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REACH FOR THE STARS

TOTORO HOKI NGA WHETU

27th February 2015

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Heartbeat of the School

The school is positively buzzing with new things happening every day and major sporting events every week. The children are now well settled into their class routines with fun days such as Wheelie Wednesday keeping the children excited and engaged in their learning.

Thank you Mr McGiven

Thank you to Mr Andrew Mc Given for his nine years of service on the Board of Trustees. Andrew's service as a Board member then as Board Chair is a role that he has served fully, energetically and always with the best interests of the school central to his governorship. At the last Board meeting Andrew retired from the role of Chair, on behalf of the Board, staff and school community I would like to sincerely thank Andrew for his long standing service and commitment to Elstow-Waihou School.

Congratulations Mr Nicholls

At the first Board meeting of the academic year Todd Nicholls was appointed role of Board Chair. It was decided that new delegations will be assigned once the new appointment has been made for the vacant Board position. On behalf of the Board, staff and school community I would like to congratulate Todd Nicholls to his new appointment of Board Chair.

Country Fair raised \$9000

The final count for the funds raised from the Country Fair is \$9000. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the Country Fair. I would like to especially thank the PTA for the smooth operation of the night, many thanks to the thorough organisation and management of resources. Many school community members drew on their family members and friends for help and assistance. Please consider this as a personal acknowledgement of your hard work and support.



STAR OF THE WEEK: This weeks Star of the Week goes to Jack Daines who achieved such great results while competing in the New Zealand Swimming Nationals in Wellington last weekend.



Waikato Male A 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay team placed 6th
Waikato Male A 4 x 50m Medley Relay team placed 6th
50m Freestyle 30.25sec placed 19th (previous rank 32nd) PB of 1.23 seconds
200m Freestyle 2.27.08 min placed 29th (previous rank 30th) PB of 1.43 seconds
50m Butterfly 34.68sec placed 33rd (previous rank 44th) PB of 1.61 seconds
We are all so very proud of you Jack, Well Done!

ROOM 1: Talofa! We are really starting to hit our straps in Room 1 this week. We have got our routines nailed down and are heads down concentrating and thinking about our learning. We have set some goals in our class for our writing and we are busy working on those each day. The children are working very hard to learn and get faster at their basic facts. I am impressed with their progress and enthusiasm in this area. Mr Muir came in on Wednesday and the children all enjoyed learning some new skills on their scooters and bikes. Just a quick note that there will probably be no spelling testing in Room 1 this Friday,

due to swimming sports on this day, their tests may get a little wet! Swimming has been going so well this season the children all have had a great attitude and a willingness to give it a go. Have a great weekend!

Room 2: This week has been another excellent week for learning and many of the children in Room 2 are starting to shine brightly. In maths, our Algebra unit is progressing nicely and the children are really getting the hang of decoding and continuing repeating number patterns – get them to give you an example at home! We have been writing a descriptive recount based around a youtube clip we watched in class of people on a giant waterslide. The results have been very good and some of the less-confident writers have created excellent stories using the visual stimulation of youtube. We have begun a papier mache art project using the children's own handprint as the context. This will take a few weeks and the children will be asked to bring along 3 or 4 small personal items to decorate their art. Have a great weekend and once again...GO BLACK CAPS!

ROOM 3: A great week in Room 3.

We started sketching a scarecrow using images from the internet and some very cool models from Room 4. The children have been working through a scarecrow presentation in their chrome books these are looking pretty amazing. In writing this week we started our poetry about a scarecrow. We have been reading a wide variety of poems and the children are now ready to create their own. We hope that you all enjoyed watching our swimming sports. Room 3 have been improving their stamina on a daily basis since returning to school. We have some very good swimmers in our class. Have a great weekend I look forward to next week's learning and achievements. Our 100 days of learning reflection is ongoing and the children are starting to think more critically about their learning each day.

