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Submission to the 'Inquiry into the effectiveness of threatened species and ecological communities' protection in Australia' by the Australian Government Senate Environment and Communications Committee.

At Eagle Junction State School we believe that this is an important issue that all Australians should care about. Here at Eagle Junction State School we have tried to make a difference.

In 2009 a 7 year old student at our school, who believed he could make a difference, passed away from a brain tumour. This little boy, Luke Curnow, cared passionately about the desperate situation the Bilby faced here in Australia. Even when he was alive he tried to make a difference.

He may be gone but his passion lives on in our school. As a school community we now actively support the "Save the Bilby Foundation". His legacy has been to show us that one person no matter how small, who really believes in something, can make a big difference. Each year we raise funds to support this foundation so they can save the bilby.

If everybody in Australia tries to make a difference then it would be possible to save all of our endangered species who are now on the brink of extinction.

Major Threats to Endangered Species and their Environments.

- Loss of natural habitat due to settlement expansion.
- Logging
- Loss of food sources
- Climate change due to increase in Greenhouse gasses
- Air, land and water pollution.
- Fire

All of these things are made worse by people who don't care, or say they care but don't do anything about it. Luke has shown us that if people really do care they can make a difference. The Government needs to help and support people and organisations who want to make a difference. The Government needs to demonstrate that it too cares, not just in words but in actions.

What needs to happen?

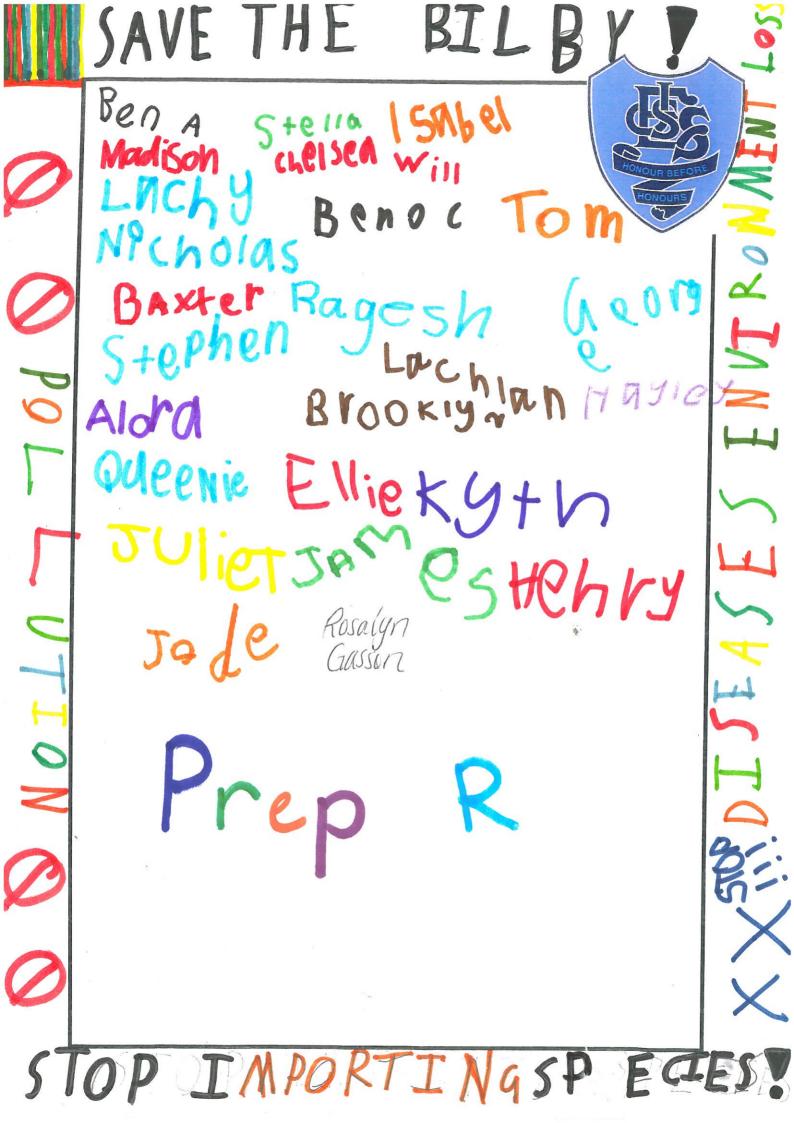
- Organisations like the "Save the Bilby" should be given Government funds to support them in carrying out their valuable work.
- Bigger fines for people and companies that endanger animals and their environments deliberately.
- Pass more effective laws that stop the damage occurring and make people restore areas they damage.
- New National Parks and protected areas to protect the remaining areas inhabited by our endangered species.
- More effective advertising campaigns to raise awareness of Australian residents and visitors as to ways they
 can help and make a difference.

