

WordUp

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The CD



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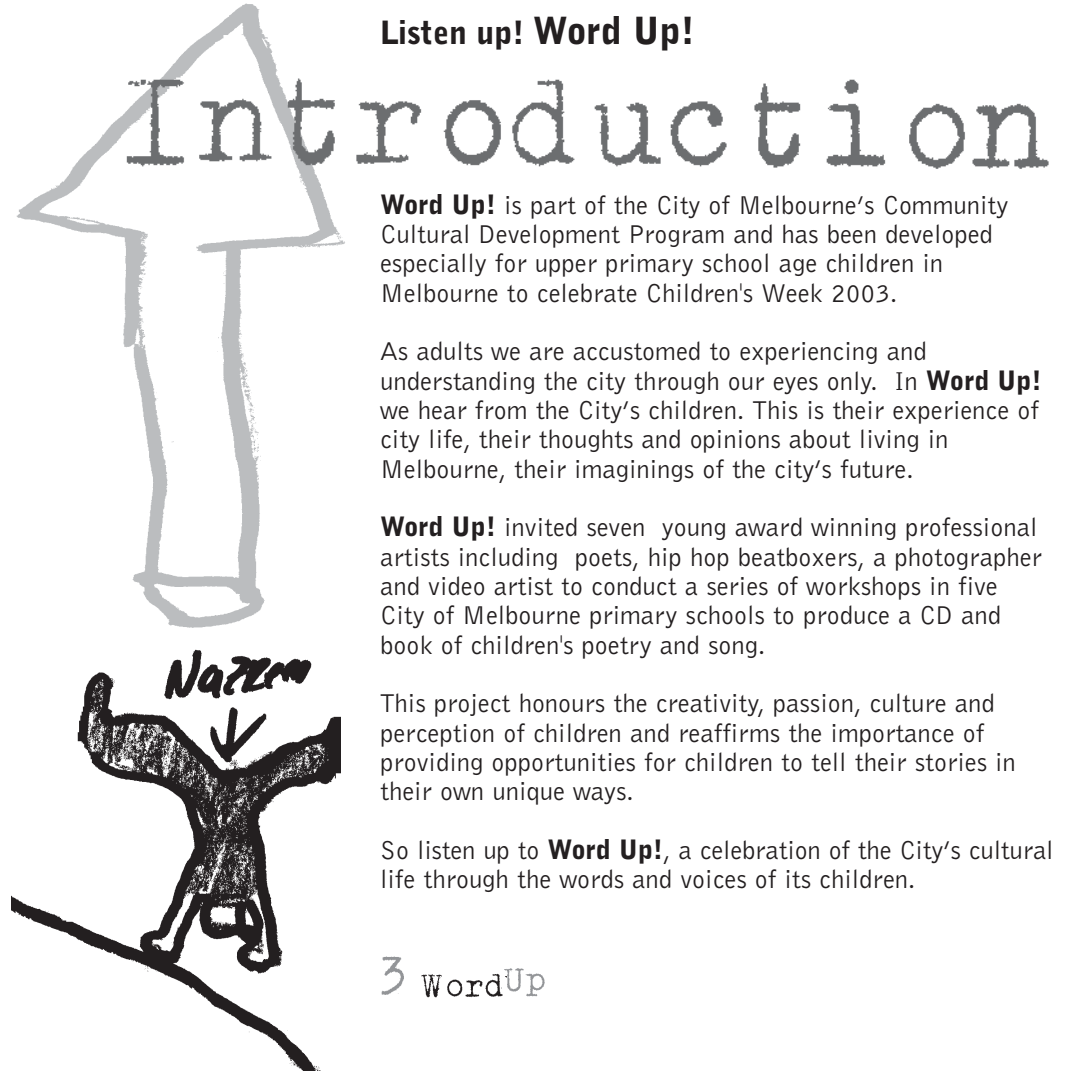
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Listen up! Word Up!

Introduction

Word Up! is part of the City of Melbourne's Community Cultural Development Program and has been developed especially for upper primary school age children in Melbourne to celebrate Children's Week 2003.

As adults we are accustomed to experiencing and understanding the city through our eyes only. In **Word Up!** we hear from the City's children. This is their experience of city life, their thoughts and opinions about living in Melbourne, their imaginings of the city's future.

Word Up! invited seven young award winning professional artists including poets, hip hop beatboxers, a photographer and video artist to conduct a series of workshops in five City of Melbourne primary schools to produce a CD and book of children's poetry and song.

This project honours the creativity, passion, culture and perception of children and reaffirms the importance of providing opportunities for children to tell their stories in their own unique ways.

So listen up to **Word Up!**, a celebration of the City's cultural life through the words and voices of its children.

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Foreword

As I read and listened to Word Up!, I was struck by the strong voices and opinions that came out of the project. It was a wonderful reminder of the diversity of our community and the many perspectives within it.

I was also delighted to see the different ways our city is celebrated. Iconic Melbourne institutions like the Royal Melbourne Zoo and The Royal Melbourne Show feature strongly as well as everyday Melbourne activities like travelling on a tram and following the football.

The City of Melbourne is committed to encouraging children and families to be involved in the cultural life of the city. Projects like **Word Up!** create opportunities for the younger members of our community to express their ideas and experiences and be involved in shaping and reflecting Melbourne life.

Congratulations to the students of Holy Rosary Kensington, Errol Street North Melbourne, St Michaels North Melbourne, St.Johns East Melbourne and Carlton Primary School on producing such a brilliant set of poems, stories and lyrics that are alive with energy and detail about life in Melbourne.

Happy reading and listening!



John So
Lord Mayor





PROJECT LEAD ARTISTS

Morganics > Hip Hop lyricist beatboxer

Elf Tranzporter > Hip Hop lyricist beatboxer

Emilie Zoey Baker > Poet

Alicia Sometimes > Poet

Sean M Whelan > Poet

Nicola Loder > Photographer

Finton Mahoney > Video Artist

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morganics¹



I got an email through my website,

asking if I'd like to come down to Melbourne and record some tracks with Primary School kids, it sounded like fun – and now that it's over, I can tell you, it was. This was a great project, well supported, managed and run by Shona and Carla, by all the teachers, the team, and most importantly, the young MCs and poets on this CD. There was so much talent in these young kids, they were so full of energy and always keen to give it a go, even on the fourth take. I had a lot of fun mixing up the wonderful array of languages, and I'm really happy with the way it's all come out; it's a tribute to everyone involved in the project. I can't wait until all these kids are telling their grandkids about the mad rhymes they recorded back in Primary school.