ROOM 4: A great week again! This week we have focused on further chrome book skills; enhancing the use of our new tools for learning. I am pleased with the effort students have made with their homework. They are managing their time well while working online. We have completed our scarecrow poems and sketching. Check out the great sketches from Jack, Cody, Zoe B and Lochlan and poem from Ethan in this newsletter. This year I have a group of awesome swimmers. The competition at the school swimming sports will be exciting. Camp notices will start appearing early next week as this event is fast approaching. We are short of transport. If you are able to provide transport for one of the days, this will be appreciated. Continue the focused learning Room 4. You are an awesome bunch of learners.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Esin Laimbeer, Braye Stewart, Maia Wahanui and Brooke Carter who have all celebrated their birthdays this week. We hope everyone had a great day.



SATURDAY CRICKET REPORT: 21st Feb: All 3 Te Aroha teams continued their seasons with victories last Saturday. Year 3 & 4: Elstow-Waihou Rebels defeated the David Street Bouncers by 108 – 83, Year 5 & 6: Elstow-Waihou Renegades defeated David

Street by 111 - 91 and Year 7 & 8: R & P Stainless Te Aroha Tornadoes defeated Hamilton Old Boys 122 – 120, with 11 overs to spare and 4 wickets remaining.

This week's draw:

Year 3 & 4: E-W Rebels v Ngatea Knights at Ngatea Domain.
 Year 5 & 6: E-W Renegades v Matamata Ramblers at Herries Park.
 Year 7 & 8: R & P Stainless Te Aroha Tornadoes v Ngahinipouri Young Guns at Ngahinipouri School



CONGRATULATIONS: To Craig & Tania on the safe arrival of a beautiful baby girl, Harper. A little sister for Maia and Charley.

FOR SALE: Brand new Canon BCI printer cartridges \$5 each.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

HIKUTAIA SCHOOL TRAIL RIDE - SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2015: Revell Farm - SH26 (Between Puriri & Hikutaia) Rolling farmland track, also junior track & peewee track. Good food available—Sign in from 9.00 a.m. track open 10.00 a.m. \$30 Adult, \$20 14 & under, \$10 peewee. Paul 0274 858 797/ Richard 021 307 029

HOUSE FOR RENT: Three bedrooms on Mikkelsen Road, available in March, may be a short term, references required. Please phone 884-8334

HARCOURTS Morrinsville sports junior rugby
www.morrinsvillesports.co.nz

2015 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN: Subs \$35 due @ registration please Register Online. A link will be emailed to all existing players. New players click the Junior Rugby Registrations button @ www.pitchero.com/clubs/morrinsvillerugbysportsclub
 All online registrations go into the draw to win tickets to a Chiefs game. Registration Days at Morrinsville Sports Clubrooms Campbell Park March Sun 8th 4pm – 6pm & Wed 11th 5.30 – 6.30pm Eftpos Available. 2nd hand boot sale – bring any boots you want sold. New boots available for sale. Registrations close 11 March .

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES are registered nurses who work with schools and communities to promote health and wellbeing. The Public Health Nurse can help if you have any concerns about your child's health and development such as but not limited too: Wetting - School sores - Soiling - Hearing -Head lice - Eyesight. All schools have a designated Public Health Nurse who visits on a regular basis. To contact the schools Public

Health Nurse please speak to the school office or you may contact her directly by either phone or text - Suzanne Gallagher 021315643

FREE EAR CLINIC: The next clinic will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at the Band Rotunda, Belmont St, Paeroa 9:30-2:00pm and then on Wednesday 11th March at St Joseph's Carpark, Te Aroha 9:30-12:00 Enquiries, please phone 07-838-3565

AGrowQuip NZ Ltd : Sign up now with their 2015 Rural School Rebate Programme. To help raise funds for our school. Forms at the school office or contact Bevan Dale 027-839-9411



