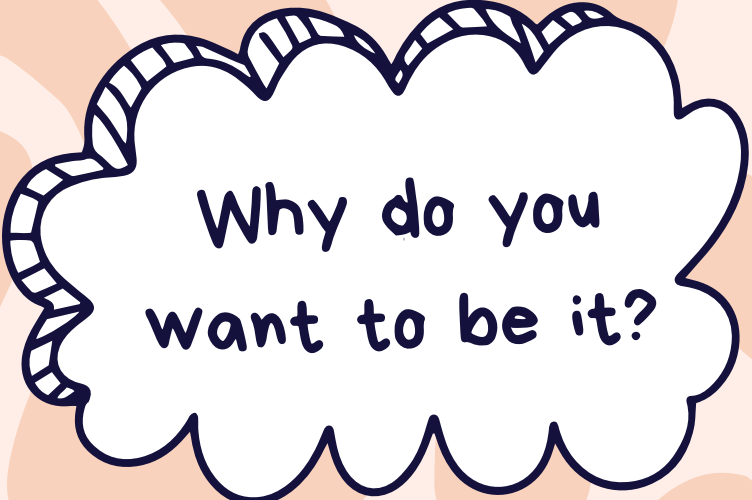


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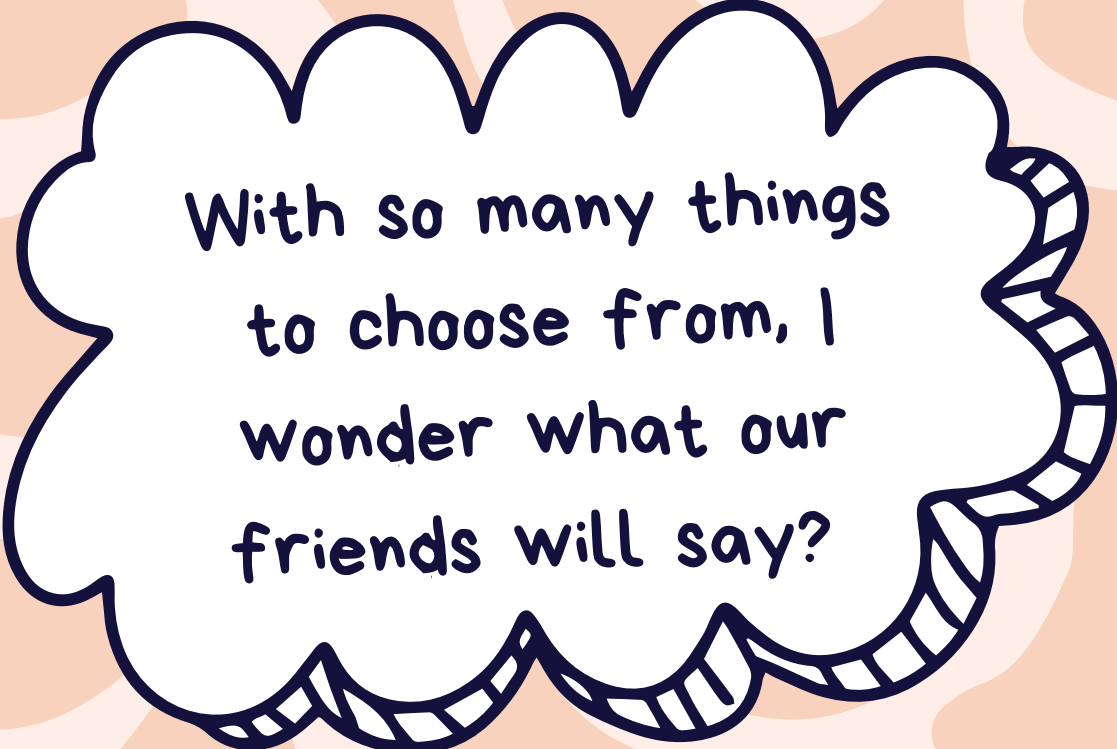




What do you
want to be?



Why do you
want to be it?



With so many things
to choose from, I
wonder what our
friends will say?



Let's go!

The CUC Snowy Monaro, and the schools participating in this project, are situated across Ngarigo, Bidhawal, Walgalu, and Ngunnawal lands.

