

# Holy Spirit Primary School



## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday I attended the 'Generation Next' conference. The day was rich with information and presenters who are leaders in their fields. Andrew Fuller, a clinical psychologist, was one such speaker. I share with you some of his book 'Tricky People'.

Andrew believes that some people (adults and children) find a way to get what they want and use that approach over and over.

He suggests the following tips to help us all continue to grow:

- Recapture your spirit. Invite the valued people in your life to do fun things with you. Regardless of whether they initially accept or decline, keep making invitations.
- Increase your strengths. Take a long hard look at yourself. What parts of yourself are your strengths? What do people like about you? What makes you a good friend? Make a commitment to display those very characteristics to the world!
- Change yourself first. As much as the behaviour of 'other people' may annoy you, it is important to recognise that they are trapped and only have a limited repertoire of ways of relating to others. If you want more friendship, be a friend to others. One of the great lessons that human life has for us is that we generally get back what we give out.

Kind regards  
Anne Hines  
Principal

### Thank you year 2 parents!

A big thank you to Emma and Michelle for organising the mums film night recently. I have heard that it was a lot of fun as well as a great fundraiser for our school. Well Done!

### Staff Carpark

For children's safety the staff carpark gates are locked. Entry to our school is via the Moore St or Todd Row gates only, thank you.

### School Hats

The school hat is part of the uniform. Please remind your children to wear their hats to school each day.

### Writing Stimulus

There are fantastic magazine Bill Boards in the MPA ready for our next writing focus. The children will choose a magazine cover and write an article. Look out for their writing on the 'wow wall'!

### School Office

Next Monday Mrs Emily Williamson will begin work at Holy Spirit as our finance secretary. Emily's hours will be 8:15am – 2:45pm. Where possible please make payments and finance enquiries during these times.

Term 3, Week 6

24 August 2016

## Prayer 1N

Dear God,

We know  
through  
Baptism we are  
welcomed into  
your family  
and you love  
us.

Please help us  
to always  
show love to  
our family and  
friends.

Help us to be  
Jesus people at  
school and at  
home.

Amen

### **Voice of Youth**

Congratulations to all of our year 6 students for their 'voice of youth' speeches. The students did a fantastic job, choosing their topics, researching their speeches and then presenting them. The students who were successful to compete in this public speaking competition and will represent Holy Spirit at our cluster final this week are Kaitlyn, Holly and Ellie with Dionne as reserve.

### **Mobile phones**

A reminder of student use of mobile phones (from the parent handbook) :

*All student mobile phones need to be handed to the school office in the morning before school and they may be collected in the afternoon at dismissal. Students should not have mobile phones in the classroom or on the playground.*

### **Congratulations to our Zone going on to Diocesan!!**

Many of our students that competed in our recent zone carnival will now represent at Diocesan level on Friday. Congratulations and good luck to our Holy Spirit students!

### **Partial Absences Raffle**

As we are still having a large number of students arriving at school late we are striving to turn this around with a 'raffle'. All children that are at school on time for the next four weeks (beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August) will go into a raffle for a surprise gift. There will be seven prizes with a gift per grade. Good luck!!!

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to April in year 2, her Operation Art artwork has been chosen to be displayed at The Newington Armory Gallery at Sydney Olympic Park from 10<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Student Work**

#### ***Friendship***

*Friendship is a rainbow  
It tastes like a colourful cake in my mouth  
It sounds like children laughing with joy  
It smells like a wonderful sunflower blooming from the ground  
It looks like a beautiful sun, rising in the sky  
It makes me feel like I'm having a wonderful day!*

#### ***Kindness***

*Kindness is gold  
It tastes like a cup of wine  
It sounds like people praying to God  
It smells like beauty within  
It looks like praying  
It makes me feel like Jesus.*

*By Duku (Year 3)*

### **Infants Sports Carnival**

Our Infants Sports carnival will be held on Wednesday 7th September. The carnival will start at 9am and finish around lunchtime. It will be held at school. If you are able to help on the day please return the slip that was sent home with your child last week.

### **Fathers Day Stall**

On Friday 2nd September Year 3 are hosting the Fathers' Day Stall to buy something special for the wonderful men in our lives . Gifts will range from \$1.00—\$10.00.



# Assistant Principal

Last Thursday some of the staff of Holy Spirit were fortunate to hear an address by the new Bishop of Parramatta, the Most Reverent Vincent Long OFM Conv. He spoke passionately about the hopes he has for the church, explaining in some detail how we, the church, must remember that our role model is Jesus Christ. Keeping this detail in our hearts, minds and prayers should encourage us to be people of mercy and inclusion.

