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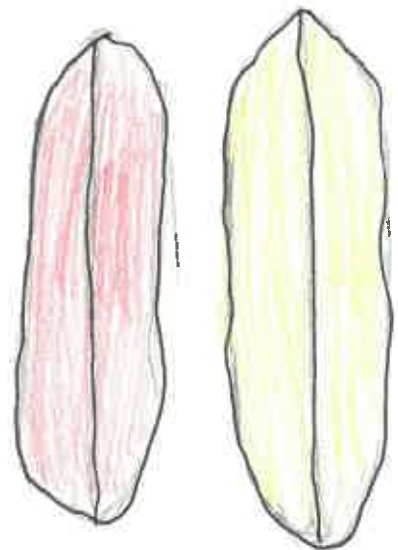
## **A Unbelievably Cold Day**

As we arrived at the beach we walked across the thick sloppy mud, we all put our bags on the grass and lined up to find our size for the wetsuits, when i found my right size i was struggling to get the wetsuit on, it was very tight and wouldn't get past my hips, once i got it on it was very uncomfortable because it had sand all over the inside.

When everyone got their wetsuits on, groups two and four carried the surfboards down to the sand, while we brought the boards down we had to walk on all the sharp rock and it hurt really bad. When we finally got over the pain we started surfing while groups one and three played in the water. The surfing was fun but there was a lot of people so it was hard to catch a wave because people would always get in your way, before we got out of the water i tried to catch one more wave, i started to stand up then i fell over into the water when i tried to get up i got stuck under my surfboard and t was really scary.

After we got out of the water everyone was freezing, sadly we all had to walk on the rocks again, when I got back to my bag I grabbed my clothes and went back down the stairs to change rooms but dumb me forgot to get my thongs and had to walk on the rocks all over again. It took me a while to get changed because my body was wet and my clothes were not getting on.

We finally got back on the bus nice and warm and went back home, overall it was a really cold and fun day



# **The House of illusions and magical things.**

**By Zoey H**

After we left the koala sanctuary we made our way to the house of illusions and magical things. Excitedly we all lined up as the teachers made sure that we were all there.

Then we went over to their rotunda and got told what to do and what not to do. After that we entered the building in our individual four groups and started the activities. The first room that my group entered was a small room with lots of pictures, the pictures looked like they were moving but really they weren't.

A little bit after everyone had had a good at all the pictures, the staff member that was guiding us around told us that we were about to enter a room that was on an angle and how we might feel sick or dizzy after we entered.

Then we went through a hall with lasers all around and it led us to the room on an angle. This room was not just on an angle but seemed to be a kitchen, this kitchen was not normal because the room was on an angle and the kitchen bench was half in the wall and half out. In one area in the room there was a chair but this chair was able to slide down one part of the room and then would push itself back up the room.

After that room we went down a set of stairs that led us to another small room, in this room we were told to sit down where we could see the circle shaped thing that I think was supposed to hypnotise us then the staff member spun it round and round and round whilst telling us to focus on the very middle of the circle shaped thing. Then the staff member told us to put our hands on our head and walk through the hall that led us to the mirror maze but as we entered the mirror maze the staff member told us to put our hands in front of us. Then we made our way to the end of the mirror maze and entered the adventure island which was a big room with games and one big slide.

Overall my favourite room was the library because it had lots of cool and magical illusions in it!



# The beach

## By Lorna Lock

Firstly we got out of our dormitories and lined up in single file one line grade 6s and one line grade 5s. We got on the very relaxing bus. And about 5 to 10 minutes later we arrived. We hopped off the bus then they took us through some safety rules. They made us put on tight wetsuits. After we put on the wetsuits we got split up into 2 big groups. Then with your partner you grab 2 foam boards and hold on one of the ends of both boards. We made our way down the slippery stairs with our boards.

When we hopped in the water I felt like I was going to freeze. The water was as cold as ice. Everyone got a lot of waves. It was so fun and I stood up about 15 times. By the end I could barely feel my feet and fingers. I took about 20 minutes to get changed because I was so freezing. That was my awesome surfing lesson at camp.