Watchout, the next generation is coming through!

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↑ elf

Hip Hop is urban folk music; a checkpoint to examine all that is wrong with society as it stands as well as provide the visceral maps that can help us formulate solutions, if we are willing, interested and/or brave enough to listen. The Word Up! project is mutually beneficial to both students and the artist/performers who participate in the program. While the students thrive on the insights that emerge when the traditions of Hip Hop are exposed and in a sense decoded, we as tutors get a unique opportunity to zoom in on the elements that distinguish and connect the varying backgrounds that make up the Australian Multicultural landscape. As well as take part in the collective enthusiasm and energy generated by the fresh approach that only kids can supply, applied to the art form we practice.

alicia ↑

It was fantastic hearing purple pens scribble across the page and seeing groups of giggling young rappers or poets contemplate rhyme and meaning. Their ideas were fresh, open, witty, intelligent and exciting. Some took charge and strutted their words, others were slower to get started but sprinted towards the end. Some had Emilie and I in stitches with their deft parody of government or friends, others moving us because of their honesty and play with language. We had a great deal of fun, infused with the inspiration and knowledge that the future of Australian writing is in wonderful hands. We hope you enjoy the words of these talented writers whether it's a story, drawing, poem, voice or just a considered remark.



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nicola

Word Up! was a great project to be involved in. Kids are inspirational subjects to photograph - so fluid in space and with each other. They are deeply spontaneous and rarely bother to conceal their true feelings. The photographs of these workshops reflect this fluidity and honesty in broad strokes. The panoramic format creates timescapes of multiple moments, where the creativity, enthusiasm and care of the participating artists and students is captured across the spatial context of the classroom. Photographing them was a challenge and a joy.

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sean m whelan

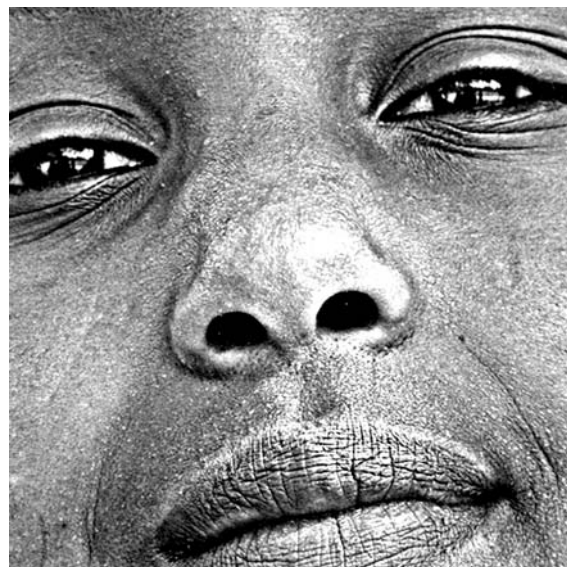


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While teaching writing workshops with these schools Alicia and I felt the excitement bouncing off the walls like a rubber ball in a trampoline factory. The kids were exited about writing, about recording their work and about being published. I learnt that children are a wonderful poetry audience, their wit and intelligence was a delight to be around. I also learnt that the word 'poo' is still hysterically funny. The writing in this book beams with a raw honesty that had us laughing so hard I spat out my O.J, it had us appreciating the rich culture in Melbourne schools and best of all it made us feel warm and proud. These Children are fantastic writers and performers and I feel honored to be part of something that has such generous potential.

emilie ↑





St Johns Primary School



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'Now I know
money is really
helpful to
everyone' >HAN

'I am an
Asian and
Asians are
cool'

>NHU



St Johns

St Johns Primary School
EAST MELBOURNE
PARTICIPANTS

GRADE 5

David Do
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Jessica Hoac
Cindy Huynh
Hung Huynh
Sharon Joseph
Donna Le
Trang Lu
Thanh Phan
Tran Ta
Thao Truong
Nathan Vu

GRADE 6

Richard Chalermkiat
Hieu Chau
Peter Diep
Mark Do
Peter Do
Dennis Dong
Linda Duong
Santina Hi
Tam Hoac
Lisa Lam
Wilton Lam
Daniel Liang
Diana Ly
Nhu Nguyen
Phi Pham
Sharleen Phan
Nina Tran
Han Van
Jason Vo

'Amazing Race is too late for
children that go to school.
University Melbourne is for
people who passed Year 12'
>HUNG





**Me pet fish ate me chocolate.
Me pet cat ate me fish.
Me pet dog ate me cat.**

> RICHARD

Apples are yummy fruits!

Under the deep blue sea
filled with sharks.
Simpsons r cool!
Television rocks!
Rain drops pita pata drives me crazy!
Aunty Aimi is a great popstar
with a crazy hairstyle!
Lily pads are cute little things!
Innocent people are always right!
Always hang around the city
with your humorous friends!

> JESSICA

Always active people here.

Under beds are really scary.
Sunny snowmans in the sky.
TV make people go terrible.
Rabbits can be dangerously cute.
Aunty Rita is a great scuba diver.
Likey any rain in summer.
In Australia you can't suspect a thing.
Aunty Joan gives great surprise.

> SHARON

Brisbane Lions are losers.

Adelaide is where I'm going on
Christmas day.
Legs are for walking and kicking.
Western Bulldogs are last on the ladder
(ha ha).
Yo my name is Nathan.
Nhu is my worst enemy.

> NATHAN

Best Friends

Hanging out with punks
at midnight
at Northland
because hanging out with punks rocks.

> DONNA

Giants are eating

lots of teachers
right now
in the big city
because it is tasty.

> TAM

The Garden of Evil

One day I was walking through Fake Street, a street that's full of fighting. I was scared as a man walked up to me so I hit him and ran. Usually I would be tired in about ten seconds but I ran the whole way like it was a walk in the park. I found out that the man was God.

I went back and said sorry. He gave me powers. I went to Victoria Gardens and stopped a robber from attacking someone else. I went invisible and attacked him. I tried to turn back to normal, but I couldn't.

I went up to God and he told me to eat an apple from my neighbour's backyard. This might sound simple, but it wasn't. Two bulldogs were guarding the house and I knew the neighbours didn't like me. I ran in quickly and stole the apple.