From the grassy plains to the rocky alpine, we respectfully acknowledge the Country on which we learn, work and gather. We recognise the deep and enduring connection of the custodians across all four Countries, and more broadly, of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and future.

This land was, is, and always will be Aboriginal land.





You can't be what you can't see -
students on the Snowy Monaro
deserve to see their dreams as
attainable!

Country Universities Centre Snowy Monaro is proud to release
"I Wonder Why?" - a children's book featuring the aspirations and
illustrations of local kids. From Adaminaby to Bombala, Nimmitabel to
Jindabyne, and everywhere in between, over 600 entries were distilled into
15 winners and 43 highly commended illustrations, as seen in this book.

I wonder why?



Kids wonder about a lot of things!

Lila wonders, who is the best mountaineer ever?



Edison wonders where he can find the best fossils.

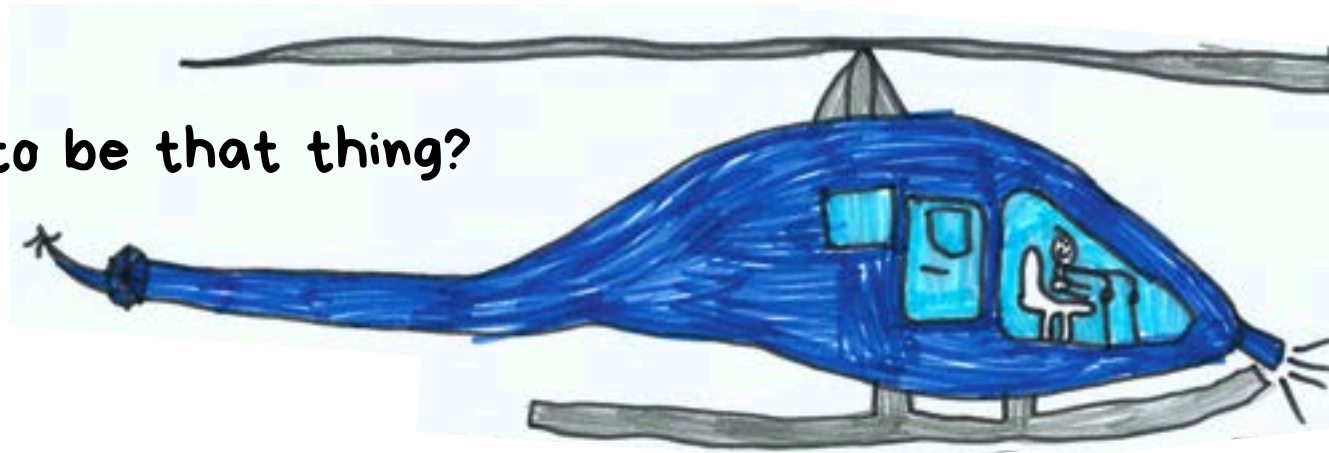


And Lily wonders what is beyond our universe?

My favourite question is WHY?