# The drop

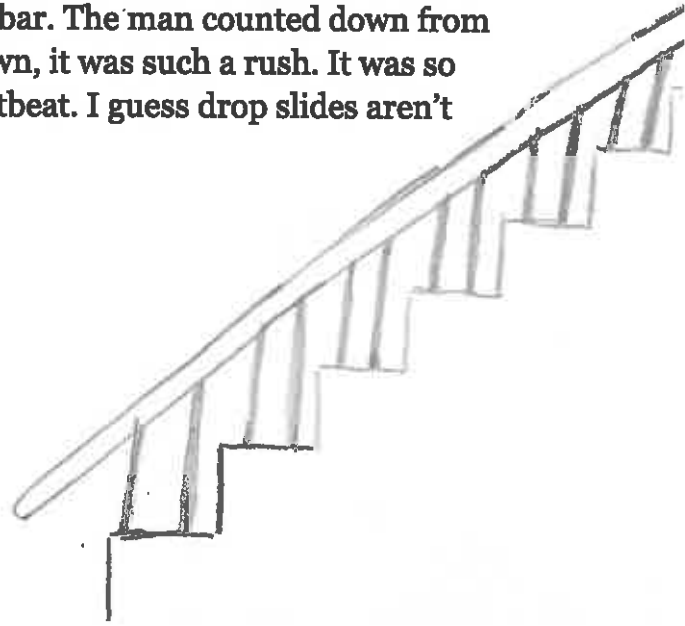
By Niamh McGinty

My hands were sweating. My heart was racing. I looked up at the tall, monstrous, wooden decline then my eyes travelled down to the far plummet. I had to wear this bright, glistening large orange suit. I never found out why I had to wear it. I then slid my shoes off, I was left standing in my black sweating socks. I guess it's better than having my dogs out, right? Then the man supervising the activity directed us up the long windy stairs.

My hand was dragging on the hand rail. I felt so many different emotions, I was so excited but at the same time I was a little nervous. Well maybe a lot nervous. The more that I thought of it the harder it was to make myself continue walking up the stairs. But why I was usually never nervous about this kind of thing. Halfway up the stairs I realised it was because of how scared others were that it made the experience seem so much more terrifying than it really was. But no matter how much I tried all the bad thoughts would always come flooding back.

The suspense was killing me. I made it to the top of the stairs thinking of all the worst scenarios that could've happened. What if I dropped early. What if I.... I was having trouble thinking of something good, luckily I was brave enough to try. I started to think that if this experience ended well what great fun it could've been. But as soon as I turned to Isla she looked terrified and once again all the bad thoughts flooded back. Isla then looked at me and we exchanged a scared look.

Luckily I wasn't the first one to go. In fact I was last in line. Waiting. Watching. Wondering. A few people had quickly slid down, only Isla and Gemma were left waiting in front of me. The waiting felt like hours. Gemma started to panic and asked me to go in front of her of course I willingly stepped up to help her out but that meant I was next. I wasn't prepared. I still thought I had 2 minutes. Not any more. I sat down on the ledge and grabbed the bar. The man counted down from 3. I took a deep breath and let go. I zoomed down, it was such a rush. It was so quick and easy. I would do it all again in a heartbeat. I guess drop slides aren't that scary after all.



# THE COLD WAIT

## BY MILA BRIFFA

As we walked off the bus I saw everybody around me filled with exhilaration for what was about to come. We all began walking to the main building to find out from a ranger what we were going to do next and as I was walking along the pathway I found myself starting to get chilly in the frigid winter cold. When we got to the main building we met a park ranger that told us all about the fluffy little creatures we had yet to see.

After that was finished all the 5/6 classes began walking towards the staircase of seats where we could watch the parade of the adorable fairy-like bundles of joy. To do that though we had to walk on a very slippery and wet foot path to get there and what made it even worse was that it began to spit rain on us and what's bad about that is that when there is light rain there is hard pouring rain. Little did we know that when we got there there was hard bucketing rain and all our seats were soaked but that's not all we got to see a show of lightning in the distance of the water.

What seemed like hours had passed and we still saw nothing of what we were hoping to see. My friends and I were all hungry, cold, wet and discouraged but then in the distance of the waves we saw plump small and feathery figures making their way to the shore. I thought to myself "could it be, the thing we've been waiting for all day". I just couldn't contain my excitement then out of the dark bittercold water came out a cubby, wet, and adorable penguin!