I ate it and then became normal. > **DANIEL**



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Chinese New Year

It was Chinese New Year and we were watching people doing the lion dance. Fire-crackers were coming out of the dragon and I was embarrassed because my whole class was in the lion and I was just watching them with my teacher Peter.

TWO YEARS LATER

I was thirty Years old. I worked as a manager from making fire-crackers and fireworks for the Chinese New Year.

FOUR MONTHS LATER

It was at the same time I had been waiting for the Chinese New Year. I was still in charge. While people were going on the rides, the fireworks were going off above. It was a great finale.

TEN HOURS LATER

By the very end there were three hundred million fire-crackers going off. Beautiful lights scarring the sky. Wonderful Chinese New Year.

> **HUNG**



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Rainy day I hate

I like hanging with friends
College will be hard
Home sweet home
Morning I eat breakfast
On my bed there's no pillow
No one else cares
Diary writing is what I do at home.

>TRAN

Parents

gambling
at night
at the casino
to lose money.

>TRAN

Well done everyone

Eating is part of life
Silly children are good
Take everything you want
Richmond is famous
Ian is my name
Cheap people eat
Helpful people laugh
Menace I am
Oranges are my favourite
Names come from parents
Dial anyone you like.

>VU

Money

Eating junk food everyday
Lots of games
Bouncing everywhere
Oranges are sometimes sour
Under my bed is a big fat sumo wrestler
Roundabouts make me vomit
Near my house is a Ninja house
Every day makes my life go crazy.

>DENNIS

Vicious Victoria

I Love Victoria
Cool Victoria
Tiny Victoria
Oh Victoria rocks
Rotten Victoria
Innocent Victoria
Asianz Rulez as Much as Victorianz

>SANTINA

Superman, Batman and the Poisonous Wasp

One day I found a poisonous wasp in Victoria Street. I picked it up and put it inside a coconut shell. It suffocated. Superman and Batman came to rescue it but it was too late.

'Ahh, damn! False alarm,' said Superman.

'Let's go home and watch Legally Blonde 2 even if it's not out yet,' Batman added. The next day I went to the MCG to watch a cricket game. A magpie suddenly struck me from the sky and stole my meat pie. I called the Australian fast bowler to throw up a ball and bring down the magpie.

Later on I went to a public phone and called on the help of the Dreadlord. 'For the last time I am the Dreadlord not the Druglord,' he said as he picked up the phone.

After that I went to Springvale to meet my Aunt's family and sleep over. I thought about the wasp's family. I decided to have a funeral for it. It was then I decided to buy a pet ferret.

>PHIL



The Day I Nearly Died

One day I went down to Victoria Gardens to buy a game called 'Crazy Bones Returns'. It was \$110. I just said, 'WHAT THE HECK, I CAN'T AFFORD THAT MUCH, I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE.'

So I went to the Snowball to play 'Counterstrike'. The manager said, 'That will be 5 bucks for 7 hours.' Then I said, 'WHAT THE HECK, I CAN'T AFFORD THAT MUCH, I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE.' So I went home and met a guy named Hieu. He came up to me and asked what I was doing. I replied, 'What are you doing jerk?' He just smiled and said, 'Sorry.'

I got home and when I sat down on the couch I started to feel dizzy. When I woke up I couldn't move. I tried yelling but no one heard it. So I rang up Australia's fastest bowler and asked him to help me. He then came over to my house so I asked him how he was doing. I told him again that I couldn't move my body. He punched me as hard as he could. I started to move. He told me it would cost \$110. I said, 'WHAT THE HECK, I CAN'T AFFORD THAT MUCH, I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE.'

> DENNIS

The Grand Final at the MCG

The day before the Grand Final, people were already sleeping in the streets. Snores continuing here, there and everywhere. Snores just wanting to be heard.

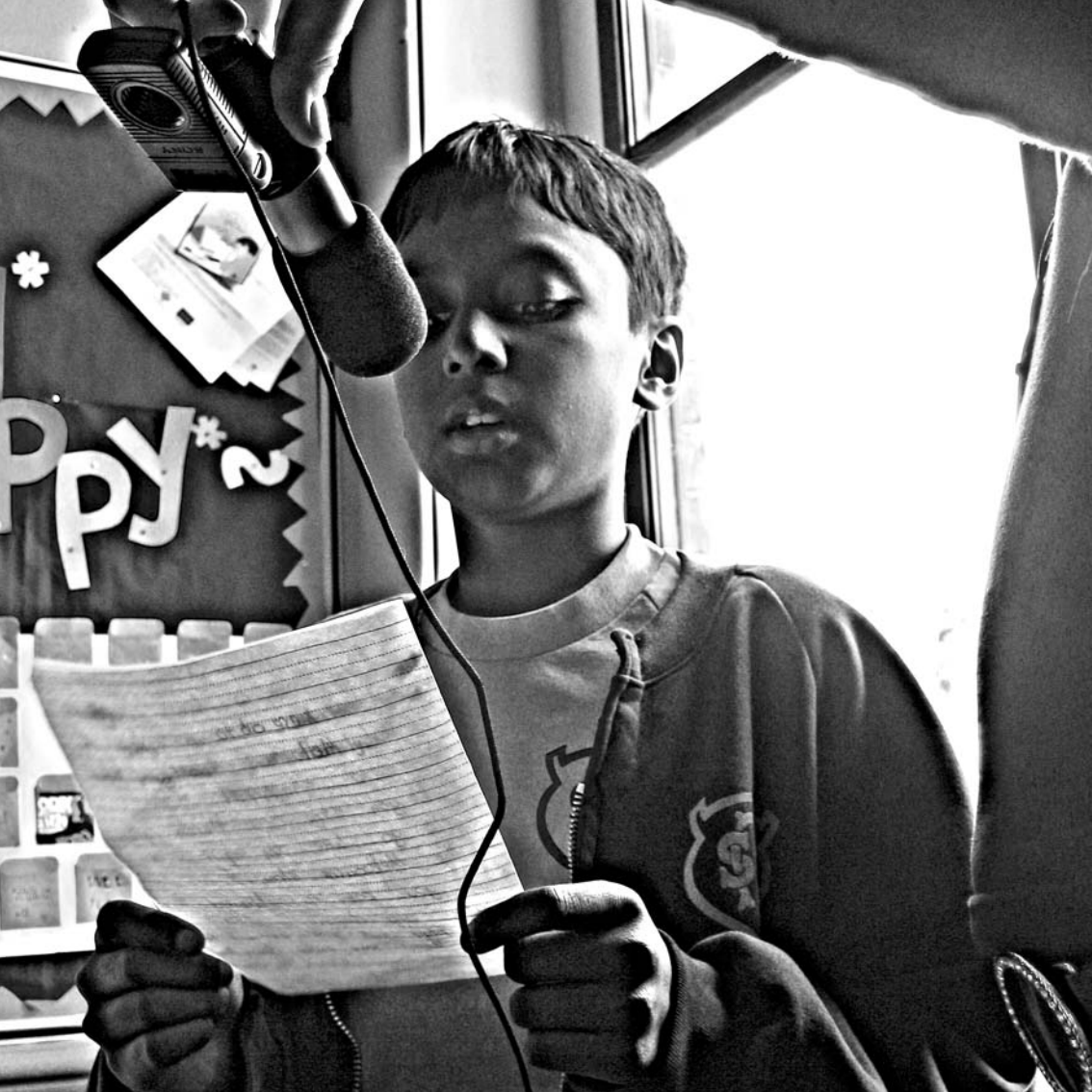
The big day came and everybody was charging wanting to be the first in the queue to get in the MCG. The stadium was packed with fans from all over the world, all excited to be here on this day. Clapping, cheering and roars could be heard.

