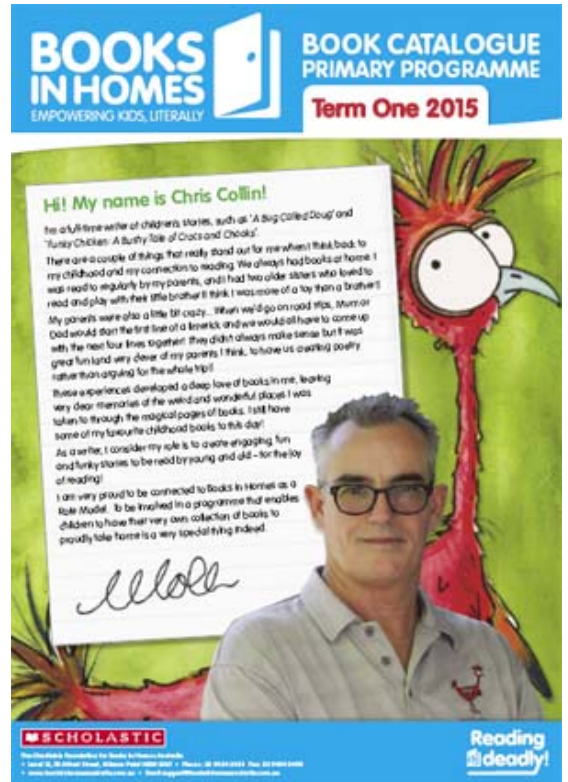


Chris Collin—Children’s Author

We were delighted to have the wonderful Chris Collin on the front cover of our Term 1, 2015 Primary Catalogue. Chris is a full-time writer of children’s stories such as *A Bug Called Doug* and *Funky Chicken: A Bushy Tale of Crocs & Chooks*. Chris spends his time travelling around Australia, visiting schools with his Funky Chicken friends, and has been a Books in Homes Role Model since last year. Chris has said: “I’m very proud to be connected to Books in Homes as a Role Model. To be involved in a programme that enables children to have their very own collection of books to proudly take home is a very special thing indeed.”

Thank you, Chris Collin, for Empowering Kids, Literally!



Students at Woolianna School, NT sharing their new books. Sponsored by Billy King.



The students at Lithgow Public School, NSW had a visit from Ben Ross from the University of Western Sydney.

Updates

This term Books in Homes Australia distributed:

**52,584 books-of-choice to,
17,528 students from,
163 Pre and Primary schools across Australia
2,889 Caught Being Good books &
2,889 Caught Being Good certificates
7,176 books via the Preview Packs.**

Since 2001 Books in Homes Australia has distributed:

**1,498,593 books-of-choice to,
204,000 students from,
446 schools across Australia
76,346 Caught Being Good books &
76,346 Caught Being Good certificates
236,292 books via the Preview Packs.**

This makes a grand total distribution of **1,811,231 books** around Australia

Term 1, 2015 Competition Entries

This term, student's were asked "Draw a picture of our very own funky animal OR write a limerick about it!"

Bonus Task



Animal Name: Lefakusi (Le-fa-ky-si)

He has a pig tail, a spotty body, cat claws, girafes neck, human eyes, dog ears and elephant trunk. I named the animal after my three friends Fabio, Kyle and Sibi, and named it after me, Leon. The colours of the animal is orange, black, brown, white and blue.

Entry from St Gerard's Primary School, Westminster (WA) 10 Years Old



Entry from Whalan Public School (NSW) 9 Years Old

6. Draw a funky animal.

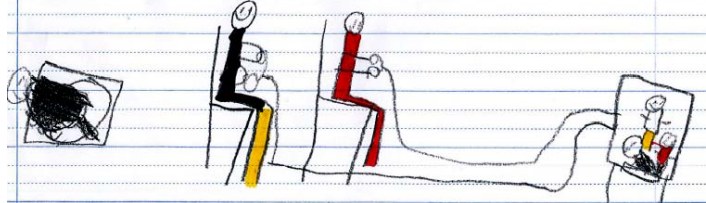
my animal: A How



why it's so funky because for some reason it "MEOW" and it eats bananas.

Entry from Townview State School (QLD) 10 Years Old

6 Once there was a boy called Zac who had a friend called Jack. They saw a cat. It was on a mat so Jack and Zac went back.



Entry from Penshurst Primary School (VIC) 7 Years Old

it is funky because he stens on his front hand and shacks he bot#15



There was a young lion called Peter
And he was a bad pumpkin eater
He went to the pool
Which wasn't cool
So he crawled up the parking meter

Entry from Barnardos Yamambirra Learning Centre (NSW) 9 Years Old

Book Giving Assemblies This Term



A student at Woolianna School, NT getting stuck into her copy of *I Spy: Fantasy*. Sponsored by Billy King.



The kids at Lithgow Public School, NSW had a visit from Ben Ross, our fantastic representative from the University of Western Sydney. The University sponsors the Books in Homes Programme through its Bridges to Higher Education program.



Students from Elizabeth Vale Primary School enjoying their new books!
Sponsored by Universal Charitable Fund



Thank you to Petria Ladgrove, Manager of ABC Radio Port Pirie, who generously volunteered her time as a Books in Homes Role Model at Napperby Primary School, SA.



The kids at Beresfield Public School has a wonderful visit by, Katrina McKelvey, emerging children's author and President of the Children's Book Council of Australia, Newcastle Branch. Sponsored by Quarry Mining and Construction Equipment.