# The Magic beaches By RUPert

It was freezing cold the wind whipped at our faces as if to draw us on. A sent of excitement was fuzzing in the air as we lined up to receive our warm, silky and smooth wetsuits. 10 minutes later we were heading down the steep slopping path leading to the shore. as we walked down the windy trail the sharp pointy nail like rocks scraped against our feet but still we went on finally we reached the shore as a cold gush of wind almost nocked us off our feet.

We then learn how to stand up and ride giant foam boards. Next thing we were all running down to the water everyone had smiles on there faces as we ran. When we reached the water, the waves started licking and lapping at our heels. As we all played happily in the ocean the sky was blue the water was clear and the sand was yellow all was fine. And that was when I knew that we were actually going surfing at Phillip Island.

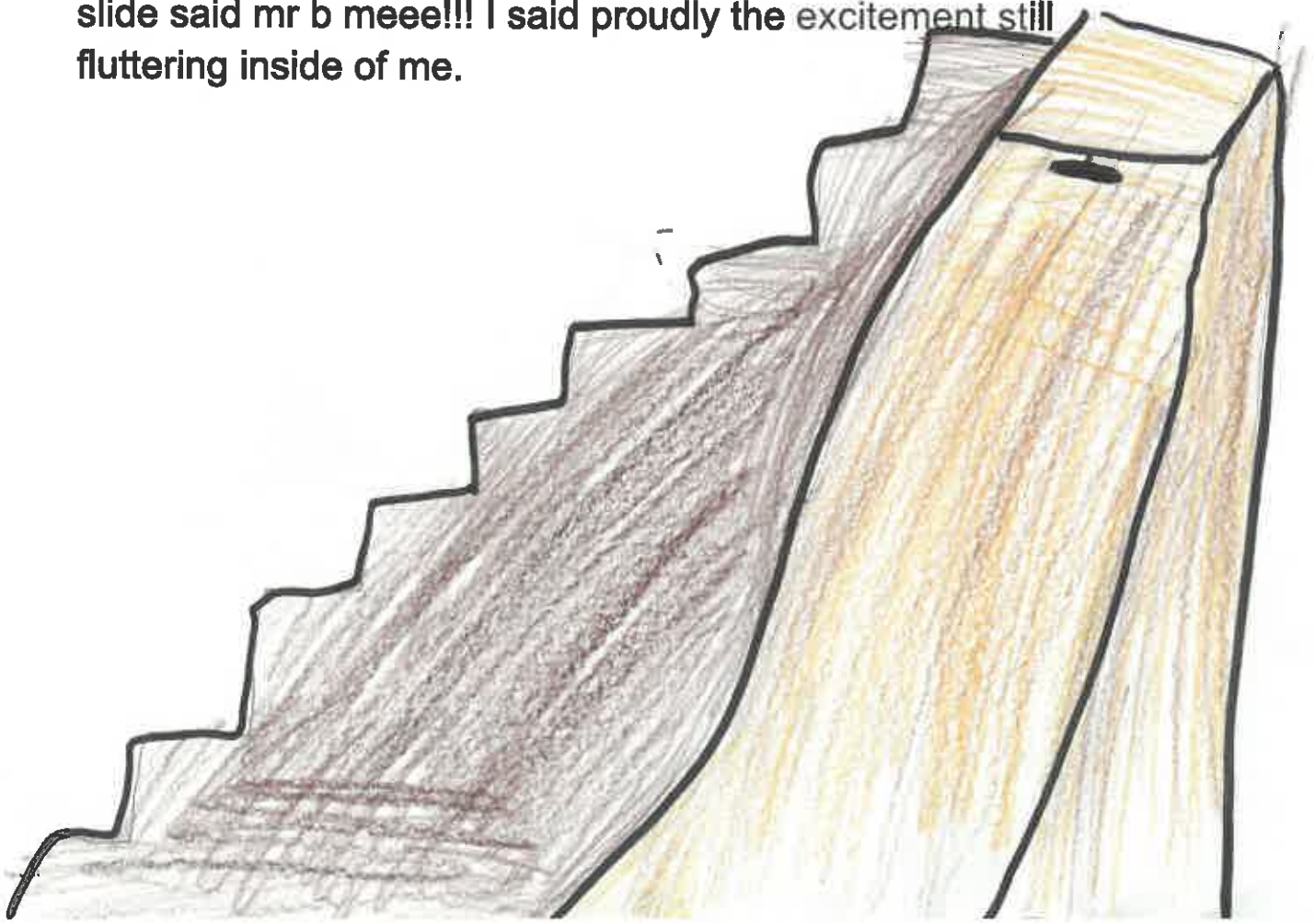


# The plummet

by Isla

'HARD LEFT' they yelled! Yes finally I said to myself as I turned a sharp corner with the big yellow flag above me. Eventually we made our way out of the windy maze excitement bubbled inside of me. I knew what was next . We walked into the room. The bubbles that wore once inside of me popped gloom filled my body... lets go Isla Gemma said nervously.

I slipped the suit over all of my warm clothing and climbed the steep stairs to the platform and I waited until it was my turn. My heart raced finally the long line subsided and I held on for dear life 1 2 3 even yelled as I dropped ahh I screamed with enjoyment whooo! I hopped up hunter evie and freya swarmed me. Was it fun, was it scary, did you like it ?? so many questions but only one answer yes yes and yes i laughed we left the room and hopped on the bus. Who went on the drop slide said mr b meeee!!! I said proudly the excitement still fluttering inside of me.





# Camp

By Flynn Leatch

We left our not comfy bed rooms to go and lined up to go on the bus. Everyone was really excited to go water skating but we were all contemplating on how cold it would be we were all that excited that we thought it was taking forever but it only took twenty minutes when we got there it was cold as we all got of the bus we waited a few minutes then we started to go down the stairs then got called out and then we had to go back up the stairs because we had a talk with Callum about the safety and all about the rips. It was helpful for all of us to know where to water skate because we didn't know where to water skate.