On one side there were the players in black and red and on the other, those in black and white. When the siren went, everyone was thrilled after waiting such a long time.

The siren was tooting for a while. The biggest game of the year was about to start...

> Excerpt from **LINDA, THAO, DENNIS** and **PHEOBE**





Dad

Learning math
At night
In the bedroom
To be cool

>JASON

Dad

Smoking
Midnight
Back of the house
Because he likes to

>LISA

Prime Minister

Breaking the law
Midnight
City
He's a secret law-breaker

>THAO

Worm

Driving a mini red
Lamborghini Diablo
In the morning
At the MCG
Because he wants to mess up
the Grand Final

>PETER





Errol Street Primary School

'My home is where
I got banned
from watching TV
on weekdays.'

> ESHA

Errol Street Primary School NORTH MELBOURNE

PARTICIPANTS

Errol Street ↑

GROUP 56D

Grade 5

Alicia Croucher Downes
Florence Desiere
Rasange De Silva
Robert Do
Faseeha Hasmi
Brent Kelly
Liheng Liang
Angela Luo
Stewart McKinna
Michael Morris-
Thompson
Vincent (Jack) Saill-
Margariti
Monique Siluca
Jordan Wong
Sipho Xavier

Grade 6

Duncan Burry
Mitchell Capraro-Holt
Ella Cottle
Yining (Lucy) Feng
Alexander (Alex) Garra-
Barton

Jonathon Katris

Louise Liu

Xiang Min

Declan Ryan-Atwood

Shanda Taylor

Christopher Tsang

Haochen (Alex) Wang

Jian (Dick) Yang

GROUP 56C

Grade 5

Alice Chesworth
Kate Cowman
Aleksandra Czajkowski
Rebecca Duval
Jackson Ives
Hannah Layman
Joshua Macauley
Thuy (Linh) Nguyen
Shaquille Parker
Tommy Pham
Taliessen (Tall) Ryan-Atwood
William Williams
Oscar Wookey
Lily Zhao

Grade 6

Tavan Dutton

Wenyi Hunh

Kerry Leung

Amelissa Luu

Asha Mahmood

Jessica Martinez

Tony Nguyen

Kubra (Kuby) Orkun

Rex Punshon

Patrick Saggars

Jean-Paul Shao

Rachel Shi

Jelena Stojic

Sven Svalbe

Aliriza (Ali) Yavuz

GROUP 56B

Grade 5

Yuchi (Jack) Chan
Xuewen (Lydia) Feng
Robert Harbor
Kevin Ko
Anne Kosmynina
Sanam Matin

Rachael (Rachel) Moore

Saba Mughal

Eugene Nheu

Annina Nowak

Gina Tonkin-Hill

Isabella Walker

Grade 6

Aphrodite (Aphra) Feros-

Fooke

Maxwell (Max) Ferdinands

Sam Hawkless

Quan Jiang

Jonathon Lam Truong

Patrick (Pat) Lane

Scott Liao

Georgia Mason

Anthea McGirr

Falemasira Nafe

Xin (Celia) Ong

Sinipat Pootong

Nina Portail

Mohamed Sheikh-

Mohamed

Ricky Tsui

GROUP 56A

Grade 5

Louise Absalom
Madelaine Ely-Rees
Gilman Ergun
Hugo Everist
Tedjo Ardyandau (Ian)
Imardjoko
Hamed (Hamad) Jafari
Benjamin Jenkins
Martin Mackinnon
David Nie
Hugo Roberts
Khalid Sheikh
Esha Suhrou
Madison Tierney

Grade 6

Dini Adem
Jaka Bambang
Amanda Chan
Julia Gorman
Holly (Holly Rose)
Grayhart
David Hausler
Sam Lee
Bradwin Leibrandt
Kizia (Kiz) Maughan
Gail Negron
Roman Onyshchuk
Oliver Rosa
Nicholas Rowland
Ning Xin (Victor) Su
Felix Tang
Alice Wookey
Pei Wu

'My home is where I go
to wish my brother wasn't there.'

> MADELAINE

My home is in the middle of the Arabian Desert.

My home is on my heating vent.

My home is in the Willy Wonka factory.

My home is in the magazine isle of the supermarket.

My home is my Dolly mags.

My home is unfortunately where my parents live.

My home is at Gil's house.

My home is at the hospital.

My home is the most boring place in history.

My home is morning glory.

>MAD

Melbourne

GOOD BAD

Shopping Not enough Luna Park

Luna Park Polution

Sport Not enough house and space

Pet Shops Not enough Pet Shops

Vets Dirty Toilets

Not enough Vets.

Not enough good markets.

No place for friends to hang out.

No place for family to eat and hang out.

A man is in love with chicken.

He orders the chicken but they deliver an elephant with a big sock.

And the man still loves the chicken and elephant.

>FASEEHA

Where We're From

Melbourne's

where we're from

Melbourne's

where it's at

Melbourne's

where you'll

meet all the copy cats

we've got Crown

we're getting down

with night clubs

goodie grabs

we've got trams

not many scams

with good medical care

Melbourne Show and

a big fair.

Melbourne is the best!

That's right.