Biathlon / Triathlon Results 2015

5 Year Girls Eden Shaxon Brook Gibson	5 Year Boys Alex Walker
6 Year Girls Sarah Pettigrew Emma Richards Riley Baker	6 Year Boys Cooper Bell Nathan Carney Cooper Spice
7 Year Girls 1. Shelby Nicholls 2. Amelia Murray 3. Amelia England	7 Year Boys Ben Morris Esin Laimbeer = Alex Dibble =
8 Year Girls Amber Mackay Alicia Norton Lucy Spice	8 Year Boys Daniel Watkins Ashton Carter Damien Hohaia
9 and 10 Years Jack Dibble, Ash Duthie and Cameron Murray Emma Nicholls, Sam Storey and Blair Watkins Teagan Garmonsway, Claire Morris and Kian Wilson	11 and 12+ Years Zoe Botha, Ana Nicholas and Jessica Rayner Madison Darby, Lochlan Bolstad and Ben Pettigrew Hamish McGiven, Ethan Morris and Rebeka McCallum
Individual Sera Martin	Individual Arna Morris

Stanley Avenue School

TWILIGHT GALA

Thursday 5th March
4.30pm Start

BUMPER BALLS,
 PAINTBALL TARGET SHOOTING,
 LIVE MUSIC
 TOE JAM'S SHANE & ANDREW,
 SNAKE OIL PEDDLERS,
 HORIZONTAL BUNNY ASSAULT COURSE, BOUNCY CASTLES,
 WHITE ELEPHANT STALL, AWESOME PRIZES, CRAZY STRING
 GLOW STICKS, HOT CHIPS,
 MUSSEL FRITTERS, SAUSAGE SIZZLE, PIG ON A SPIT
 CUP CAKES, CANDY FLOSS,
 HOMEMADE SWEETS, RAFFLES,
 COME ALONG, HAVE DINNER
 AND JOIN IN
 THE FUN!!!

Proceeds from this event go towards a new Junior Playground and Trackway for the Community.

* Coming Events *	
Mar 6th	District Swimming Bible in Schools Starts Y1-4
11th	Thames Valley Swimming
13th	Mufti Day— bring a gold coin
15th	Teddy Bears Picnic at Domain Day
24th	Parent Teacher Interviews

Regards: Heather Tanner, Wendy, Deane, Darren, Simone, Maree, Sarah, Heather, Michelle, Anne, Gordon & Jocelyn

THE LONE SCARECROW

A solitary silhouette, standing in a cornfield in the morning light.

Awakening to the screeching morning call from a group of crows.

Slowly a warm summer breeze stirs up the dust of my feet and tangles my straight hair.

The blazing sun beats down and warms my inside as a group of flocks swoop overhead to prey on an unlucky family of rodents.

The small breeze turns to a whipping gale tearing pulling trying to rip the threads of clothes from my weathered body.

The beating sun then turns quickly to pouring rain drenching my muddy straw stuffing.

And so I stand there soaked and chilled to the bone, waiting for the moment when the sun dips below the horizon.

The crows will cease their bickering and will rest for the night.