Then finally we found ourselves lining up to go to get our wetsuits on but then there was a delay because they forgot a bucket of wetsuits so smaller half of us got there wetsuits first so it took like 15min for the rest of us to get our wetsuits it was annoying but then finally they came with the other bucket of wetsuits and the rest of us got our wetsuits on and then we split in groups there were four groups and group 1 and 3 went together and 2 and 4 went together so group 2 and 4 went first and we were playing in the sand waiting to go water skating we were playing in the rock pools and digging holes in the sand and playing in the water it was fun but then it was our turn to go water skating we got our skates go in the water and then at that moment i knew i was gonna go surf some waves.





## THE LITTLE CHUNKS...

By Eva Kime



We started our day with a very serious talk about the weather .We got strictly told we had to bring a puffer jacket ! We got told it was going to be freezing. We quickly rushed onto the bus as fast as we could but were still trying to hold in our excitement. When we got there it was freezing and we all instantly realised why we needed a jacket. And were grateful we brought one. We all felt bad for the kids who didn't have one; they must have been freezing... they weren't from our school... .

We finally got to the lobby area after the longest bus ride. It was exhilarating to see and look around at all these cool diagrams. All my excitement was piling up. It felt like hours and hours of waiting and looking around but that didn't matter. I was still happy . We all got called over and gathered in a big group to talk about how to behave, no loud noises, keep warm and don't scare them away. It was all going to be worth it. We were going to see the world's cutest littlest creatures in the world . Everyone was so excited it was breathtaking. I just couldn't wait any longer nor could my friends.

We quickly rushed following the footpath so we could get the best seat. It was going to be perfect. We searched and searched until we found the best seat so we could get a good spot and a proper look at the cute little chunks. It was the ideal spot.

After my friends and I took a seat in our perfect seat we thought it was time to see the little chunks waddell up out of the beach and into their habitats but we thought ahead of ourselves we got too excited we let our excitement get to use. We had to have another talk about how to behave and some cool bones facts. When will this end we thought we wouldn't ever see them. We were all getting super inpatient, but in our defence we had way too much excitement and we were all hyped up.but still I was grateful to be hear and i tried my best to be as patient as possible as I didn't want to get kicked out for being to loud and I didnt want the people who work there think they were boring . so we all sat there patiently in respect in the freezing cold rain as it got louder and harder as the night went on .