As adults, the children around us see how we treat one another. Our daily interactions with others are noted. Do the children see us speaking kindly to one another? Are we living examples of mercy? The words of the bishop were inspiring and filled the audience with hope as well as an energy that made me feel I needed to look at myself more critically and ask how I may change to be the person Christ wants me to be.

The Homily of Bishop Vincent from the Mass of his Installation covers some of the topics he spoke about at the address last week and confirms that he is a man of humility and gentleness. This article can be found in the July edition of *Catholic Outlook* and is definitely worth reading. The message Bishop Vincent shares is moving but the picture within the article of him hugging his mother during the Offertory is stirring. Here is a mother who is filled with love and pride. Our children may not reach this pinnacle of achievement, but as parents and teachers we too are filled with pride and joy as they achieve small steps and make new gains and become genuinely good people.

Christine Figuero  
Assistant Principal



## Whole School Celebration – Liturgy of the Word

Dear Parents and Friends,

We hope that you will be able to join us for our whole school celebration on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 9.30am in the church.**

The occasion for the celebration is the visit of the 'Mercy Cross' to our school. This cross is a significant icon and symbol of the *Year of Mercy*. All schools in the Parramatta Diocese will have the opportunity to venerate the cross and to reflect on God's ever-present love and mercy in our lives.

The cross will be accompanied by two sacred relics belonging to Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Blessed Mother Teresa. This will be a very special time of prayer and celebration for our community and we hope that you might be able to make time to join us.

You have been so very supportive of the school in helping the children to maintain a quiet and prayerful presence during sacred liturgies. We once again ask for your assistance in this matter as we strive to turn our hearts and minds towards God.

In this Year of Mercy we continue in our striving to be... 'Merciful like the Father'.

Lorraine Alexander  
Religious Education Coordinator

# What's Happening at Holy Spirit...

<i>Thursday 25 August</i>	<i>Buddy Mass—Kc &amp; 6H Year 6 Voice of Youth Cluster Final— Trinity Catholic School - 11:30am</i>
<i>Friday 26 August</i>	<i>Diocesan Athletics Carnival School Assembly - Mary Mackillop 2:20pm in MPA</i>
<i>Tuesday 30 August</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading - 8:30am in MPA</i>
<i>Wednesday 31 August</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading - 8:30am in MPA Parent Scripture Meditation - 8:50am Mercy Cross Liturgy - 9:30am in the Parish Year 4B CARES excursion</i>
<i>Thursday 1 September</i>	<i>Year 4S CARES excursion</i>
<i>Friday 2 September</i>	<i>Fathers Day Stall Parent Afternoon Tea in the MPA 2:30pm Augustinian Prayer - 3:00pm in your child's classroom</i>
<i>Tuesday 6 September</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading - 8:30am in MPA Year 1 walk to St Clair Library</i>
<i>Wednesday 7 September</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading - 8:30am in MPA Parent Scripture Meditation - 8:50am Infants Sports Carnival - 9:00am</i>



## PLEASE NOTE:

**FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER WILL BE A STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY -  
NO CLASSES ON THIS DAY.**

## Administration

### School Fees

Parents please be advised that Term 3 fees are now **overdue** and must be finalised immediately.

This excludes parents who have made and are adhering to direct debit/BPay arrangements with the Catholic Education Office or who have notified the school office, in writing, that they will be making regular part payments.

### Kiss-n-Ride

Just a reminder to parents that Kiss-n-Ride finishes at 3.30pm. All students need to be picked up by this time. We understand on the odd occasion that parents/carers may be delayed, if so please contact the school office.



## Term 3 WHOLE SCHOOL WRITING TASK

# You're on the Front Cover!



Our literacy focus this year is for all students' writing to reflect an increase in the use of richer vocabulary. What better way to achieve this than creating a whole school buzz about writing!

As a follow-up to the success of the 'Whose shoes?' writing challenge last term, this term the students will engage in a writing task that is inspired by Kid's Magazines. *(See examples above)*

- The children will select which magazine they would like to feature in.
- Next, they will write an article/comic/review/, etc... that could be published in that magazine.
- The students will then be photographed in front of their chosen magazine cover (to complete their published work!)
- If they would like to use any props for their photo, they will need to bring them to school during Week 7 or 8 - as indicated by their teachers.

