburra tried to explain how it couldn't be right. He saw all of the rates from 1-10 and he and Drongo were equal at 10-10. He showed the judges and the nicest one came on stage to tell the Boobook that the Kookaburra had come a draw with Drongo.

As the Kookaburra walked on stage next to the Boobook and Drongo, Boobook told the audience that he had made a mistake. Once he made it to the Boobook, Kookaburra smiled as big as a giant. Boobook sneakily pushed Drongo off the stage! He fell straight on his bottom.

And that's how the Kookaburra became the Delacombe P.S. logo.



The Kookaburra Story by Harry Skene

On a lovely, beautiful and admirable gumtree was a bird well known for its mocking laugh. He thought it was hysterical because a man called Mr Phillips was struggling to make a school. Mr Phillips was dropping everything. Bang. Crash. It was hilarious. Wakookll the kookaburra was still laughing. As Mr Phillips kept dropping things everywhere, Kookaburra thought it was the funniest thing ever. Bang, crash, boom! Mr Phillips obviously thought he was doing well because he took a break!!!!!! Kookaburra wondered how we would get it finished.....

As Mr Phillips realised he needed to work faster, he rushed to get things done! He definitely needed Kookaburra's help and Kookaburra didn't even ask but just watched.

Mr Phillips found out that he only had 24 hours left!!!! Kookaburra felt sad that Mr Phillips couldn't build his school.

Mr Phillips figured he needed help so he asked Kookaburra. Kookaburra couldn't do it unless he got something in return. Mr Phillips told Kookaburra that he would be the logo and Kookaburra couldn't fight the guilt and said, "Yes". They worked and worked until they were finished... just in time too.

In the distance soft, splattered and light flames began to twinkle and flicker. Kookaburra was watching the school. It was fabulous.

That's how Kookaburra became Delacombe Primary School's logo.



The Kookaburra Story **by Jai Ogg**

A new born kookaburra went out to see the sunlight. His mum didn't live with him and he was never allowed to see her. Kookaburra's dad went out to get food and all of a sudden...PLOP! He fell and said, "Look after yourself," but Kookaburra didn't hear him.

When he saw his dad on the ground, he went to jump but he couldn't. Kookaburra was by himself, stranded and alone. Kookaburra didn't know how to fly or do anything. He couldn't even talk properly. All these things he would have to teach himself through all his years. When he becomes a dad, pop or pa and has girlfriends he won't know how to do anything.

As he went to jump he landed on his wing. Then he tried to stand up but he couldn't. He felt his wing and cried as loud as he could. He thought that he couldn't do anything. "Nooooo," he cried. "I won't be able to do anything." That night he climbed back up to the top of the rock and dreamt about his dad. The next day he went outside to see the sunshine. Kookaburra launched off the rock and fell and fell. He did that day and night.

Thump! He hit the ground as hard as an elephant's stomp. He stood up feeling dozy and dizzy, and he was about to fall back down. He tried again once more and....."Finally, yes, I can fly," he yelled.

Kookaburra flew all the way to Jurassic Jumbo to see his mum, brothers and sisters. Then he flew all the way back and decided to make a school so he would have good memories and to be safe. The people at the school used him, the kookaburra, as their totem.



The Kookaburra Story by Toby Cuthbertson

One morning Cooralook was sitting on a huge, dead tree laughing as Mr Phillips was making a school.