As a group of Year 5 students we are writing this submission on behalf of our entire school community. The signatures of our whole school community show that we all care and want to make a difference, just like Luke did. We would like to share with you what we think are the causes of this situation and what should be done to save animals like the bilby.

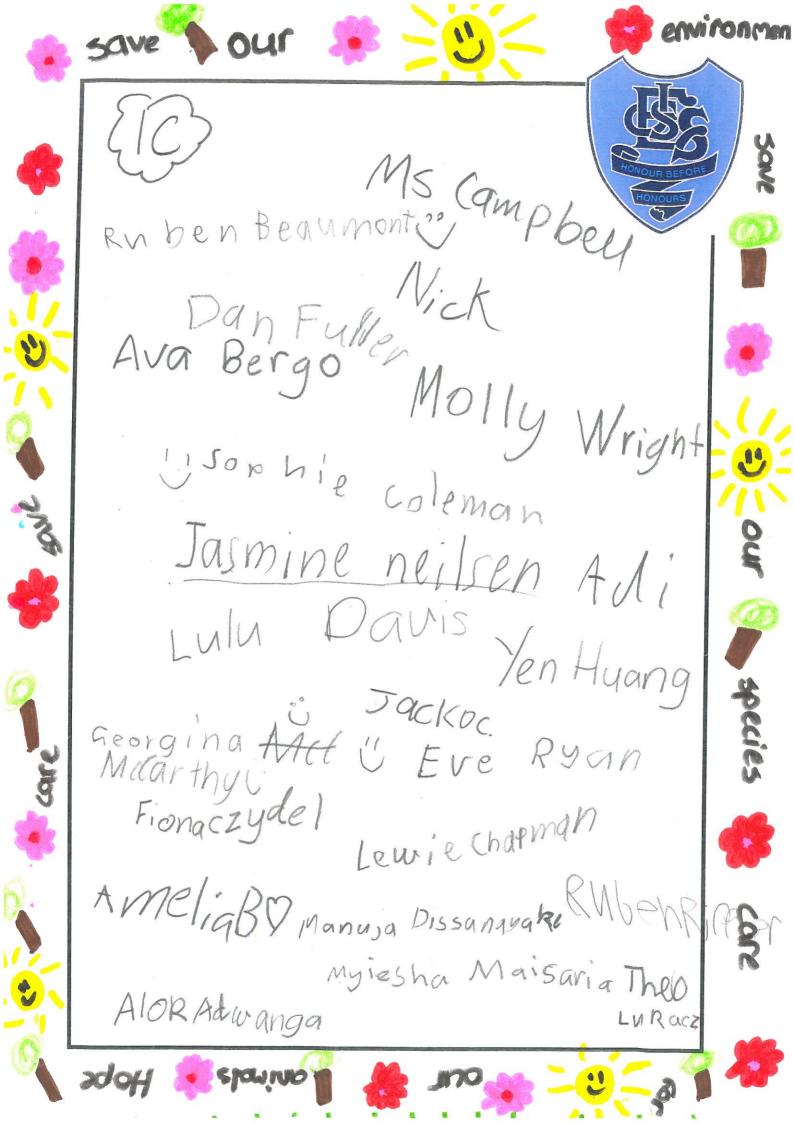
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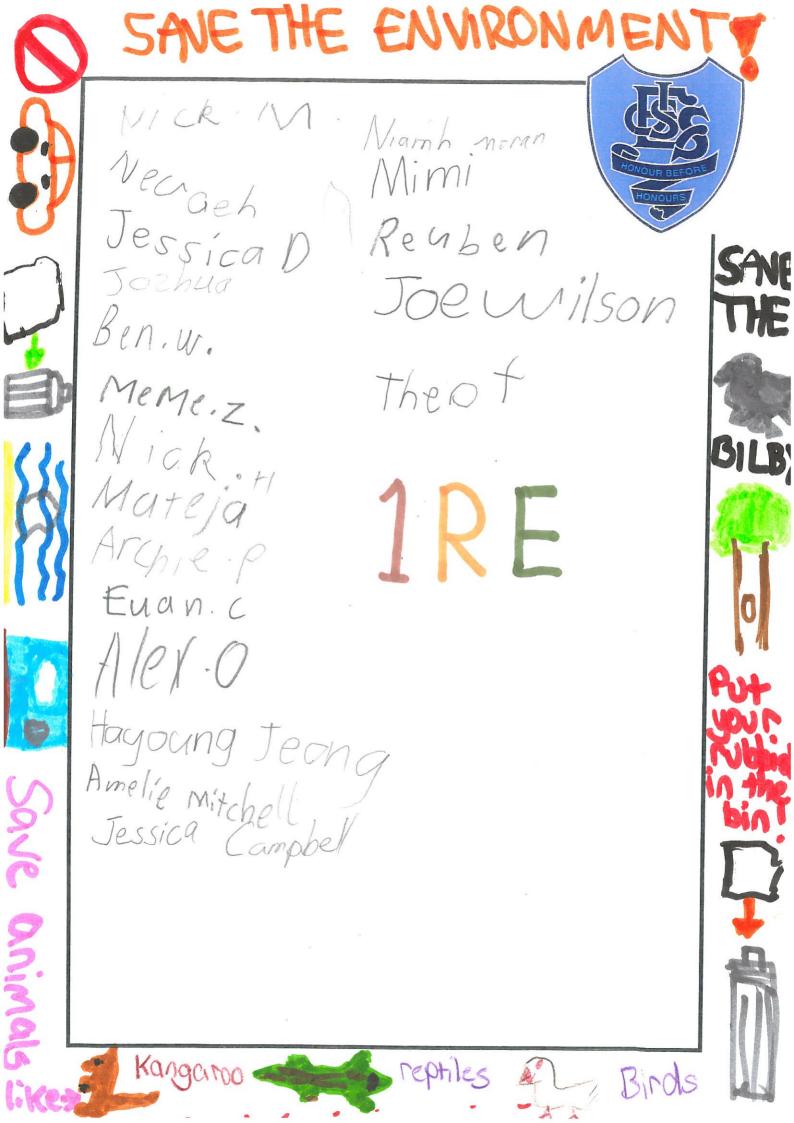
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