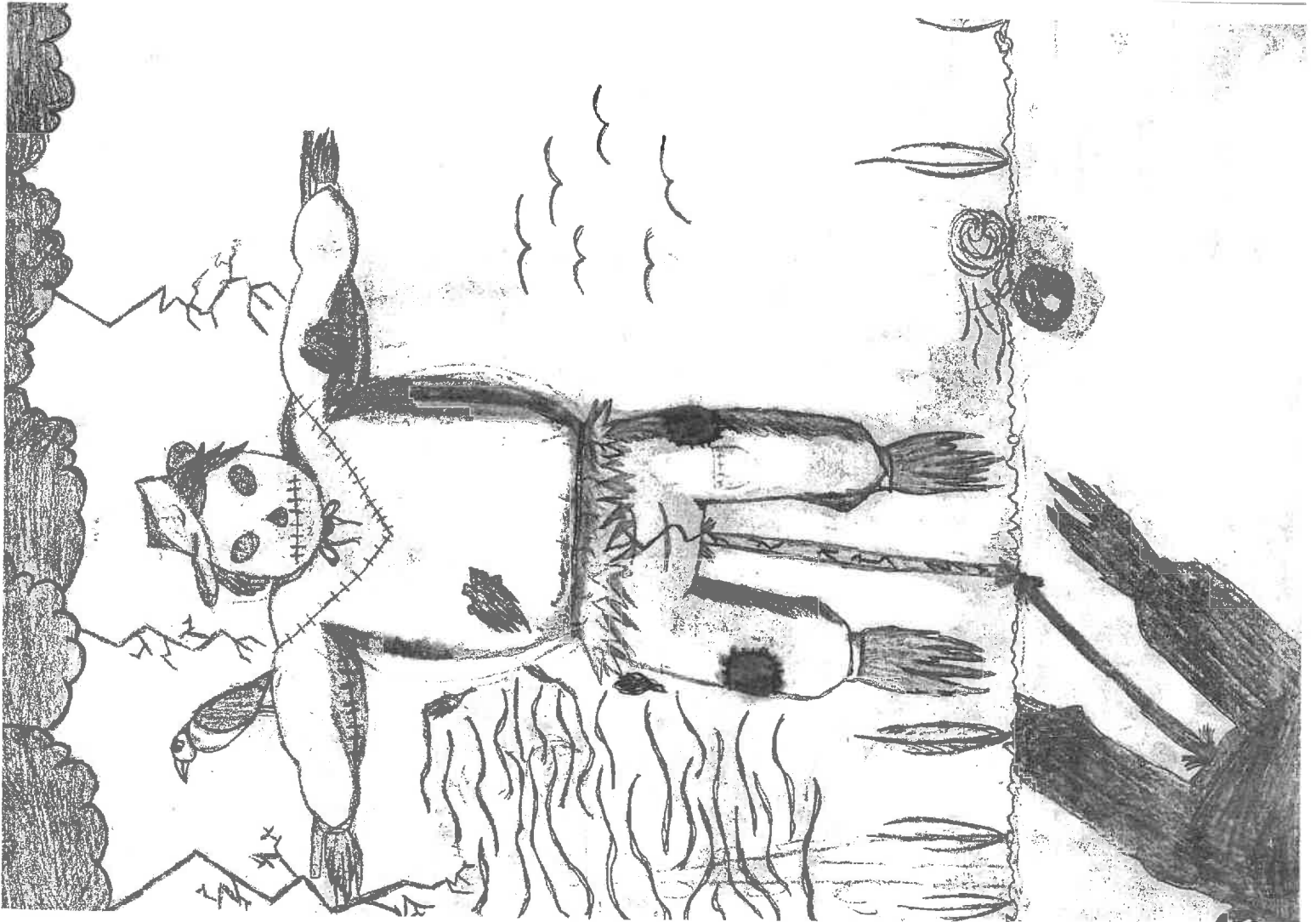
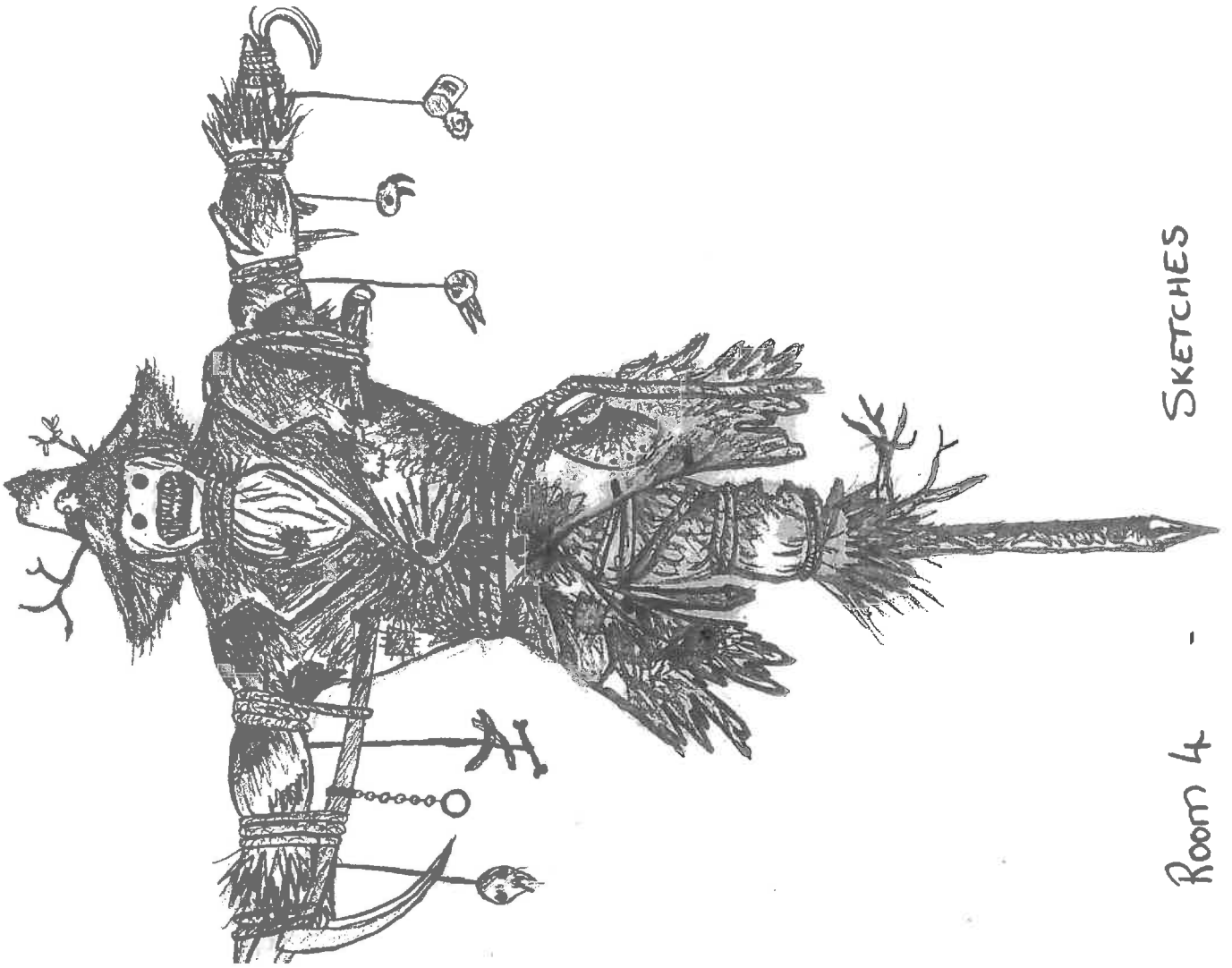
All will be quiet and the only sound that remains is the restless chirping of crickets.