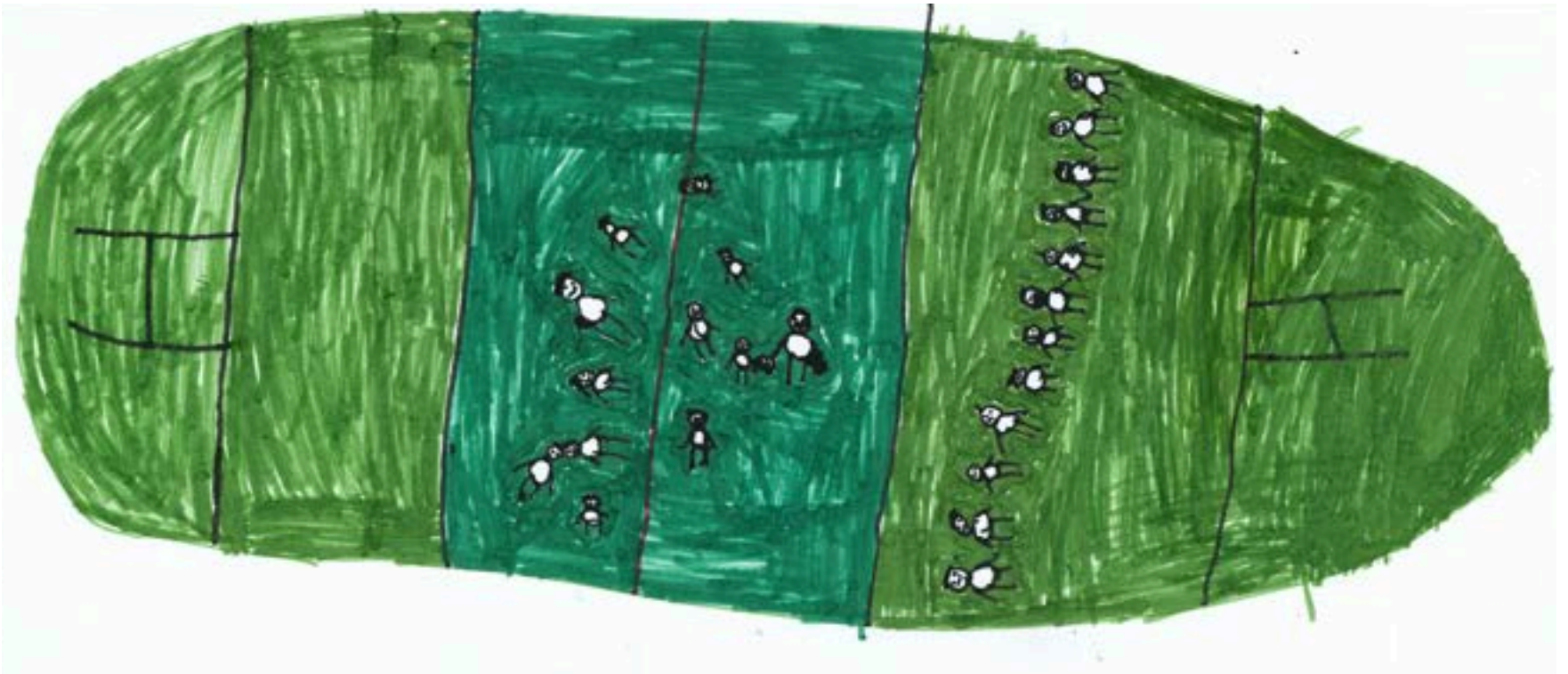
Think about what you want to be
when you grow up.

WHY do you want to be that thing?



It's a big question! Even teachers struggle
to answer it! But luckily we have some
friends to help us out...

George might only be in Year 2, but he already
loves to compete.



That's why he wants to be a footy player.

Annie also wants to compete, with her best friend by her side as an Olympic horse rider.



If animals are your why, there are lots of options! Some are underwater - like Olivia as a marine biologist.



Tanamai is going to be an ichthyologist.

WHAT and WHY???



Morrison is also going to be an "ologist" - but this time, a herpetologist.