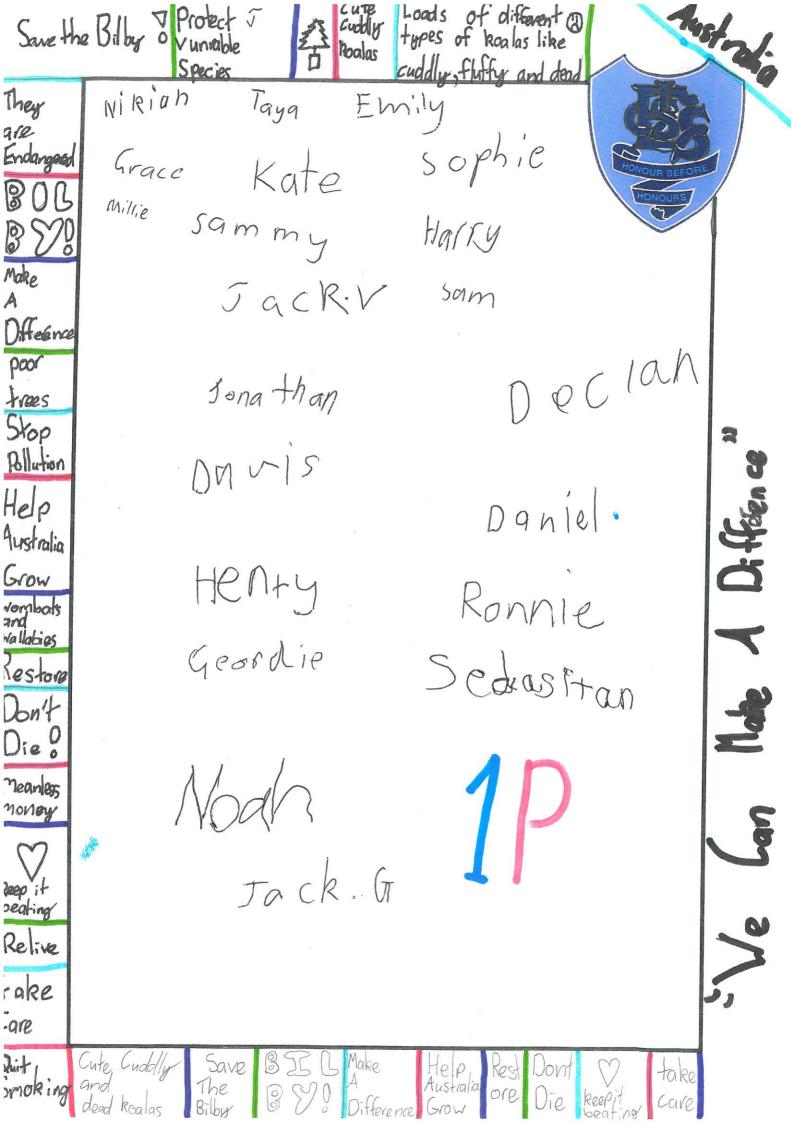


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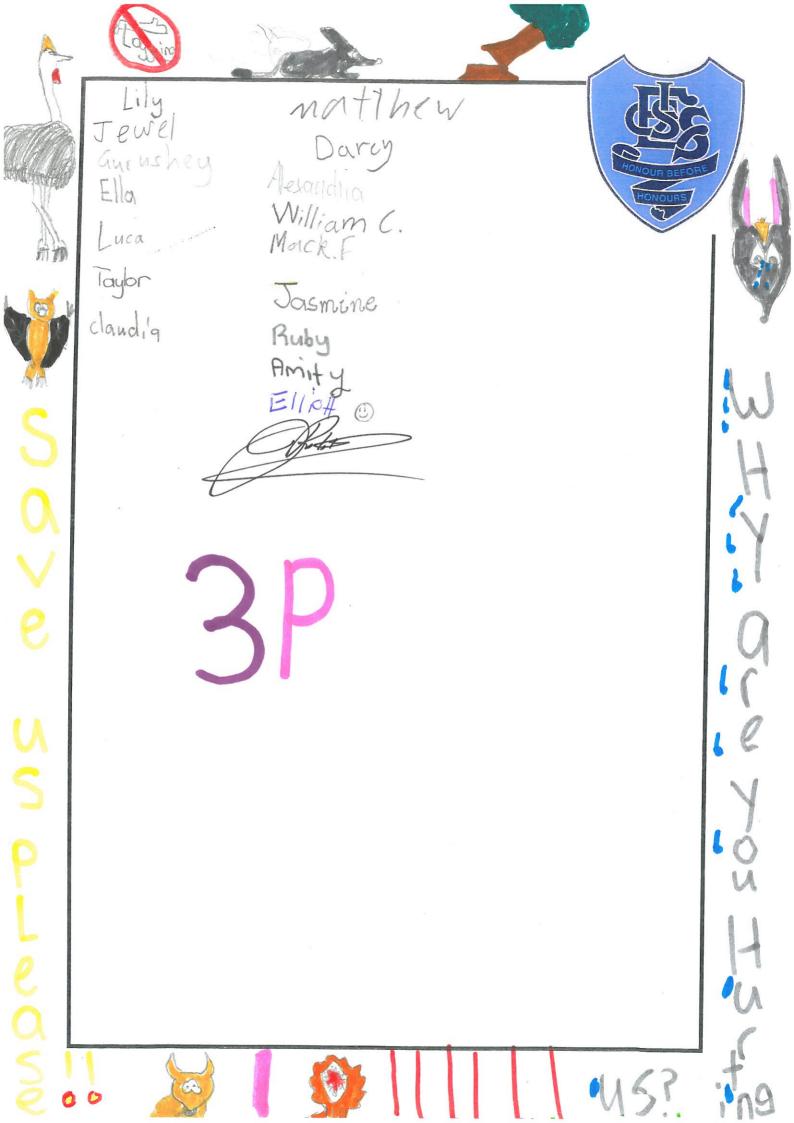
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