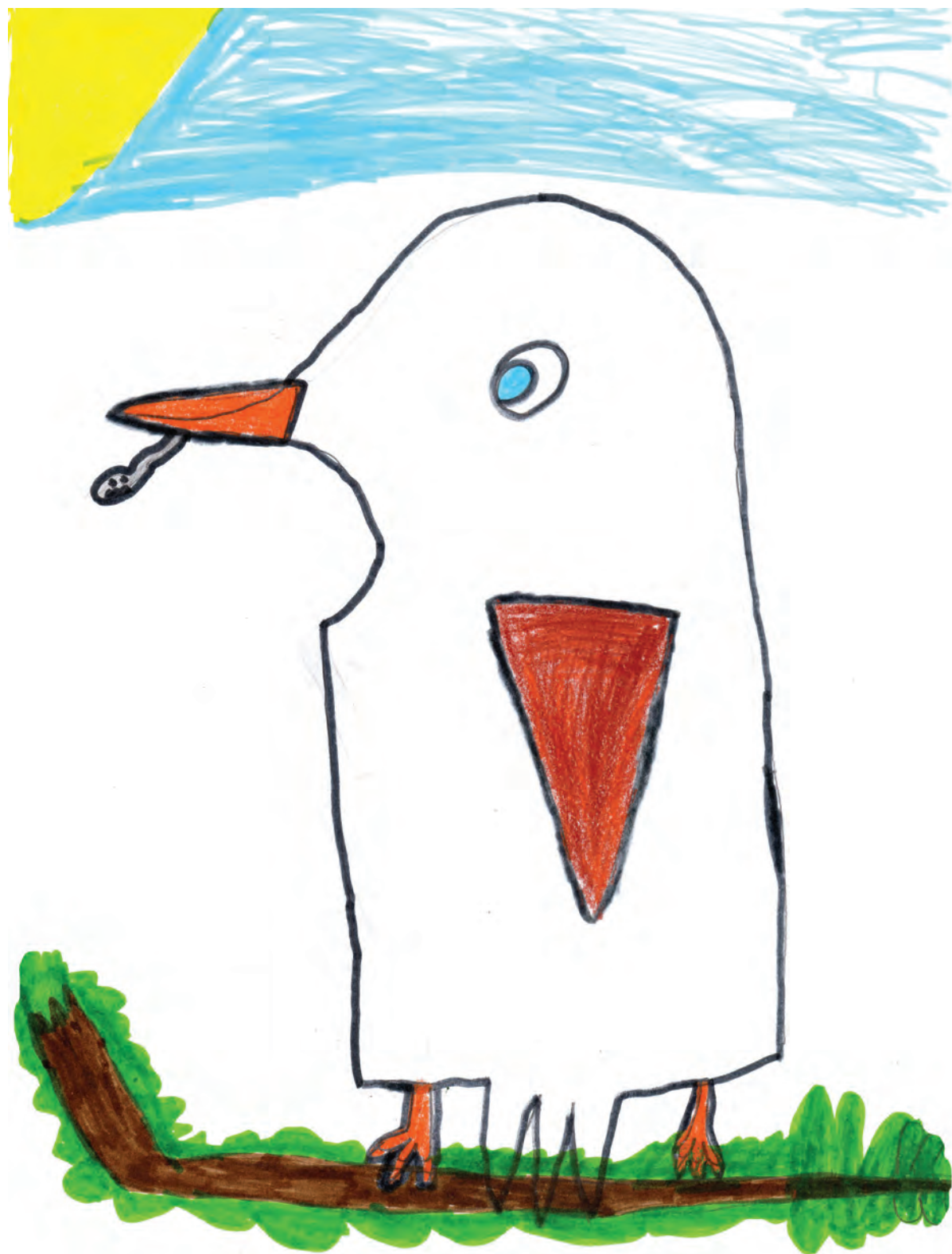
Mr Phillips yelled at Cooralook and said, "Your punishment is to help me build the school" so Cooralook got a job carrying bricks. Bang! Crash! He dropped the bricks. They were huge. He could not hold them. Warrigal laughed at him.

Cooralook got a job carrying clay for the walls. He flew to a hill with Brolga and gathered some clay. When they got back they gave it to Wallaroo who was building the wall.

On the way to the clay hill, there was Mrs Boobook. She had used all of the clay that held her nest together. Cooralook went back to the school and told Mr Phillips. Mrs Boobook got in trouble.

Mrs Boobook had to give back all the clay. They finally finished the school but Cooralook didn't feel right. He flew to the mountain and got some clay and gave it to Mrs Boobook. She was very happy. As Cooralook the kookaburra did such a great job, Mr Phillips decided to reward him.

That is how Cooralook is the logo of Delacombe.



How D.P.S. was made! By Mykayla Shepherd

Long ago in the Dreamtime there were 3 tribes. They were Canadian Lead that had a wedge tailed eagle as its totem, Cave Hill Creek that had a platypus as its totem and Caribbean Hill that had a brown snake as its totem. The 3 tribes were always fighting. They were fighting because they all wanted to be the best tribe. Then one day...

Cave Hill Creek stole all of Caribbean Hill's food! Then Canadian Lead stole all of Cave Hill Creek's spears! Then Caribbean Hill stole Canadian Lead's camp!

Boom! Crash! Bang! The tribes were fighting again! "You stole our food!" yelled Caribbean Hill. "You stole all of our spears!" yelled Cave Hill Creek. "You stole our camp!" yelled Canadian Lead. So the war went on... Day after day, night after night they were fighting.