I was super relieved that we all sat there patiently in silence as the other school behind us got told off for being too loud, too disrespectful and for standing up in front of others. I intently was grateful not to be them. As soon as the staff members were telling of the other schools, when it all began the parade started with the cute creatures crawling out of the bay onto the shore. Waddling together not leaving the huddle sticking with the pack. Seagulls scream at them, scaring them away. It was perfect, it was all worth it we all said to each other as our faces froze in the rain.

Mabey no one would notice if I snuck one home in my pocket?

# **Camp -**

**By Jackson Peacock**

**One freezing winter day we packed what we needed and headed off. When we arrived at the beach the piercing wind felt like it went straight through us, we got in a single file line from smallest to tallest and waited. While we were lining up waiting for our wetsuits, some people were screaming, some people were nervous and some people were really excited. The people who supplied us with the wetsuits forgot half of them so people were waiting for a solid 10 minutes just standing there and talking, luckily I was one of the ones who got the wetsuit first while my mates had to wait.**

**We started walking down the slippery steps and on the sharp rocks. As soon as we touched the beach we sprinted off to the cold and pointy rock pools. Kids were searching for crabs and just having a great time in general. The water was absolutely freezing at first but after a little while we got used to it.**

**I was in the second group for this activity and one group 1 was done. We went over and the instructors gave us a little warm up and taught us the movements.**

**We couldn't believe that we were about to go surfing!**



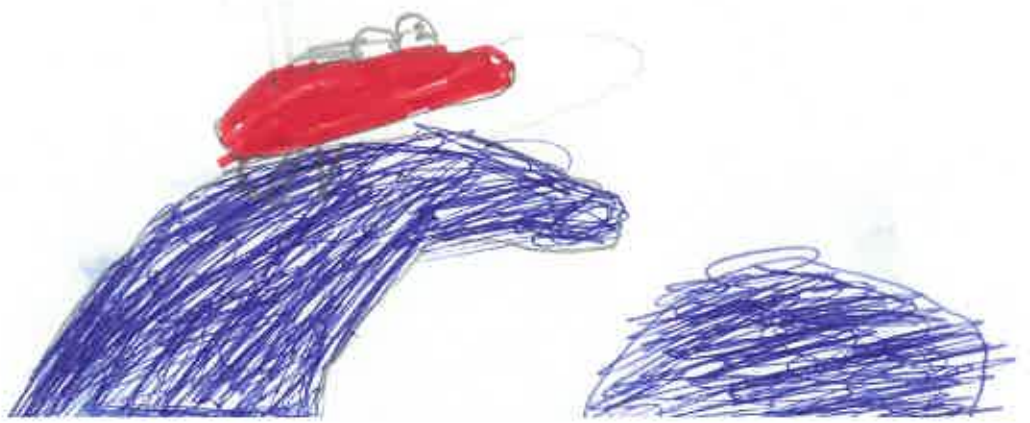
# ON THE ocean

by Rylan K.

AS I got my wetsuit on I got prepared to go on the waves they got bigger and bigger. The water was cold, the breeze was gentle, and the water was clear and salty.

The lifeguard was telling us safety stuff. Next they tied us up to the platform, then we set sail.

guess what did we do? It was surfing. They were perfect waves for starters, not too big, not too small. I attempted to stand and surf. I fell off over and over again but I didn't feel too bad because I didn't see anyone else do it that finished my presentation.



# Winter day in the water

By Lenny Maher

It was a cold winter day. We were all so excited to finally go down to the cold wet and freezing water we all got in our wetsuits and it was blistering and freezing. All of our feet were numb and we were all frozen. There were two groups of people, one got to go in the water and the other group, group two got to play and build sand castles. It was so much fun I was in group two and we built a massive trench in the sand while we were waiting for the other group to get out of the water.

We had to wait like one hour and while we were wait we dunk our heads in the freezing crisp water after that our heads were freezing it was so cold after that we were looking in rock pools for crabs and sea creatures we saw a couple of crabs and little snail things after that we built a massive trench thing.

Then it was finally our turn to go in to the water so we got a quick lesson and away we went in the crisp ice water it was so fun in the waves and the water it was so good we all had a great time in the water it was such a great feeling be in the ice cold water once you were in your toes got even number and the water was actually pretty warm once you got dunked a couple times we all loved surfing and boogie broadening in the cold antarctic water around phillip island and I finally landed a 360 on the boogie board.