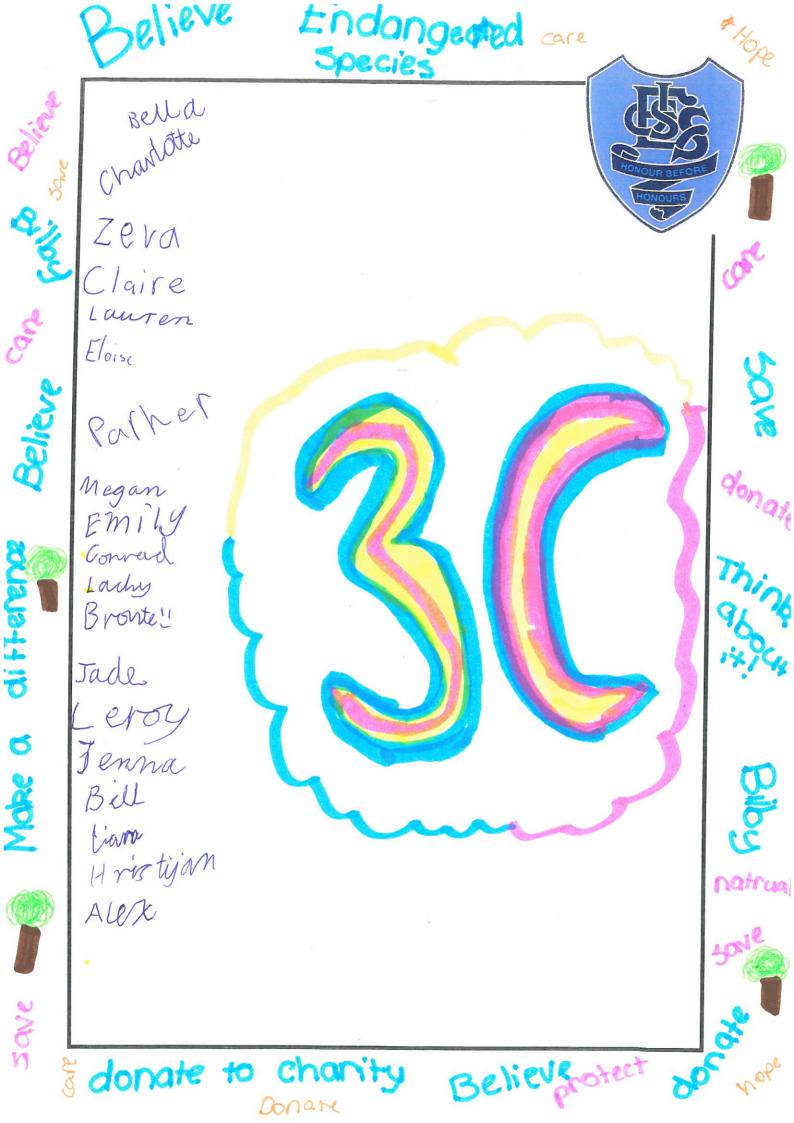
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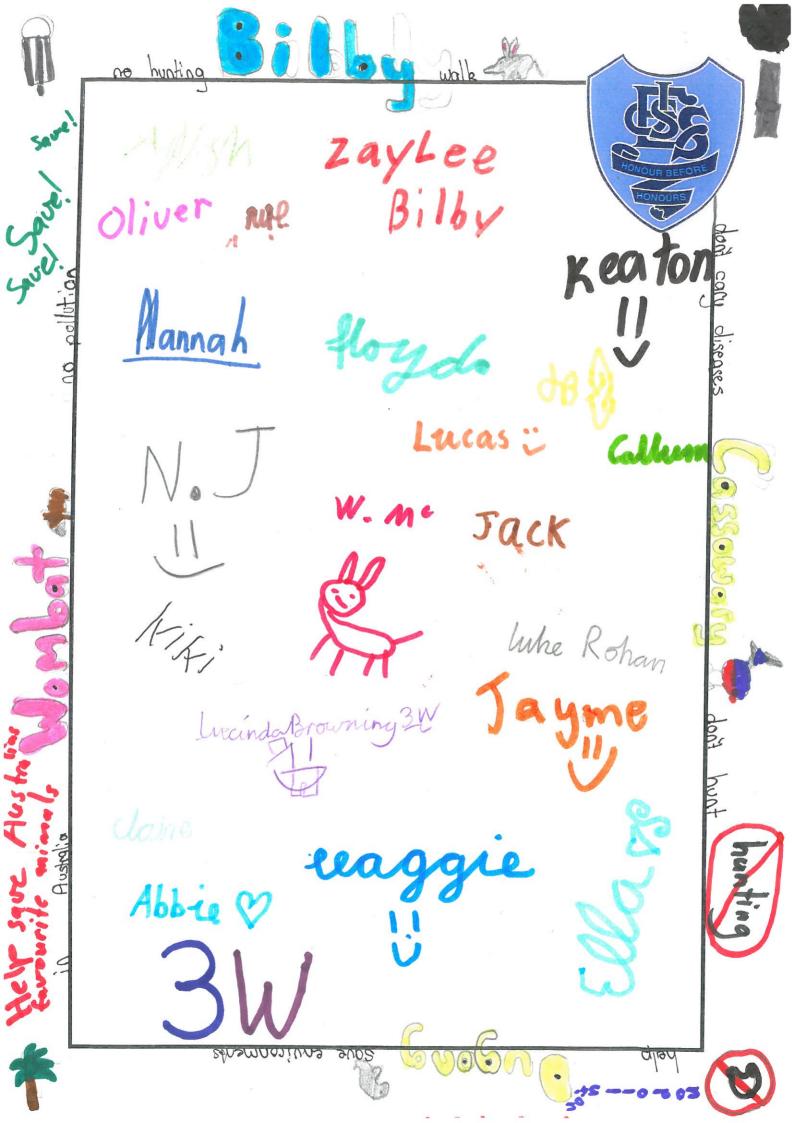
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