>MARTIN

MELBOURNE

Hey mums and dads

we've got a message for you:

if you wanna go to Melbourne

you gotta know what to do.

First you take a tram

and you travel to the zoo.

There are toilets you can use

to do a poo.

We say

HEY! HEY!

You gotta take that tram

You gotta take that tram

Now listen up

all you grown ups

We hope understand.

You gotta take that tram.

You gotta take that tram

'cause we're Melbourne fans.

You gotta take that tram

'cause we're Melbourne fans.

>BRADWIN, DAVID, NIE, HUMED



Fat Slobs

We are fat slobs
and we have no jobs.

Work is a thing of the past
staying home is a blast.

We got holes in our socks
and we got an X-Box.

We got PS2.
It's kinda new.

We spend our spare time
bashin' up cars.
Last time we did that
we got sent behind bars.

Eating lots of junk food
puts us in a good mood.

When people call us FATTY
it drives us batty.

We sit on the couch.
We do nothing but slouch.
We eat lots of jelly.
We got pot bellies.

We went to the movies,
they wouldn't let us in.
We got really angry
and threw them in the bin.
We went to the movie anyway.

Free movies for us today.
We trashed the place.
With lots of mace.

We trashed the ceiling and the floor.
We kicked down the door
(and did much more).
Cause we're fat slobs and
WE GOT NO JOBS.

>JONATHAN, DUNCAN, MITCHELL, G.B., STEWART



My home is very big.

My home is very small.
 My home is very short.
 My home is very tall.
 My home is like a mansion.
 My home is made from grass and mud.
 My home is busy being rented.
 My home is as round as a hut.
 My home is on an island
 in the middle of the sea.
 My home is very secure
 I always need a key.

>BRADWIN**I wish I could fly,**

and float up to the sky.

Where my trouble can't reach me,
 and no one can see me.

Have you ever wondered
 what's outside this world?

Have you ever pondered
 why pig's tails are curled?

I wish I wouldn't run away and hide
 and just be me.

I'll try my hardest to shine
 and let it all be.

>LINH AND REBECCA**I was slowly walking in a park**

in the heart of Melbourne
 slowly taking in all the beautiful sights
 all my problems, homework,
 taking \$10 from mum's purse.
 Tall buildings

>ASHA**Movie Stars**

Yo! Yo! Yo!
 Cameron Diaz is in Full Throttle
 /it is cool for her,
 like drinking out of a bottle.
 Arnold Schwarzenegger
 is full of democratic
 passion/ he's cute and so in fashion.
 Sandra Bullock wants a son/ no
 offence but she's a 'hun'.
 the best is the cool Helen Zass/ no
 offence but she's got a small ass.
 We need some Kidman and
 we need it fast/ so don't stop rappin'
 cause she's not last.
 Beyonce Knowles is in the Navy/ lucky
 for her she doesn't have a baby.
 Yo! Yo! Yo!

>REBECCA**I've lived in Melbourne all my life and still live with**

my parents and I'm 35 (going on 11). I probably love
 them more than anyone else but my homies are
 like third cousins.
 Melbourne is the home of gangsters. Melbourne is the
 place of players. Where the rap rings of the north.
 Rat a tat tat. That's the way it is.

>MAX**Advice**

When I was younger I went
 through a lot of foster homes
 and many times I tried
 to commit suicide.
 I know a lot of people try it
 for stupid reasons.
 No matter what people say
 you just have to be you
 and you are special.
 So, don't do what I did
 and be safe.

>SHANDA

Avril

trying on a boob tube
at 7pm just before a freak show
at Rod Laver Arena
having never done it before
because she needed a new look.

>KIZIA

Mandy Moore

sitting on the toilet, constipated
8.30pm
at the Academy Awards
she ate shellfish
she was bingeing.

>HOLLY

Melbourne is a beautiful city

if you don't live there, that's a pity.

But I should tell you something horrible
and something adorable

Car crashes everywhere
blue police just over there.

If your house is out of power
you don't have to wait for an hour.

You can read papers everyday
Sometimes you don't have to pay
(for the free ones).

Melbourne is a beautiful city
if you don't live there, that's a pity.

>VICTOR

Australia has a lot of students

Uni students they are
Slaves are worked day after day
Teachers are gamed day after day
Plumbers are worked day after day
At noon people go to school and then party
I think we could be a lot more

> SAM

City Rap

I was walking through the city.
What did I see?
I saw bums looking at me.

That's me Melbourne.

I was walking through the stadium.
What did I see?
I saw AFL players running towards me.

That's me Melbourne.

I was walking through the zoo.
What did I see?
I saw a monkey pulling faces at me.

That's me Melbourne.

I was walking through the Museum.
What did I see?
I saw a dinosaur staring at me.

That's me Melbourne.
That's me Melbourne.

>JACKSON AND TOMMY

Melbourne is...

Everywhere I go,
I see rubbish on the road.
Thinking about pollution overload.
I smell petrol in the air.
But the people don't care.
We're trying to run a planet.
Can't you see that's not fair.
Everytime there's money involved
It seems there's no way
to get our problem solved.

There's banks erupting
People corrupting.
Everybody's mad.
Must be chaos, we're all up to something.
We hope you got our message real clear.
And then maybe some changes can appear.

>ALICE AND AMANDA





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My home is a pile of bricks on land.

My home is a place where I brush my teeth.

My home is a place where I steal all the biscuits.

My home is a memory of an old man dead.

My home is the venue in which I eat and sleep.

My home is where hair crawls on the floor.

My home has no gaps but is filled to the brim.

My home is a storage cave.

My home is where I bring my friends.

My home is on an island.

>ALICE

Melbourne Football

Football, football, football is cool.

Football is the match where you can have a great duel.

You can feel the pain from the rain.

The crowd screams.

The Roos will beat yous.

Some supporters are mad, some supporters are glad.

All your boys play their best so all supporters chill and take a rest.

Let's get back to the football yo old rag dolz.

Little twits can take huge kicks.

>HUGO

Marvellous food

Always sipping coconut
juice
Lazing around
Afternoon delight
Yellow light
Shopping queen
I was born there
A relaxing place to go.

>CELIA

Game Zone

I am at Game Zone
Winning heaps and
heaps of tickets.
Finally I get 350 tickets
to win the game 'Cube'.
But someone else
gets there before me.
I will hate the person
for the rest of my life.