*So let the creative juices flow!*

*Mrs Green*

***\*PS: Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Writing Workshop this term. Please find the Quick Writes and Brainstorming Sheets attached as requested ☺***

# Community News



**CSC** Creative Spirit Centre  
**5th Annual**  
**2016**  
**Fairies & Fantasy Festival**  
*Raising funds & Awareness for Kidswest*

- \*Family Fun
- \*Prizes
- \*Balloons & Face Painting
- \*Pony rides & Animals
- \*Gentle rides
- \*Kids Activities
- \*Show Bags
- \*Picnic
- \*Cafe and BBQ
- \*Shops & Stalls
- \*Free Jumping Castle

*Dress Up & Join Us!*  
**Sunday Sept. 11**  
**10am-4pm**  
 Shops 43-44-40 Sterling Road,  
 M Centre Murchumbury

[www.creativespiritcentre.com.au](http://www.creativespiritcentre.com.au) Find us on Facebook



*Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW) Nepean Centre*  
**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
 facebook.com/rdansw.nepean/events  
 & Variety Night  
**1 pm to 9 pm**  
**SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER**  
*A day of family friendly fun and entertainment!*

Featuring Riding & Horsemanship Demonstrations  
 Pony Rides & Outdoor Games & Activities for Kids  
 (Bring water & closed shoes essential)  
 Country & Cowgirl Dress-up Prizes  
 Live Bands & Performers  
 Hired Hot Rod Showcase  
 Kick up your heels after dark  
 with Live Bands & Dancing

**\$15 Single**  
**\$45 Family**  
 \*2 adult & 2 children +  
 12 years admission valid

RDANSW Nepean Centre  
 Lot 18 Stewart Macdonald Rd  
 Denham Hill, 2747  
 Tel: 02 9623 4175  
 rdansw@iinet.net.au

Tickets available 1 August  
[rdanewpean.eventbrite.com.au](http://rdanewpean.eventbrite.com.au)

**BUSH DANCE**  
**TOTAL TALENT ACADEMY**  
**TRT**

*Better get your boots on!*



**Multicultural Mass**  
**Sun 28 August**  
**9.30am**  
**Holy Spirit Parish**  
**5 Todd Row, St Clair**

*Bring a plate to share*  
*Wear your cultural dress*  
*Bring family & friends*



**CALLING ALL CREATIVE STUDENTS THAT MEANS YOU!**  
**win an iPad mini**

Create a new design for the Executive Director's educational blog bluyonder and have the opportunity to win an iPad mini 4.

Entries close 15 September, check out our website  
[www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au) as well as [bluyonder.wordpress.com](http://bluyonder.wordpress.com)  
 and **GET CREATING!**

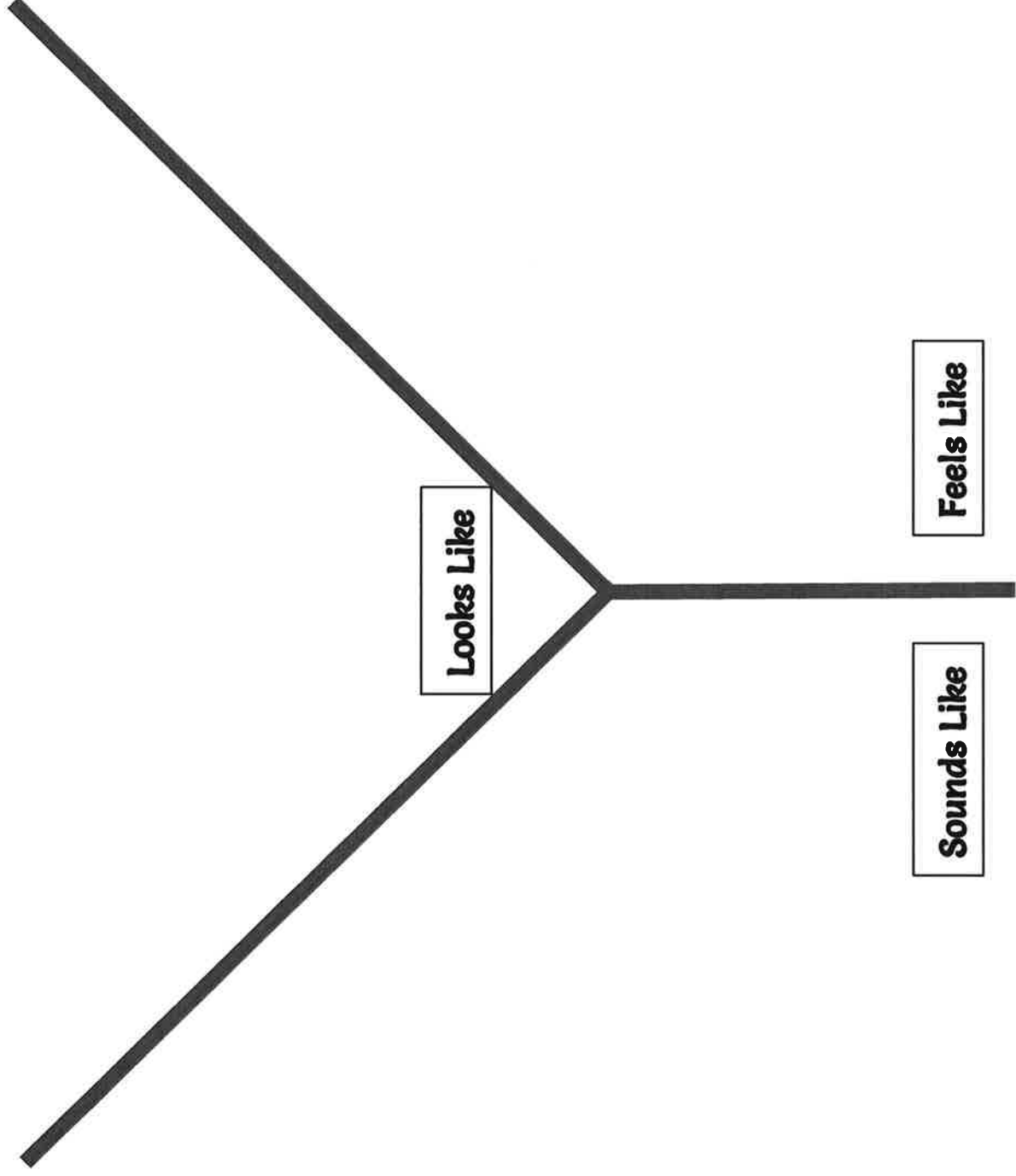
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## Alphabet Brainstorm