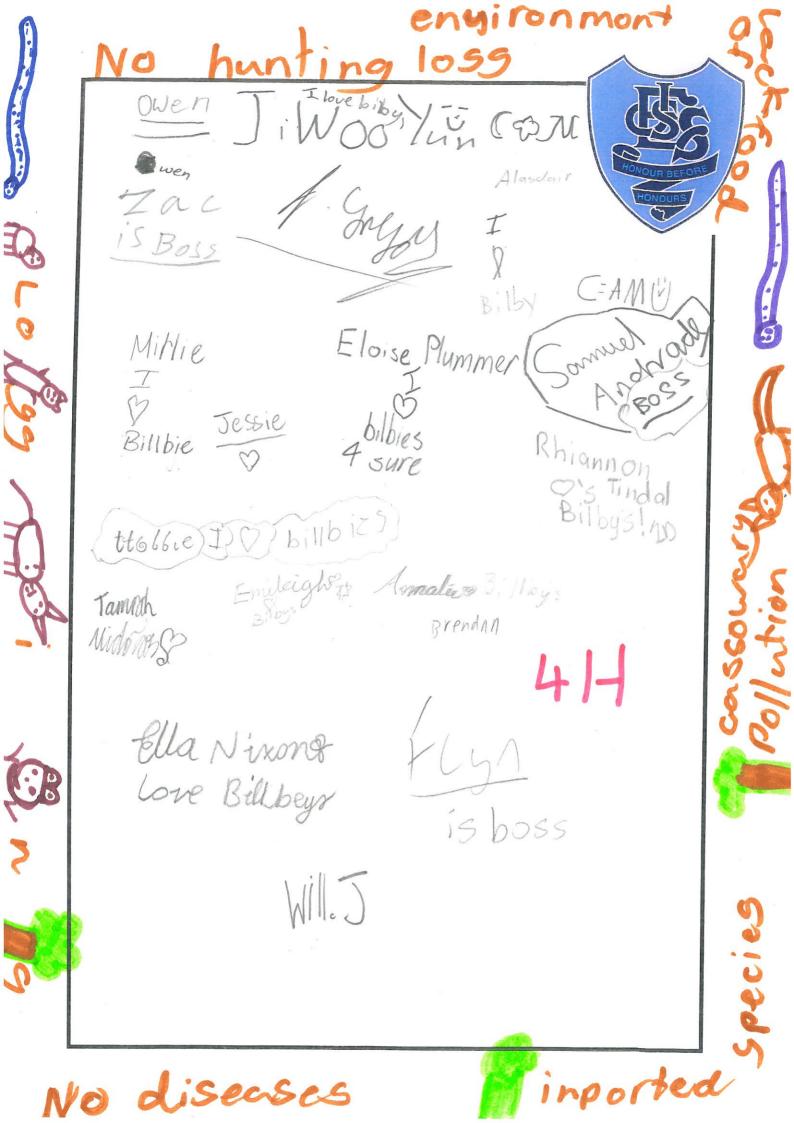


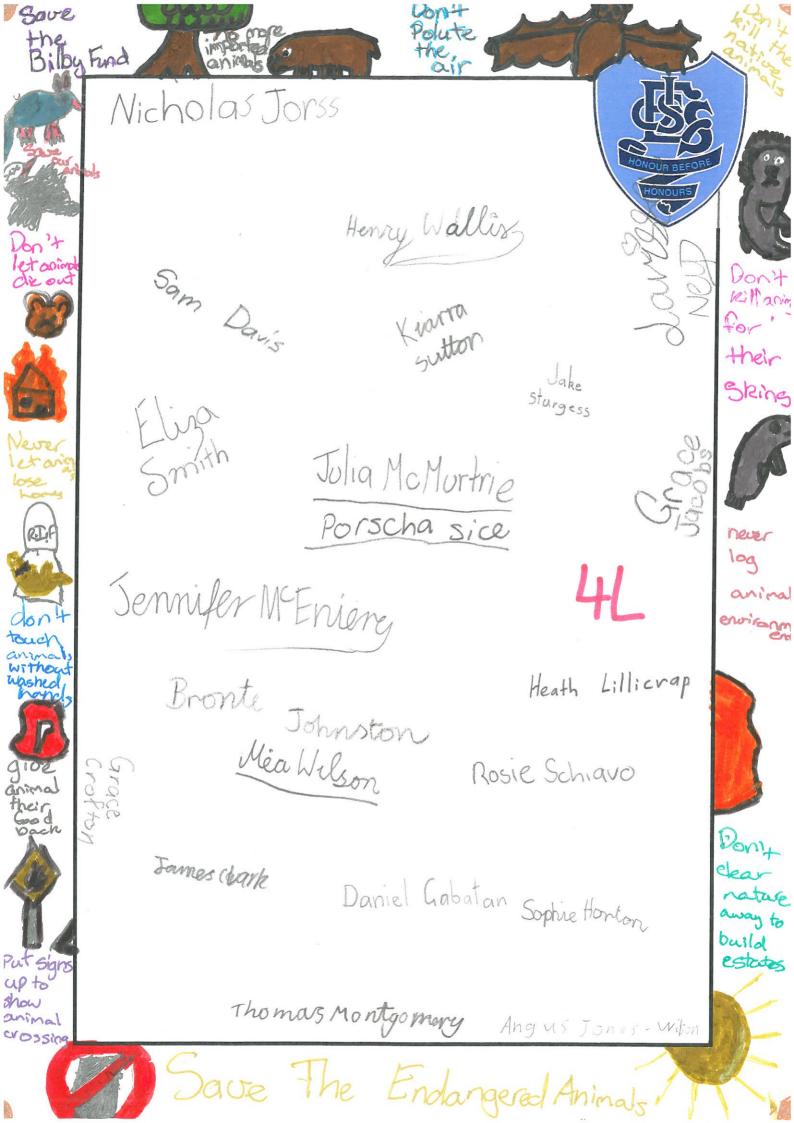




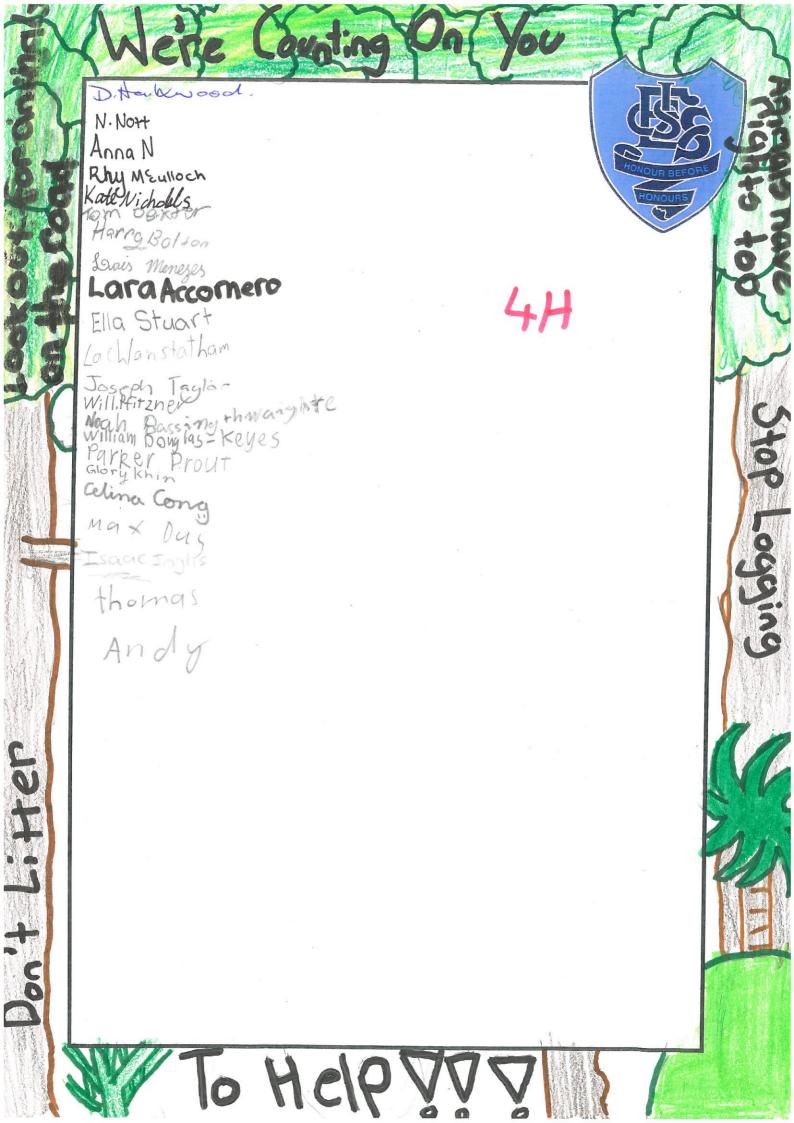
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