I can't wait to get back in the freezing crisp water of Phillip Island on a boogie board or surfboard and land another couple of 360s.





# By Grace H

## "White moments in the dark waves"

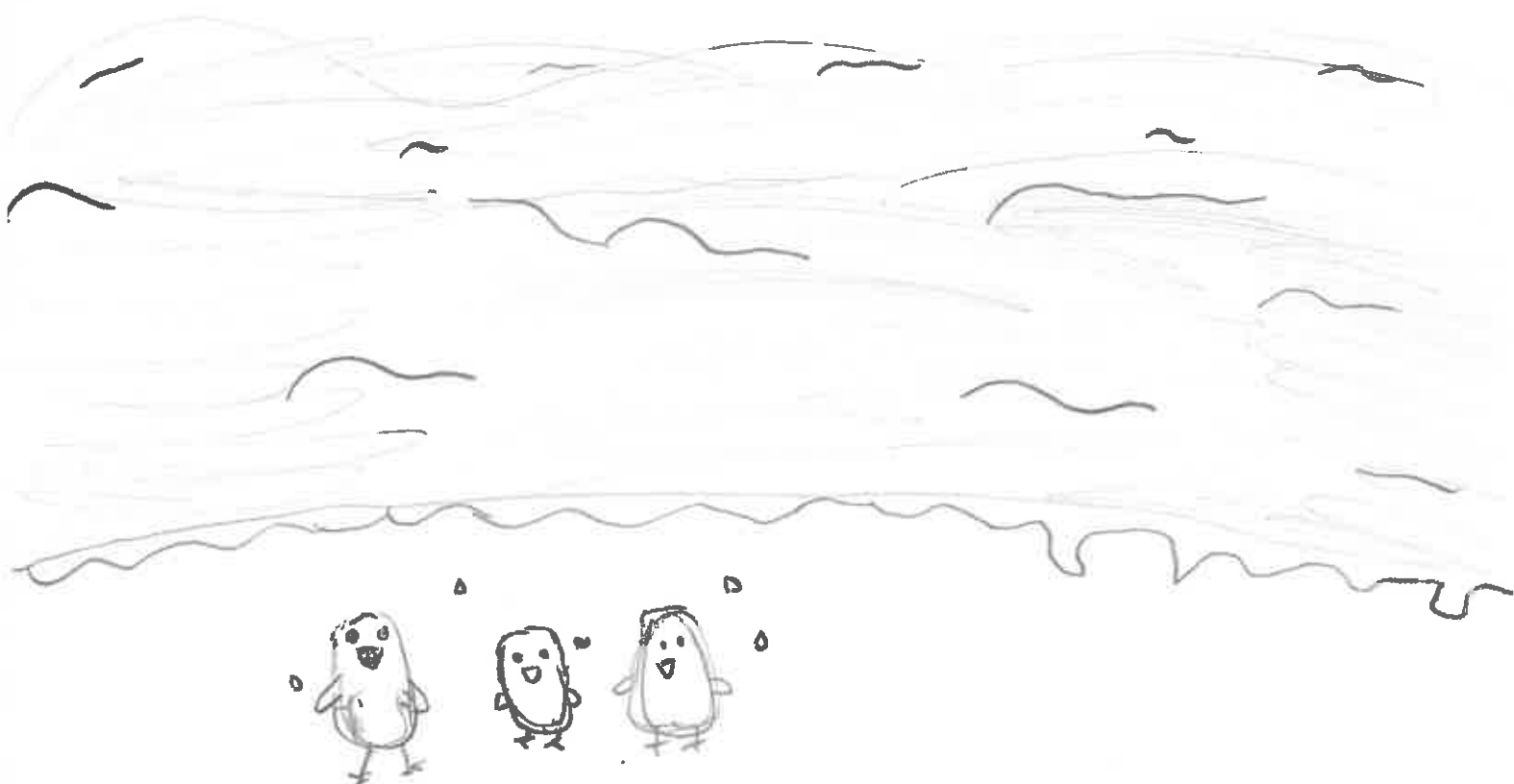
As I step outside a cold icy breeze brushes against my skin allowing my skin to create tiny lumps surrounding my body. We walk as the wind blows against us trying to force us back to where we started, soon we come across a long wooden windy path leading us to the frigid shore that we were yet to face. As we walk along the path it is covered in water making it slippery and even more challenging to walk on.