>ASHA

Castellano

Hola, chao
Independent people
Hama the indigenous
animal
Eating choros

>GAIL

Sanam

slapping me in the face
in the fairy gardens.
I asked her to marry me
by giving her a slap
in the face
because we were in
a love/hate relationship.

>GEORGIA

Cousins from China

Home at last
It's cold there
No people I hate there
Always Chinese there.

>JACK

We live in a place

called North
North
North Melbourne.
Everybody likes the city
the city
because of the mall shops
and other things
everybody says: ow ow ow.
We're rich
rich rich rich
richy rich.

>SHAQUILLE

Where is the place?

It is the cool place.
People around
smiling faces.
Cops around
on the chase.
By the man
who stole the case
with a shoe lace.
Where is the place?
NORTH MELBOURNE.

Some people laughing
some people cheering
for the man
who is flipping.
There were a lot of cars
around the popstars.
Where is the place?
NORTH MELBOURNE.
Where is the place?
NORTH MELBOURNE.

>ALI

Aborigines were the original owners.

Understandable people.
Storms in winter and fires in summer.
Terra Australis.
Really big but has a small population.
A big desert.
Land of plants and animals.
Inventor of Aussie Rules.
An ancient land.

Nick,
driving a monster truck,
noon,
at school,
1000 kph,
to squash Terry.

>NICK

Tigers in the forest

Homesick sometimes
A game in Thailand is rattan ball
I'm scared of the tiger.
Lemonade I drink with honey
when I'm sick.
Another sport is Thai Boxing
not staying here forever.
Dad is here with me in Melbourne.

>SITTIPAT

Pokémon

Rachel: Pokémon rules!
Wendy: Pokémon is ok, I guess.
Jelena: Pokémon sucks!

Rachel: All those little monsters.
Wendy: All those cute little things...
Jelena: All those little things are weird.

Rachel: The merchandise is worth all the
money.
Wendy: They're quite expensive.
Jelena: They are so expensive.

Rachel: Every version is cool.
Wendy: It has its good days and bad days.
Jelena: I think it's a rip off man.

Rachel: The TV show is fun.
Wendy: It's fine I guess.
Jelena: Boring and dull.

Rachel: Pokémon is ace dude.
Wendy: It's ah, you know...
Jelena: Pokémon makes me want to spew.

>RACHEL, WENDY AND JELENA



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'Salami is my favourite food, I buy it every week. I like Hungarian hot shaved salami.'

> **WILLIAM**

'I do hard work, I do ten chores. What do I get? Some apple cores!'

> **MY LINH**

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'I can walk to Highpoint and spend all my ma's cash' > **IMOGEN**



The air really stinks.

There's not enough room.
Nothing's green
(that's how it seems)
There's nothing to do.
Nothing to see.
Nothing but cars and people.
There's not enough trees.
There's nothing for free.
Nothing free to see and do.
Life seems so boring.
Nothing but homework.
The only thing to do is read.

>ABBIE

Frank from the dumpster

Doing the full monty
in front of the builder in the
future
because he likes to
by having some sleep
in the rubbish

>BRAYDON

North Melbourne

Oceans of ovals
Red Blood
Tiger in Water
How my lunch got eaten
Monday maths
Extreme bikes in toilets
Law and order
Bad Boys II
Old fashion
Underwear with a picture
of Mr Bean
Red sharks with dinosaurs
No teachers allowed
Elephants through zoos.

>AARON

Parks and a zoo

Awesome
Really boring
Killing is illegal
Vikings don't exist here
Illusion is even boring
Lots of leaves
Lots of people
Everyone is boring.

>ABBIE

No boys allowed

in this poem
October is the worst month
Rubbish flying around
Tom and Jerry
Harry Potter
Milking cows
Echidnas are spiky
Lots of people are lying
Boy, the smells
Ooh La La
Under the moon in
Melbourne
Rabbits are cute
Nuts are yummy
Everyone has a lot to say.

>Phuong

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The World Around Me

I can't believe it's today already. I totally miss those days,
When we were young and really hopeless; searching for things to play
With tiny feet and tiny hands, our little lives began,
We couldn't even say a word, not even the word 'nan'.
I remember the time on my first day of school,
When I wondered around looking like a fool.
I tried to make friends but I was too shy,
I ended up feeling lonely, lonely enough to cry.
I soon made friends more and more.
But introducing myself made my throat really sore.
As I grow into it, I begin to see,
That it is the life that's perfect for me.
What's most perfect of all as when I'm feeling really down.
They turn my nightmares the other way around,
Which makes me realise they are the best friends I've found.
Now that we're in Grade Six, graduation's soon,
I think of the times when I couldn't even control a spoon,
But come to think of it Grade Six isn't so bad.
We get to think of the great memories, memories we had.
I know there's a perfect life for me out there, out there for me to meet.
I know all this will end one day, which is the day I die,
But there's no way I'm gonna leave this place, to set free and fly.
But my life wouldn't be perfect if it wasn't for thee:
For I love my friends and family and of course, the world around me.

>VANESSA



Becoming a Singer

I always dreamed of being a singer. When I was four I wanted to be a doctor but at that time I still loved dancing and singing. My mum and dad told me one day that I would be a singer.

After the age of four, I came to Australia. There is a lot of TV in Australia. In Ethiopia there's only one channel and music comes once a week. In Australia, it comes every day. In 1999 I had Fox TV, so any time you can come from anywhere and listen to music.

Now I'm twelve I've started writing my own songs. I listen to other singers' songs and I get some ideas. Now I have five songs that I have written and I'm working on my sixth. It is called 'On My Mind'. It's a cool song and I think it's my favourite song. I really like it.

And now I don't want to change the goal of becoming a singer. I want to challenge myself to see if I can write more songs. I don't like it if my songs don't sound good enough. Everyday I go home and listen to music but now my sister has given me a new rule. She said every day after school, I have to rest, go out and do my homework for three hours because she thinks I'm leaving my school work behind. It's not fair, but I think it's a good idea but in my heart music still comes first. I'm still going to do my school work, even if I'm a singer I will stay at school until I finish.

>FREHIWOT

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Sebahe No Longer Fears!!!

For once in a lifetime I broke my fears, which wasn't singing or dancing on the stage, it all started when it was pasta and noodle night where I had to practice the song and dance I had to do. It might sound hard but it wasn't at all. I chose to sing Jennifer Lopez's 'All I Have' and to dance in my group to Beyonce's 'Crazy In Love.' We made so many good moves. It was so embarrassing when I was singing to 'All I Have' with all those eyes looking at me but I got through at last. The hardest part was when I had to sing the rap part.