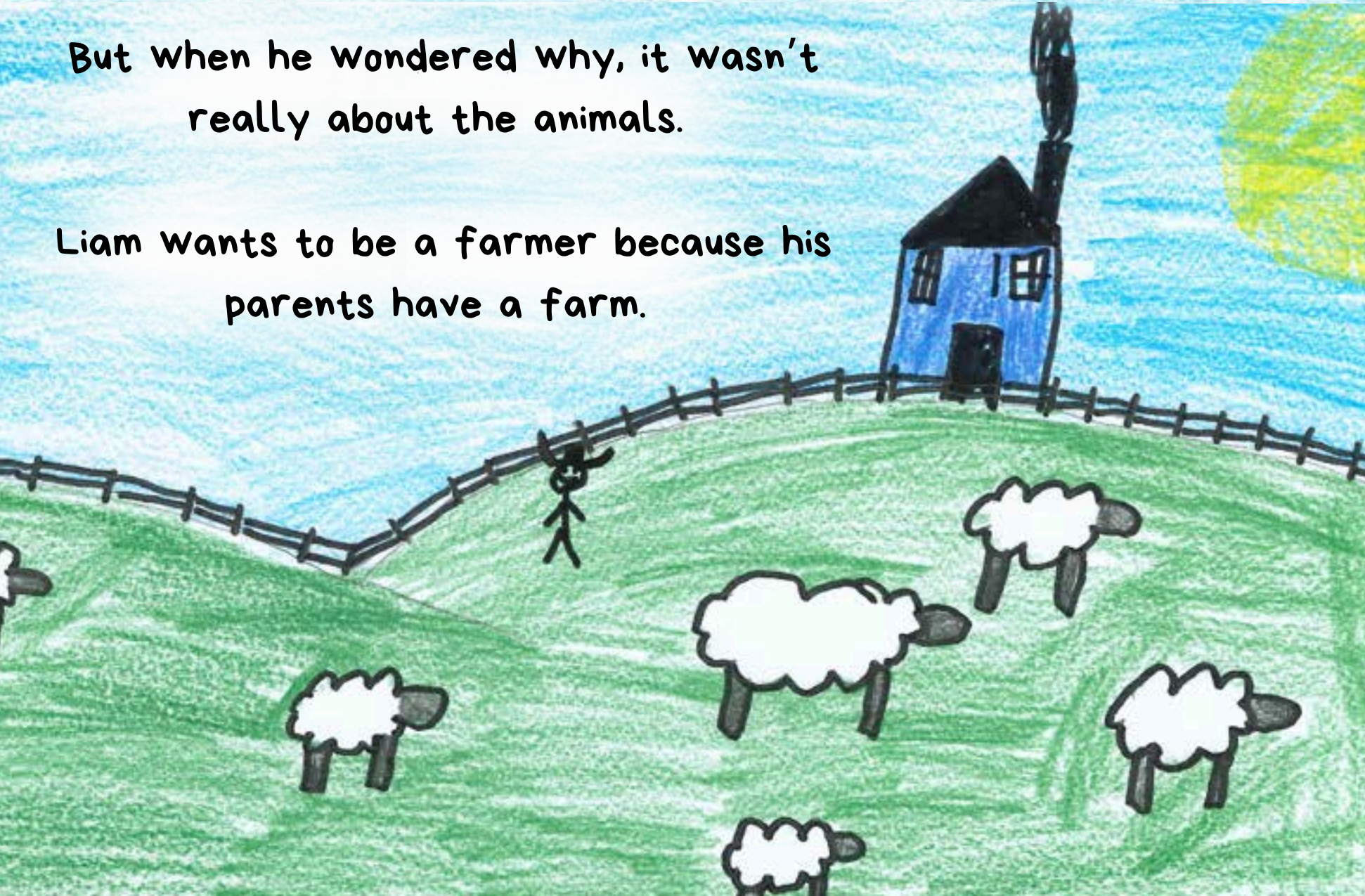


Why? He loves reptiles and amphibians!

Liam loves sheep, and wants to be a farmer.