<b>A</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>S</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>T</b>	
<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>U</b>	
<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>V</b>	
<b>E</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>W</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>G</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Y</b>	
<b>H</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>Z</b>	
<b>I</b>	<b>R</b>		

# Y Chart





**Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>WHO?</b>	<b>WHAT?</b>	<b>WHEN?</b>
<b>WHERE?</b>	<b>HOW?</b>	<b>WHY?</b>

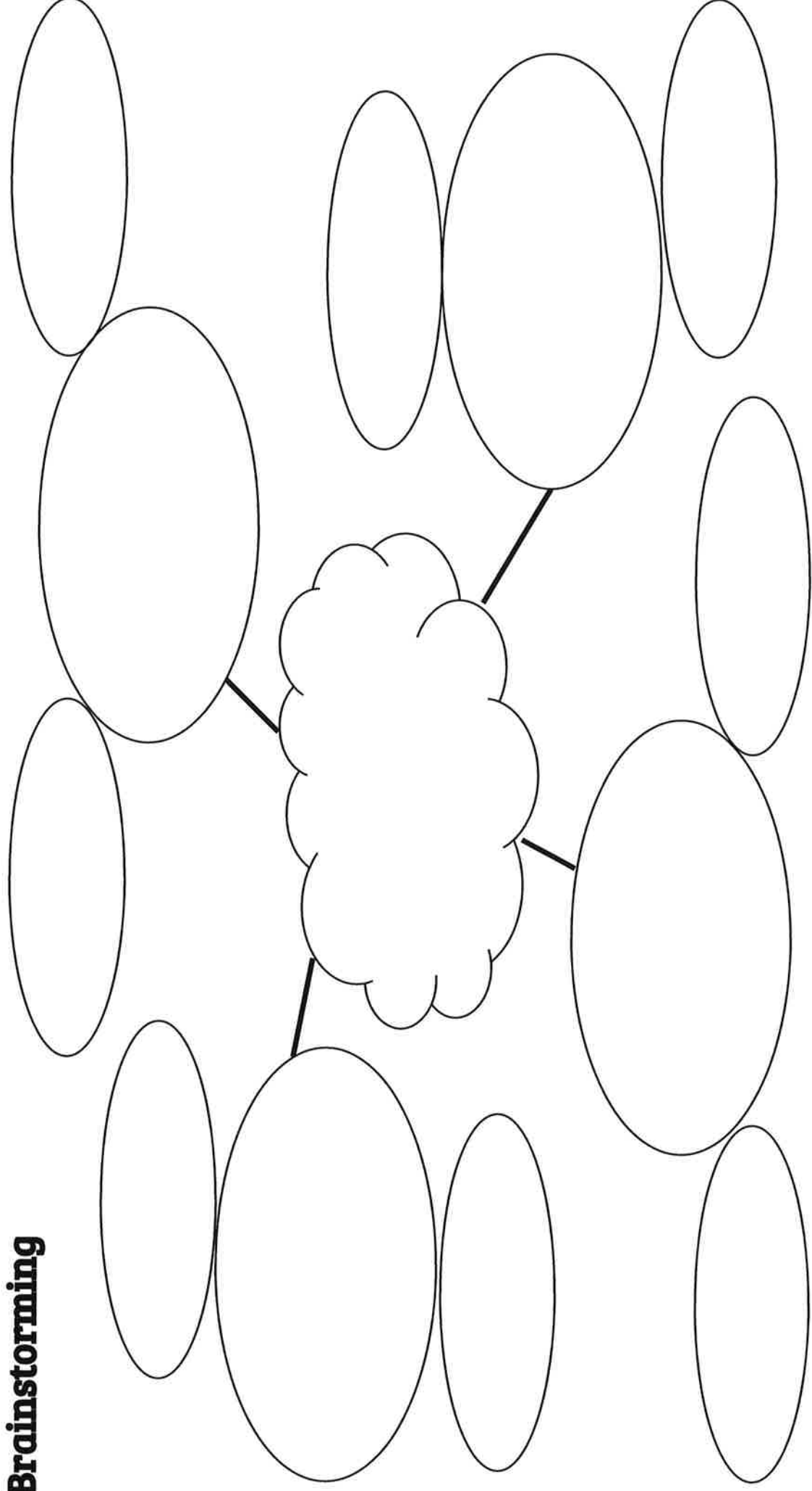
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**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Imaginative Writing Plan</b>	<b>HOOK?</b>	<b>SOMEBODY?</b>	<b>SOMEWHERE?</b>
<b>WANTED?</b>	<b>BUT?</b>	<b>SO?</b>	<b>THEN?</b>