>**SEBAHE& RITA**

On a Saturday afternoon, I was walking down Victoria Street

when I came along an old rusty lamp. I decided to just clean it a bit by gently giving it a rub and out came a genie. It gave me two wishes. My first wish was to visit all of the major shopping centers and get anything I want there, as much as I want! I visited Eastland, Highpoint, Northland, Chadstone and Southland. I had everything I wanted. Soon it was time for my last wish. I wished to see all the tourist attractions in Melbourne.

I saw everything. It was so good, now thinking back I guess I had the most exciting day ever.

>**SHARLEEN**

The Best Camp I Ever Had!

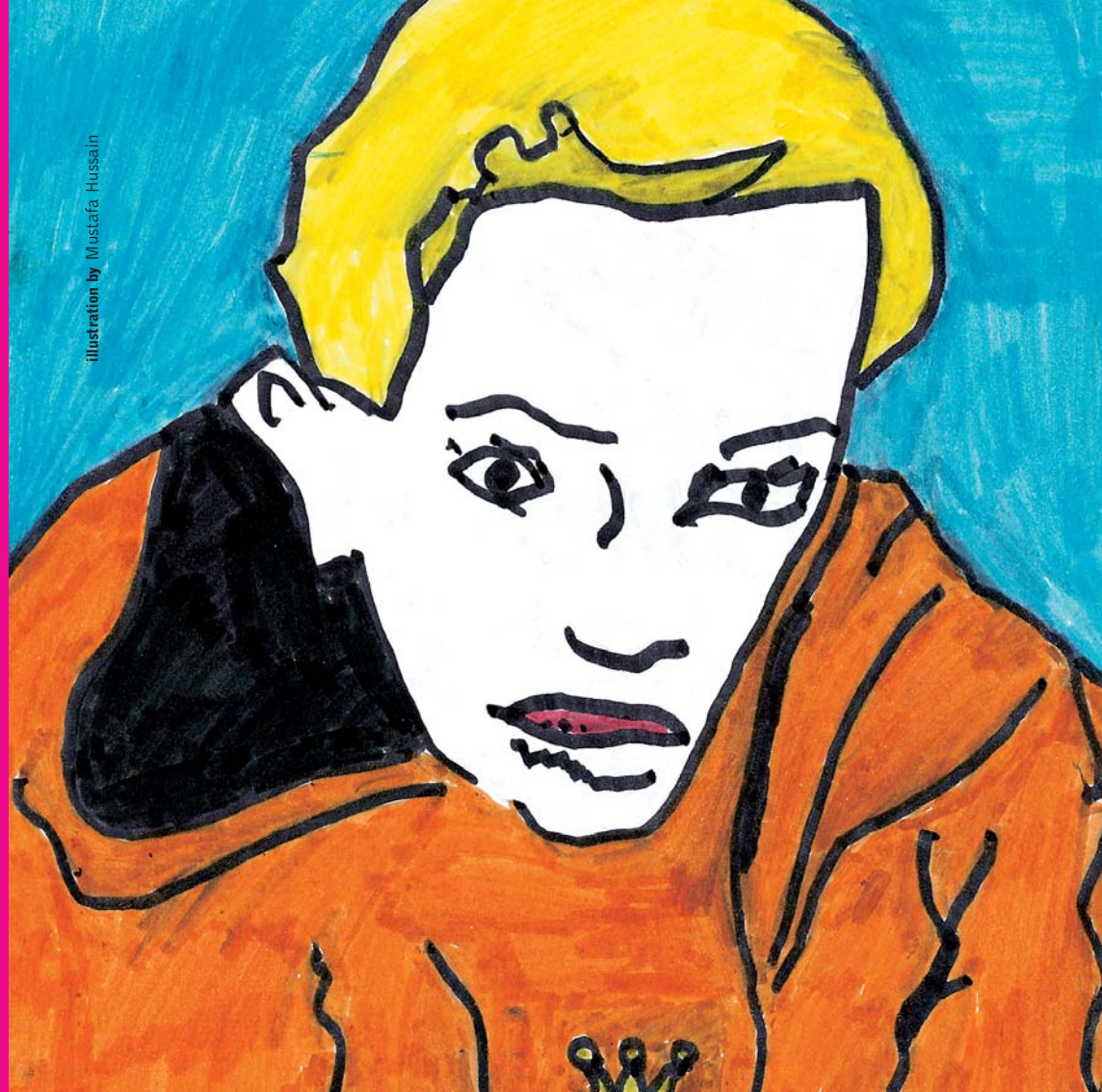
The best camp I ever had is Police Camp. It is the best camp ever because then we got to go with the four police, their names are Matt, Eric, Jo and Nick. Only the year six get to go, I was so lucky that I got picked. Vy and Jacqueline got to go as well. It was really fun. When we got to the camp the cabins were so cool, it was sorted by the boys having one cabin and the girls having one. You can even have a half an hour shower, isn't it cool? We even got to sit in the police car. Vy, Jacqueline, Gisele and I got to sit in it and Vy got to turn on the light. Vy and I got to be partners on the canoe and when I went on with Matt I found a yabbie, I had so much fun. At night we get to play lots of games, for example silent ball or indoor hockey. They have lots of yummy food to eat. The next day we got to play obstacle course and there was mini golf as well. We even went bike riding and I feel really safe when we go bike riding because the police car protects us. This was the best camp I ever had in my life.

>**MELANIE**

How I Got My Scar

When I was in Prep at Errol Street Primary School, I was going down the stairs to the playground to play with some other children. A grade six girl tripped me over and I fell over and smashed into a table corner. After a few seconds I noticed blood was all over my clothes, the floor and the table. One of the teachers gave me a cloth to stop the blood streaming down the cut on my forehead. One of the teachers then rang up my dad. I had to go to the Royal Children's Hospital to get the cut glued together with some special glue.





One day in the land of the fabulous Gisele everything was absolutely normal.

I was doing my rounds through the city when I noticed this person who really stuck out of the crowd. He looked as though he was foreign. His hair was orange with a tinge of red in it and he looked African-Chinese which struck me as strange. I noticed that under his red cape he was wearing a leather cap with brass pine cones and a matching leather skirt that made him look like Xena. I wasn't sure what to think of this but I decided to go over there and welcome him to my city. When I walked over there I thought that I would choose my words carefully so I wouldn't say what I really thought of him. If it even was a him.