"What's happened here?" asked Kookaburra while flying into his tree. "They, papa, dogs, noses, does, blah,blah,blah," yelled everyone at once. "One at a time," said Kookaburra. So they went one at a time telling Kookaburra about their problems. "Why don't you all join together and then you all can be the best tribe," suggested Kookaburra.

At this suggestion all of the tribes agreed. "We can be called D.P.S. Dela-combe Primary School," said Cave Hill Creek. "Okay!" they all said at once.

"Since Kookaburra gave us the idea, a kookaburra should be our totem!" said Caribbean Hill.

So from that day on the Kookaburra became the totem of D.P.S.!



The Kookaburra Story.

By Bella Voigt

One sunny morning in the old eucalyptus tree, on the grass lands, lived a mother kookaburra called Borlga. She had four baby kookaburras. All their skins were exactly the same. The kookaburras had white, brown and black feathers, blue eyes and long pointy beaks. The kookaburras heard the birds singing because it was a magnificent day!

Next morning mother kookaburra thought it was time for the baby kookaburras to have their first lesson.

Mother kookaburra showed them how to get a worm. She put her head down to concentrate, then she put it up crazily and.....BANG!

All the baby kookaburras were gone. Mother kookaburra went ballistic. She looked in trees and in bushes and even looked in the echidna's home. She asked everyone she could find but everyone said, "I haven't seen them".

So she sat on the rock and thought of how to find them.

Mother kookaburra decided to hop off the rock and look for her baby kookaburras once more. She looked at the grasslands and in the bushes. Then she saw a little tail sticking out of the bush. She came closer and closer.

She found all of them just sitting bored in the bush.

Later that day mother kookaburra was cooking dinner and the baby kookaburras whispered, "We're sorry Mum."

That's how the kookaburra became Delacombe Primary School's logo.



The Kookaburra Story by Jack White

A brown and white creature lived in the sticks and stones and in the wood. They scoured the woods, the valley and the ground for worms. They jumped and flapped to their destination.

The kookaburra was having a juicy snack of a beautiful bowl of worms. Just then the kookaburra heard a crack outside of his home. Quickly and quietly the kookaburra flipped to the ceiling and hung there like a bat waiting for the intruder.

The intruder pounded into the cave. Just then Kookaburra noticed that it was orange, bushy tailed and had sharp teeth. It was a fox and with a mighty roar. The fox blew Kookaburra off of the dirty ceiling. I picked up his boomerang and spears. Kookaburra quickly swooped out of his house. The fox stayed there for dinner. Kookaburra flapped through the woods and gathered an army, the fight was on!!

He got a deer with spiky horns, a wood pecker with a sharp, spiny and pointy beak and a mole with sharp claws. The mole was digging, the pecker pecked.

Just then.....Kookaburra heard a sound. It was a growl. The fox told everyone to surrender or they would all die. Kookaburra ended up saving the day by convincing the fox to return to his home.

From then on all of the animals worshipped Kookaburra and thanked him for saving their lives.

That is how Kookaburra became Delacombe Primary School's logo.



The Kookaburra Story by Slaine Griffin

On the grasslands in an extraordinary, huge and scary gum tree looking at the starry, starry night, was Cooralook the kookaburra and her gamarada Eagle. Cooralook flew slowly off to get some delicious, unhealthy and weird badalya to eat.

After a little while Eagle and Cooralook saw clouds as dark as a cave and roaring thunder. Then they were eating their spectacular, amazing and edible badalya. When the bright lightening came it.....

Crash! Boom! Bang! The gum tree heavily fell to the dirty ground as the kookaburra and the eagle were sitting on it. As the tree was falling, Eagle got his foot stuck in between two branches. But Cooralook didn't care about what happened to Eagle as she was feeling scared.

Eventually Cooralook and Eagle moved to another tree so they didn't have to stay on one that was on the ground. Eagle got mad at Cooralook because she did not help when his foot got stuck in between two branches. Cooralook kept eating her badalya.

Dawn slowly emerged in the bush. Cooralook and Eagle became gamarada again after the fight that they had. Cooralook began to look after Eagle again. Eagle thought about making a school called Delacombe Primary School with his friend, the kookaburra as the logo.

From that day on Cooralook was the logo of Delacombe Primary School.