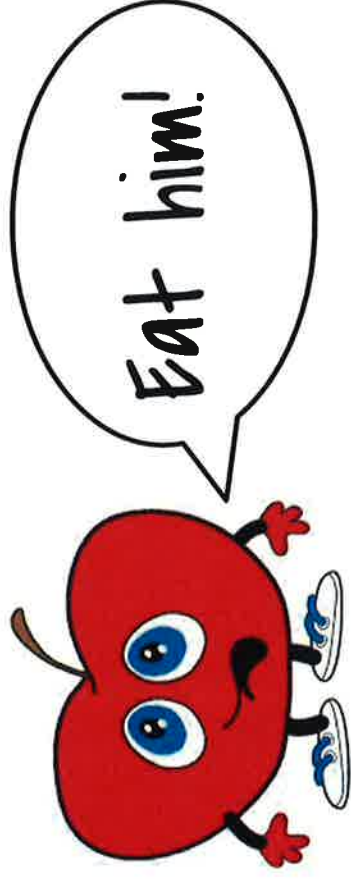
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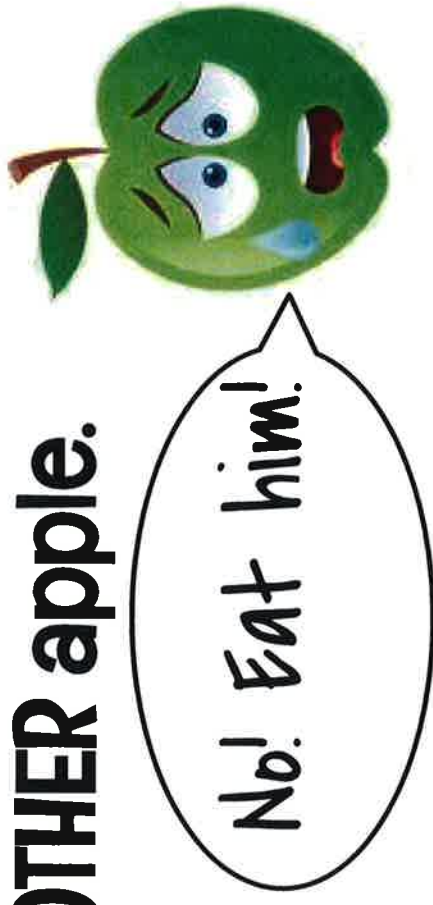


# QUICK

# WRITE



**Choose to be one of the  
apples. Convince me to eat  
the OTHER apple.**



# QUICK WRITE

**This is your very our  
Genie. He can grant you 3  
wishes. What will they be?**



Remember!  
No wishing for  
more wishes!

**QUICK  
WRITE**

**Here is your new pet. What  
is its name? What tricks  
can it do?**



# QUICK WRITE

**You wake up one morning with  
super powers. What would it  
be and how would you use it?**





# **QUICK WRITE**

**You are stranded  
on a deserted  
island. Who would  
you write a letter  
to and what would  
it say?**