Finally we reach the shore where absolutely massive concrete steps lie. I slowly walk towards the steps soon to discover they are soaked with puddles of the arctic water, and before I know it Mr B tells us to sit down. I am already freezing cold as it is and I almost hesitate to sit down but I know it has to be done. My bottom is reaching towards the seat when a big sharp numbing pain of water reaches into my pants.

Everyone else also sits down as we wait in silence for the teeny weeny creatures to emerge out of the water. So we wait and wait and wait. All we can hear is the waves crashing against the sand as we closely look for any sign of life. Soon rain starts to drizzle down soaking my clothes as if I was bathing in ice and soon thunder starts to howl in the distance. It is now pitch black, I am shaking and all I want is a nice hot meal to warm me up.

Suddenly I see black figures tumbling out of the water; they're almost as big as my foot. I lean forward a bit closer to get a

better glimpse, wait a minute are those... PENGUINS! As I closely watch them I can see their adorable faces as they start to stumble out of the water. Ok so let's just say penguins are definitely worth the cold and miserable wet. Of course I grinned all the way to the warm restaurant where we had our meals.



# The Puzzle *by Gemma A.*

As Lilly, Isla and I walked in I knew this wouldn't be easy. The first flag was ruby red. I was already puzzled walking over the breathtaking bridge but how do I get under it this place was dreadful. Finally we were under the old busted stairs with three more flags to go.

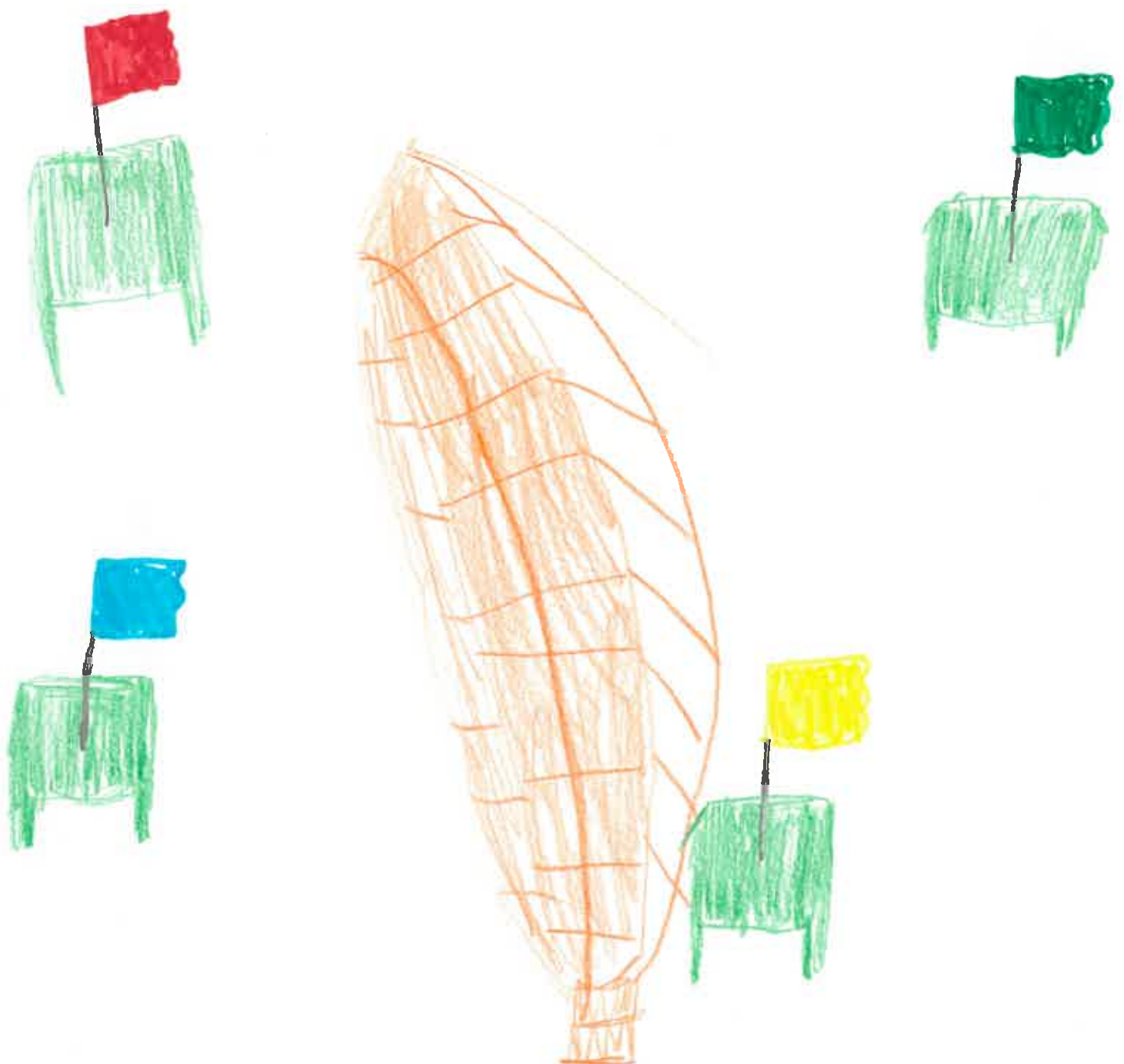
Blue was next we could see from the stairs three passage ways to go one, two or three? We went with one; the coast was clear, light footsteps. We were within striking distance of the bubbly blue flag and suddenly we found it.