Term 1, 2015 Sponsor Overview

Sponsor: Universal Charitable Fund

School: Elizabeth Vale Primary School, Oak Valley Anangu School, Oak Valley Community

Number of students: 344

Number of Books-of-choice: 1,032

Number of Caught Being Good Books: 52

Number of Book Bags: 334

Number of Preview Pack books: 108

Total number of books distributed to date: 2,300

The Charitable Foundation for Books in Homes Australia
Most popular books chosen by students from
Elizabeth Vale Primary School, Oak Valley Aboriginal School
Term 1, 2015

Book No	Level	Book Title	Author	Books Chosen	Indigenous Author /
8	Orange	There was an Old Bloke who Swallowed a Bunny!	P. Crumble	93	
7	Orange	Race Around the World	Susan Amerikaner	64	
1	Orange	Juicy Juicy Green Grass with CD	Peter Combe	54	
41	Green	Ripley's Believe it or Not! Special Edition 2015	Ripley's Entertainment Inc	51	
4	Orange	Dinosaurs on the Loose!	Amanda Tarlau	50	
15	Blue	My Life in the Wild: Cheetah	Animal Planet	42	
32	Purple	Extra Weird (Weirdo #3)	Anh Do	42	
25	Purple	Cool Kitties (Ella and Olivia #8)	Yvette Poshoglian	34	
3	Orange	Five Little Owls	Mark Carthew	33	
5	Orange	Adorable Alice	Cassandra Webb	31	
37	Green	Tom Gates is Absolutely Fantastic #5	Liz Pichon	31	
42	Green	Fire and Ice (Spirit Animals #4)	Shannon Hale	30	
10	Orange	Alfie's Big Wish	David Hardy	28	Yes
17	Blue	Purrs, Paws and Claws	Errol McLeary	26	
29	Purple	Captain Underpants Turbo Toilet 2000	Dav Pilkey	25	
16	Blue	Monster Chef	Nick Bland	23	
36	Purple	Thea Stilton and the Cherry Blossom Adventure	Thea Stilton	23	
20	Blue	I Spy: Fantasy	Jean Marzollo	22	
11	Orange	Counting Aussie Animals in my Backyard	Bronwyn Houston	21	Yes
40	Green	Escape Wolfhaven Castle (Impossible Quest #1)	Kate Forsyth	21	
6	Orange	Poppy Cat	Sara Acton	20	
9	Orange	Snail and Turtle are Friends	Stephen Michael King	20	
28	Purple	Camp Quality: Just Joking	Dan McGuinness	18	
43	Green	Missing (Conspiracy 365 Black Ops #1)	Gabrielle Lord	18	
31	Purple	Animal LOLZ	P. Crumble	17	
26	Purple	Catching a Wave (Ava Anne Appleton #3)	Wendy Harmer	16	
2	Orange	Minkgill Chases the Rainbow	Fiona Clarke	15	Yes
14	Blue	Blue Gnu	Kyle Mewburn	11	
19	Blue	I can't Imagine How That Happened	Aimee McNaughton	11	
12	Orange	Hurry Up Alfie	Anna Walker	10	
18	Blue	That's the Sound the Street Makes	Danny Katz	10	
24	Blue	I am not a Worm!	Scott Tulloch	10	
38	Green	Australia's Great War: 1914	Sophie Masson	10	
39	Green	Discover More: Rocks and Minerals	David Burnie	10	
13	Blue	Omar the Strongman	Gregory Rogers	9	
30	Purple	Spooky Smackdown (Wheelnuts! #2)	Knife & Packer	9	
21	Blue	The Lizard Gang	Kirra Somerville	8	Yes
44	Green	The Last Thirteen #4: 10	James Phelan	8	
45	Green	Rania (The Book of You #2)	Randa Abdel-Fattah	8	
22	Blue	Duelgum: The Story of Mother Eel	Uncle Joe Kirk	6	Yes
46	Green	Pork Chop Plots (Neomad #3)	The Love Punks	6	Yes
27	Purple	Dako-Snappysaurus (Dinosaur Rescue #6)	Kyle Mewburn	5	
33	Purple	Lucky Thamú	Chery Kickett-Tucker	4	Yes
48	Green	Maralinga: The Anangu Story	Yalara & Oak Valley Commu	4	Yes
23	Blue	Budinge and the Min Min Lights	Uncle Joe Kirk	3	Yes
35	Purple	The Little Platypus and the Fire Spirit	Mundara Koorang	3	Yes
47	Green	Sally's Story	Sally Morgan	1	Yes
Total				1,014	



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Most popular books chosen by families from
Oak Valley Community
Term 1, 2015

Book No	Level	Book Title	Author	Books Chosen	Indigenous Author
10	0-3	Whose Feet Are These?	Kris Hirschmann	5	
6	0-3	Scaly-tailed Possum and Echidna	Cathy Goonack	3	Yes
4	0-3	Dazzling Diggers	Tony Mitton	2	
5	0-3	Look and See: Meet Your Favourite Australia	Shane Morgan	2	Yes
11	0-3	I Love You Always	Anna Pignataro	2	
1	0-3	The Very Hungry Bear	Nick Bland	1	
2	0-3	Baby Einstein: Baby Animals	Julie Aigner-Clark	1	
7	0-3	Funny Faces	Katie Saunders	1	
12	0-3	101 First Words	Jane Horne	1	
Total				18	

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