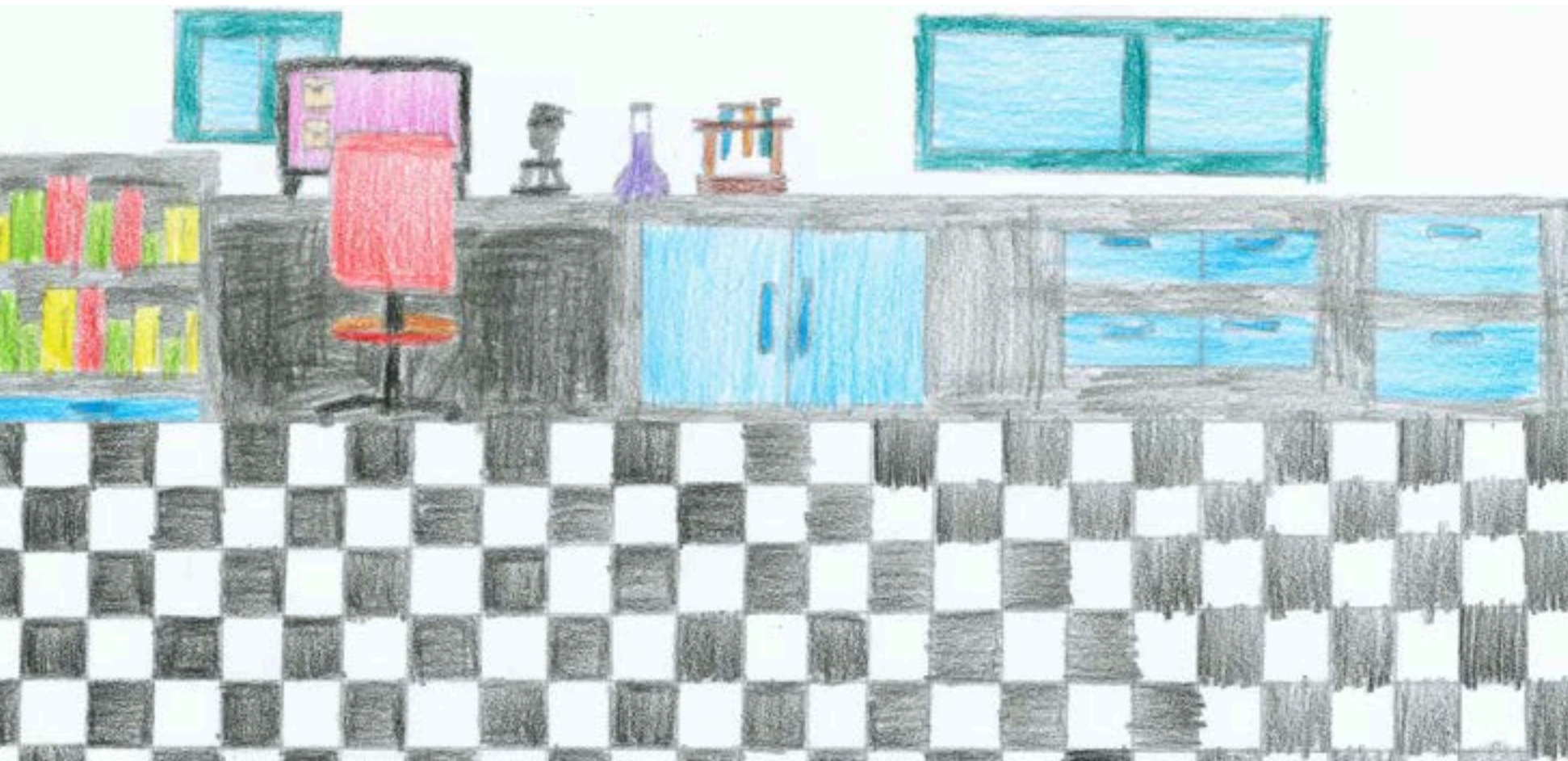
But when he wondered why, it wasn't
really about the animals.

Liam wants to be a farmer because his
parents have a farm.



We all wonder why. And sometimes, we don't have a good answer yet.

William wants to be a scientist. But he isn't sure what kind, and that's okay!



Liking something can be a great why!
Indi likes space, which is why she wants to be an
astronaut.

What do you like?



Felicia likes drama, and a good argument.

She's going to be a lawyer.



What you're good at can also help you decide.

Gunara is good at art, which is why she wants to be an artist.