Peace



SKETCHES

Room 4



23.2.15 My poem

Candy floss turning to sugar in my mouth
 Our scarecrows hanging around the school
 Unwrapping lucky dips nervously
 Not a chance in getting a hula hoop on a chair
 Trying to beat Maia on the motorbike
 Riding Jack the hours around the soccer field
 Yawning after a long day at the country fair

Fun!!

Avoiding people putting me in jail
 Ice fight afterwards

Running fast to get to the games before they packed up.

By Teagan Room 3

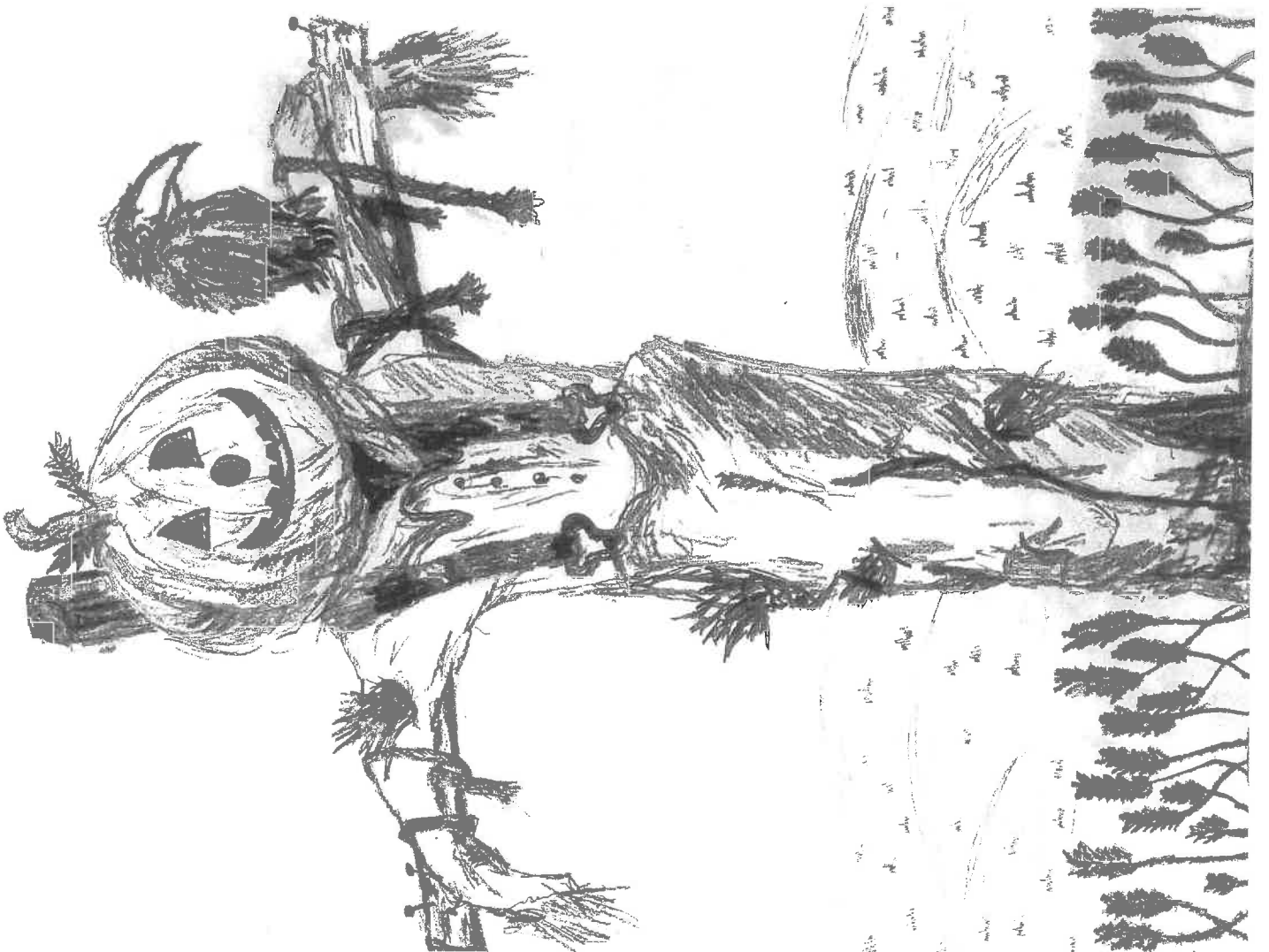


23/2/15 My acrostic poem

Can't wait till 5pm!
Out of the car, breathing in air.
Ambrella, sitting under the shade cloth
Never going in the scary maze
The screaming from the haunted maize.
Really excited about the trailer ride,
Lahoo! Candy floss!

Fun! singing (Life in sunshine)
Amelia forcing me to go on the trailer
I had so much fun with my friends.
Really funny and adorable animals.

By Sera Room 3



Baby Sitting/ Afterschool care.



HELLO MY NAME IS NICOLA SPENCE, I AM 18, AND IN MY SECOND YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO, STUDYING PRIMARY TEACHING. I HAVE MY OWN VEHICLE AND AM CURRENTLY ON MY RESTRICTED LICENSE.

I AM LOOKING FOR WORK AS A BABY SITTER/ AFTERSCHOOL CARE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN THE TE AROHA URBAN AND RURAL AREAS.

HAPPY TO HELP WITH HOMEWORK.

Available from: 2:30pm Mon, Tue and Fri.

Wednesday: 6pm onwards

Available all day Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

\$15 per hour

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me;

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