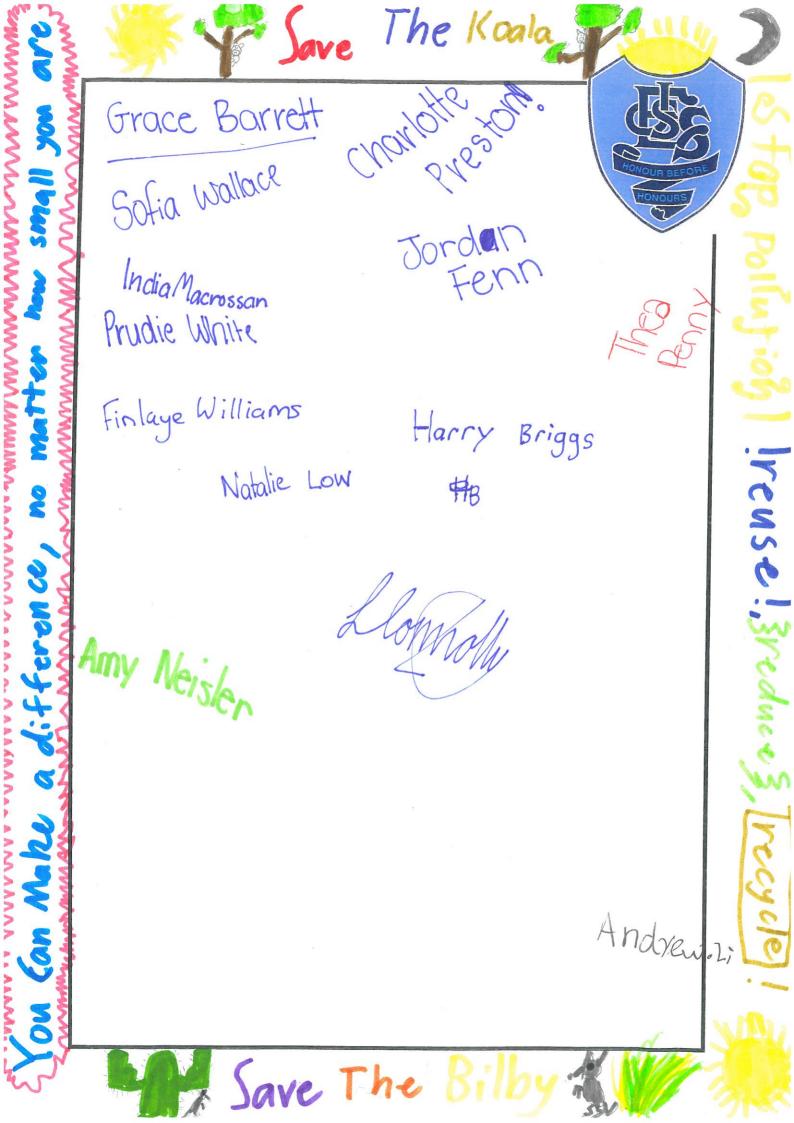
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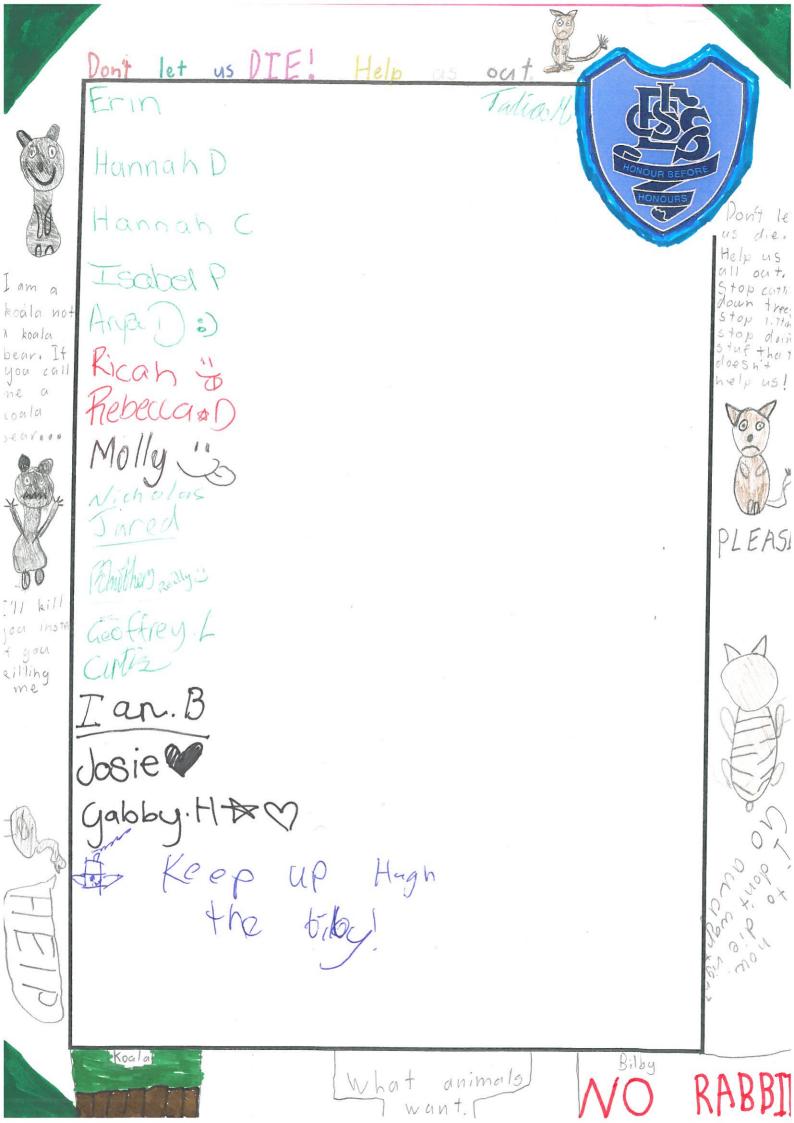
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