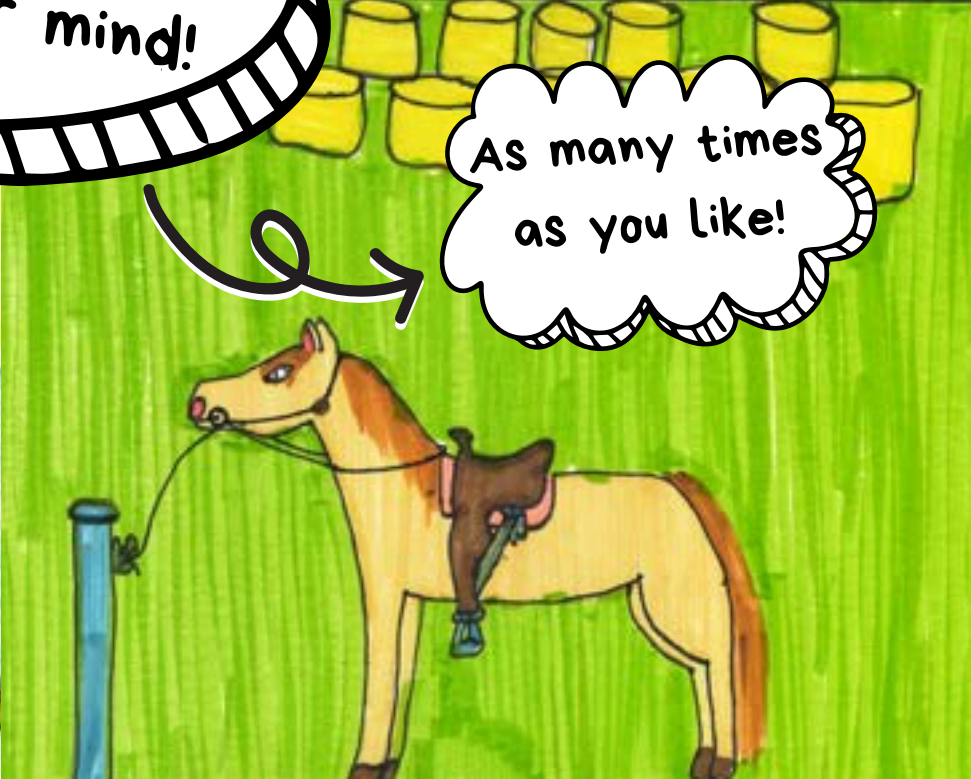


You might be good
at lots of things!





Luckily, you can change your mind!



Charli wants to help kids.
That's why she wants to be a midwife.

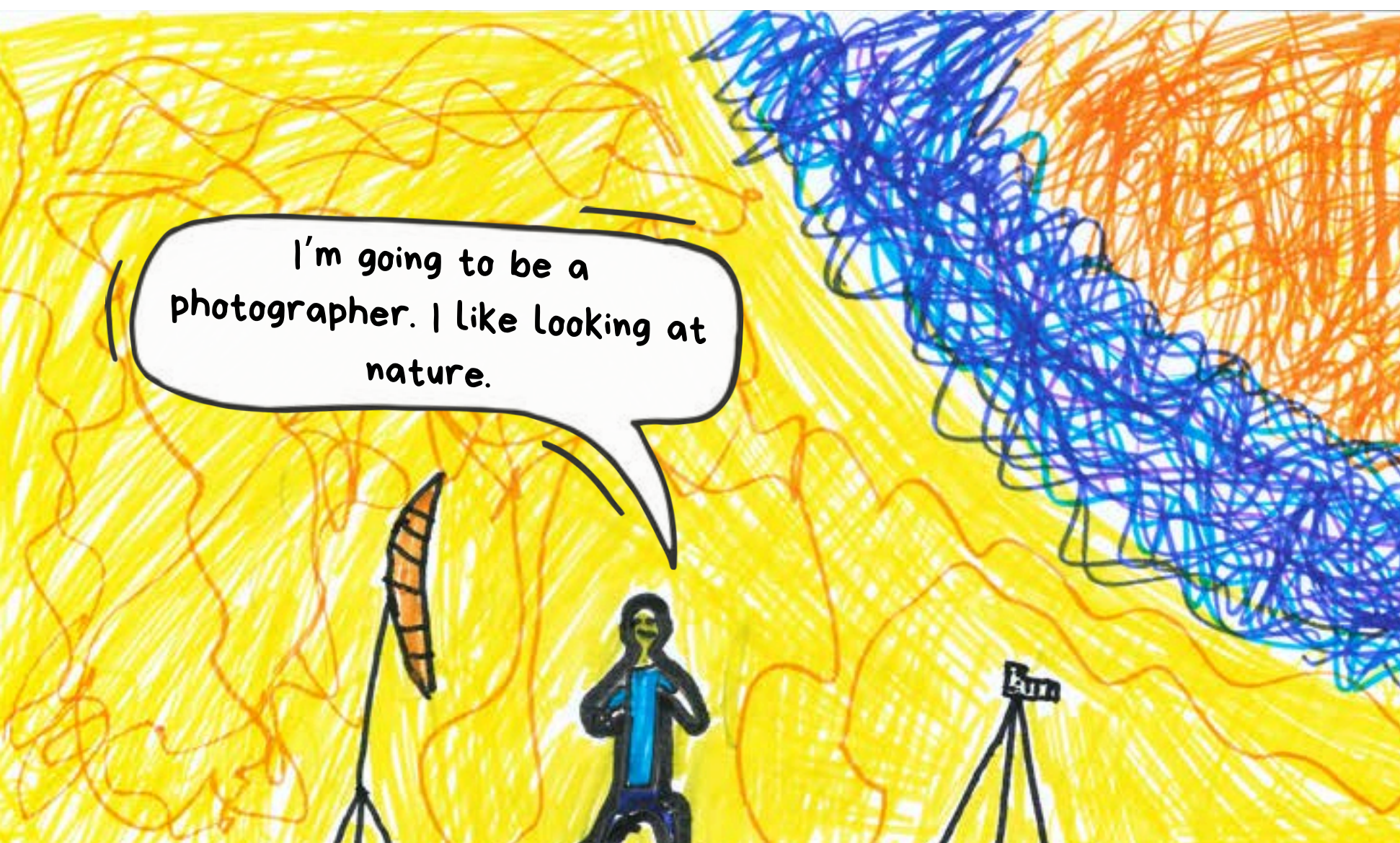


Sierra wants to help too.