'Excuse me, but aren't you new to my city, what's your name?'

'Well my dear my name is Odaus Gayous,' he said.

Then we went to tea and became enemies for many years of our lives but I naturally always beat him at everything because I am what they always say, fabulous.

Do you remember when you were seven and then suddenly you became eleven?

It travels so fast in the time that's past and it's the only thing you ever wanted to last.

It's to be that you were there for me to decide and divide with pride.

It's just all you ever asked for, it's all you ever thought and taught.

Each step that you take will be your next mistake.

>GISELE

TV Poem

I was watching my TV,

A police knocked on my door.

I opened it carefully.

My eye fell off.

'Help me!' I squealed.

'It's your responsibility,' said the police

They walked along the front yard,

and disappeared.

I went to pick up my eye.

I left it on my table.

My mum came home and...

AHHHHHH!!!!

She saw my eye,

She got such a fright...

she died.

>WILLIAM

My name is Airport

My name is Casino

My name is Melbourne Show

Ny name is chici chici...it's Melbourne

>DEYAR

Ghosts

When you die,

Where do you go?

Do you go to heaven?

Do you go to hell?

Or do you appear as a ghost?

What are the ghosts exactly?

You may ask if

dead spirits that are meant to haunt us of
our memories?

Or just see-through things to scare us
when we're alone?

To remind us of the people we've loved
and cared for,

Who tragically passed away.

But I know

What they really are,

they're just figments of our imagination.

>JESSICA



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'We thought the Hip
Hop Spoken Word
program was MAD!!!'

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...It was
educational,
allowing us to
learn new
things and
develop new
skills in the
making and
presenting
of a CD.
It was the
coolest thing
we ever done.
It was
fantastic!!!'

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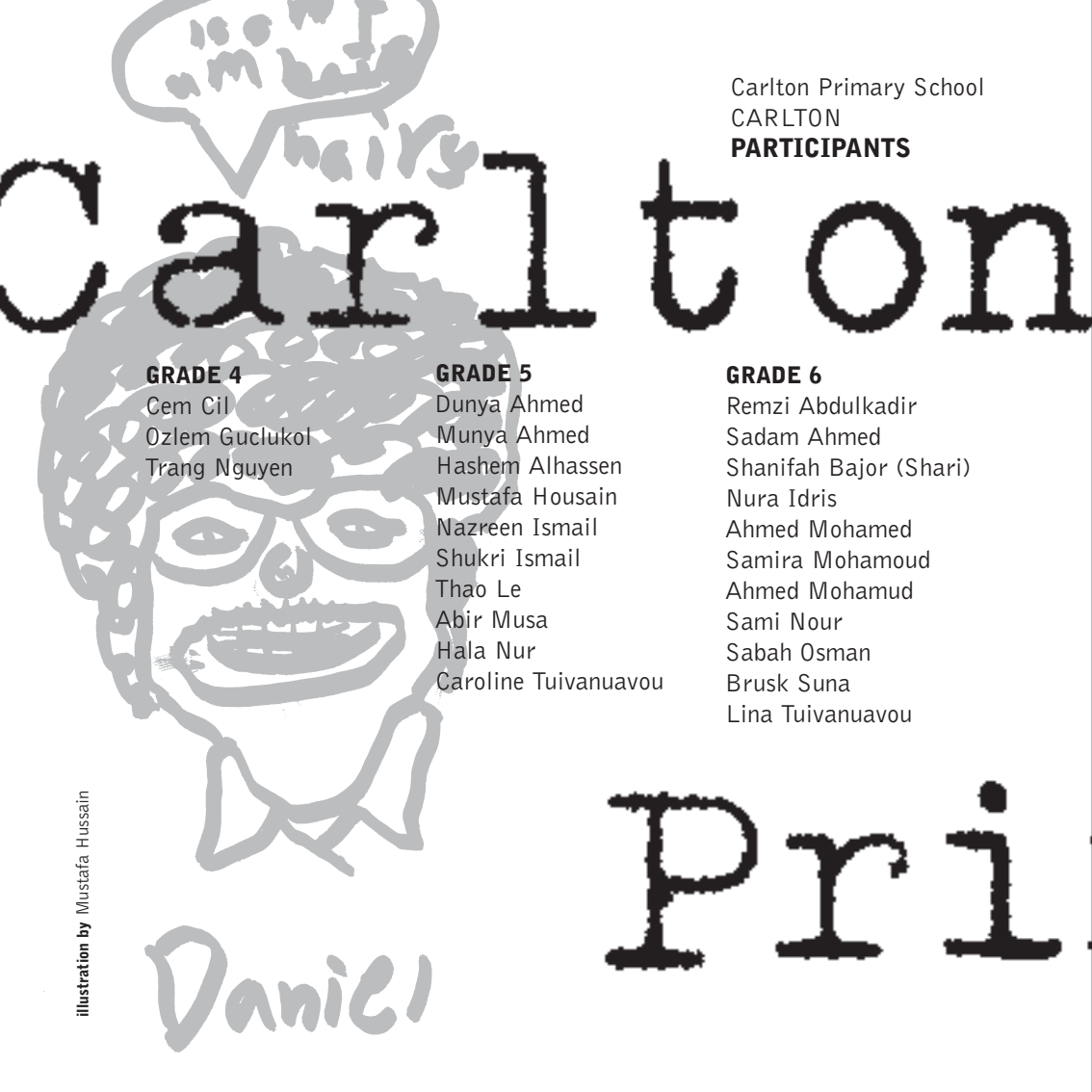


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Who are you? A male with a ^(overly developed) ~~very~~ strong feeling for fantasy adventure.

What do you want to be when you grow up and why?

I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN
THE ARMY AS A SOLDIER
BECAUSE I WOULD LIKE
TO SAVE MY COUNTRY

If you could build your own city, what would you put in it? gold

What do you want to be when you grow up and why?

a air hostess because
you can stay up late

How would you change the world? Make it a bit more 'unboring'

What do you do when you feel happy?

skip around going 'woo hoo'!!

What do you do when you feel sad?

I skate



If you could build your own city, what would you put in it?
Swimming pools, houses not flats,
Shopping centers, Game Zones and
I will forbid my city to be involved
in any war.

What do you do when you feel sad? *slam the door*

What's your favourite book and why?

*Harry Potter because
of the excitement*

Who are you? *I'm Alice*

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