Dead ends left and right it feels like I'm in a labyrinth. How could we ever achieve this twisted place? Little did we know green was right around the corner. The Grassy Green flag we found.

One more to go yellow. we had to go all around it like a tangle. The last one people were yelling out at us, a sharp turn! Finally we got to the yelling yellow flag. We completed all of them. I was overjoyed that we had finished.

...but how do we get out! So many dead ends so many the sun was setting, are we going to be stuck forever.

We finally found the exit but we had to head to the twisted stairs we had just got back from there ugh. We were done with this brain puzzling maze be warned it wasn't very A-maze-ing





# The House of Magic

## By Patrick

puzzles



Mum and I had to wait for dad and bill to get the tickets for this really cool place. Mum found some puzzles. There was one where it was like thick wire and there are two that are connected, they look identical and you have to try to pull it apart. Mum figured it out but I could not, there was another one that looked like a rubix cube with numbers on it I did not know what to do with it and then a rubix cube i don't know how to solve. We texted dad he said almost done. It started to get really boring. Suddenly Dad and Bill turned up. and finally we could explore amazing things.

wierd  
rubix cube



First we went to a place where there was a slope and a chair was at the bottom and if someone sat on it it went up the slope luckily knowone was in the room so we all got a turn quickly. Then we went into a mirror maze and it was glowing light red. I walked into a lot of

mirror maze



mirrors. It was pretty annoying, and 30 mins later we figured it out! Then we went into a room where somebody taller than you stands in a corner and you stand in the corner next to them and the tall person will be shorter and you will be taller. Lastly we went into the maze. It was cold and windy and rainy outside so mum and I stayed inside dad and Bill got lost. For like 30 mins, we all found this room where they lock you in a room and you have to figure out how to get out. You had to press this button that launches a ball but you have to get in some sort of cup thing. After about 15 attempts i got it in and i got a key, but you had to find the key hole it was in a metal faced mouth and guess what IT OPENED THE DOOR! plus in the room it stinks really bad like sweat.



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it is based of memory it may of been from the chocolate factory.

## Tiny sharp rocks

by Holly B

As we arrive at the beach we hop off the bus and go to line up. The instructors introduce themselves at hey start to hand out the wet suits we take our muddy shoes of and everyone is in instent PAIN! There were tiny rocks everywhere and we couldn't put our shoes back on.

We lined up and got these pink things on and we started carrying our boards down to the beach buuut there were even more really sharp rocks. It was a horrible pain. All our feet were hurting so much but we got to the beach and put our boards down and ran right into the water. The instructors got us out of the water and we went for a run on the beach then we learnt how to use our boards then we go in the water it was so fun it was a little hard to catch the waves at the start but after a while it was a lot eayser but sadly it ended just like this story thing how i love surfing.

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