That's why she's going to be a police officer.

If you're still wondering why, maybe you could think about things you like looking at, like Luca.



I'm going to be a
photographer. I like looking at
nature.

The illustration features a person with dark skin and a blue shirt standing in the center. To their left is a large, orange, oval-shaped light diffuser on a stand. To their right is a camera on a tripod. The background is a bright yellow field with orange scribbles. In the upper right corner, there are large, dense scribbles in blue and orange.

Cormac likes old things, so he wants to be an archaeologist (and a soccer player, just for good measure).



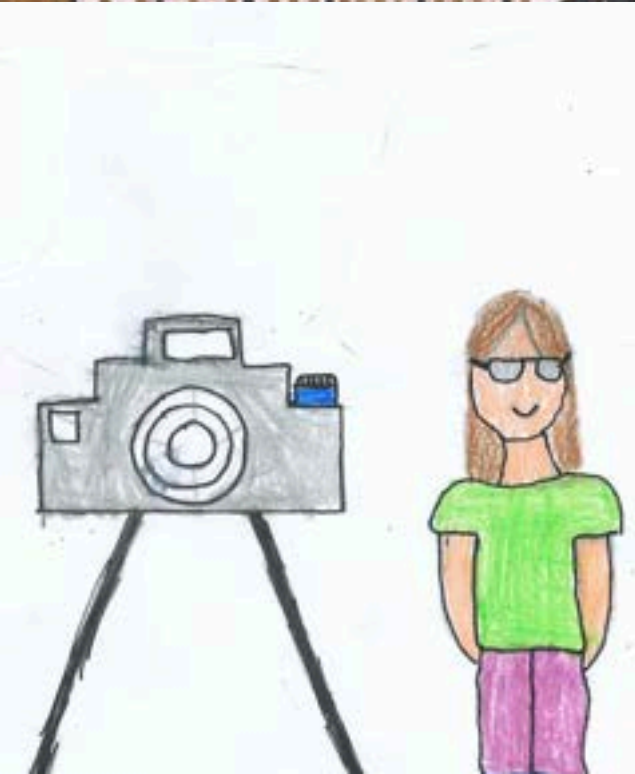
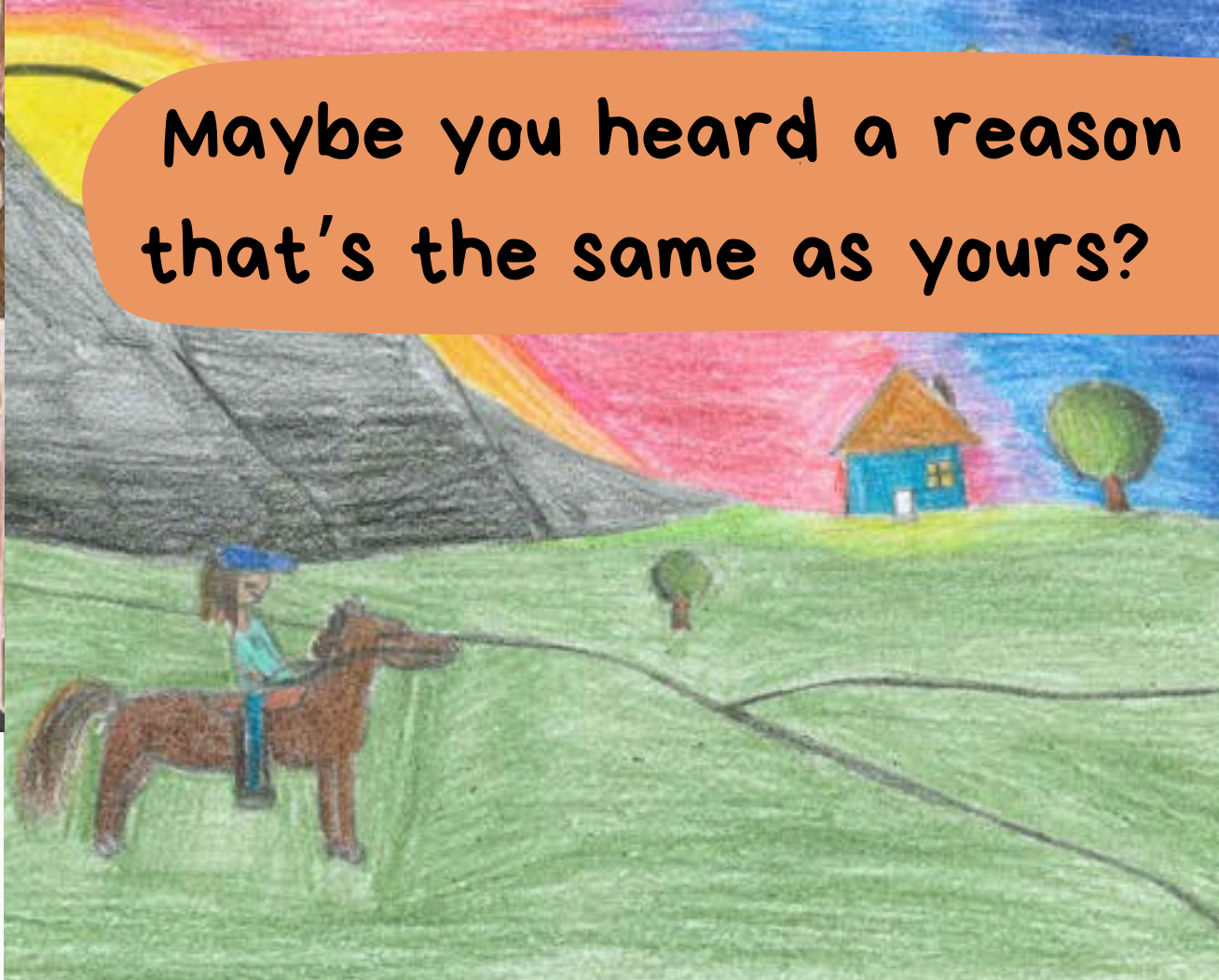


Did you see what you
wanted to be in this book?





Maybe you heard a reason that's the same as yours?





teamwork

Office

Hardwork

sharing

$$x10.660 = 4m$$

The world is
a big place





But we can all find a place and a passion.





What's yours?



Thanks to our superstar judges, who had
the very tricky job of choosing our
illustrations!



WENDY McDOUGALL

Photographer and photo-based artist.
Board member at Raglan Art Gallery.

GILLIAN JENKINS

Award-winning issue-based artist.
Curator, educator, and mentor.

Congratulations to our featured students!
You can see the full list of illustrators on
the following pages, who come from:

Adaminaby Public School

Berridale Public School

Bombala Public School

Bredbo Public School

St Patrick's Parish School

Cooma North Public School

Delegate Public School

Jindabyne Public School

Nimmitabel Public School



WINNING STUDENTS

Morrison Lyons, Grade 3

Felicia Clark, Grade 3

Tanamai Hancock-James, Grade 5

Gunara Abeysinghe, Grade 5

Charli Power, Grade 6

Cormac Girling, Grade 6

Liam Hedger, Grade 5

William Warild-Mooney, Grade 6

Sierra Martin, Grade 6

Luca Ganassin, Grade 4

Indi Hedger, Grade 6

Annie Morris, Grade 3

George Marley, Grade 2

Olivia Schouten, Grade 4

HIGHLY COMMENDED STUDENTS

Lily Woodhall
Makenzie Clark
Ingrid Joseph
Matilda Bryant
Edison Moore
Rafael Plum
Sophie Cater
Harper Coombe
Leo Thomas
Charisma Abrokwah
Frankie Geercke
Michelle Mcphie
Jetta Jackson
Antonia Beltran Angel
Harry Ward
Maham Arfan
Isabelle Rose Kulk
Molly Smith
Riley Hall

Hamish Grant
Kiyola-Rose Farmer
Maisie Aitchison
Tanasee Clark
Zackary Kovacs
Leo Diesel Martin
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